Minutes of Meeting
March 06, 2024
Board of Selectmen
Town of Long Island
(NOTE: All Selectboard meetings are recorded and available on the town website.)

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM.

Attending: Joseph Donovan, Chair; Selectmen John Burke; John Wallace. Brian Dudley, Town Administrator. Viewing Remotely: Mark Greene; Rennie Donovan; Paul Thornton; Lou Sesto; Camille Wolfertz; Dianne Watts; David Donovan; Steve Hart; Beth Marchak; and Doug McCown.

Selectmen previously reviewed the weekly Town Warrants.

Old Business

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the last meeting.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of February 21, 2024 (Motion passed 3-0).

➢ **Communications:**

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications on: The minutes of meetings of the Year Round Housing Committee; Confirmation of the use of the Multipurpose Room for the Finance Committee budget public hearing; A storm damage tour with the island's state representatives; A communication regarding a new property revaluation; Submission of an initial sketch of a possible new fire station; The removal of two more feral cats from the island; Vandalism at the Community Center and an offer of restitution; An update on the fitness center; and, A Long Island Fire & Rescue (LIF&R) CPR refresher course with 20 attendees.

➢ **Town Administrator Updates:**

1) Waterfront: Waiting for feedback from the marine contractor who looked at the Mariners Wharf damage to the wave break. Also contacted Fuller Marine Services through their website page.

CPM Construction has confirmed that they are still not available until November of 2024. They plan to keep their barge in Casco Bay which will keep the staging costs down. They will need to get price updates on materials, however.

The CDBG Review Committee has recommended a $60,000 grant to the Municipal Oversight Committee for the Mariner's Wharf final wave screen engineering and design phase. Only five (5) projects were funded.

Brian attended the fourth and final cohort session by HUD to prepare for the formal acceptance of the $477,000 award for the Mariner's Wharf wave screen project. This session covered completion and submission of the required supplementary forms of the Mariner's Wharf wave screen project.

Brian met with Dan Bannon to update the Ponces Landing and Mariner's Wharf projects. An extension of the original Maine DEP permit issued in September of 2017 will be required.

Brian is meeting with Senator Collins Office on Thursday the 7th to discuss the award process.

Brian has contacted the Falmouth Harbor Master regarding enforcement for Long and Cow Islands. He will discuss further with the Falmouth Police Chief.

3) Housing: No response yet from the Planning Board on meeting to discuss the workforce housing project on a future agenda. The YRHC next meets on Wednesday, March the 13th.

New Business Updates:

1) The public hearing on the proposed rules for the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) law passed by the Legislature two years ago is tomorrow. Written comments can be submitted until March the 18th. Brian will draft a statement of support.
2) Per the Cumberland County EMA, MEMA submitted, on behalf of the Governor, the formal request for a declaration of a disaster for the two January storms last week.
3) The Planning Board needs to schedule a public hearing on the proposed flood plains maps issued by FEMA.
4) Wes Wolfertz, Lisa and Brian are working on a grant through Maine EMS for a Lucas Chest Compressor. Submission of an application requires board approval. The grant request will be approximately $25,000 and no local match is required.
5) Brian informed Mike Hedge to move forward with the heating and insulation of the pump house that serves Town hall and the Community Center. Estimated cost is $1,000. Brian has communicated with Fontus who will then replace the pump equipment.
6) Brian is working on the annual Transfer Station report required by Maine DEP.
7) Brian sent an email on behalf of the Board to Senator Pierce and Representative Moriarty inviting them to an on site tour of the damages received on the island, especially to Andrews State Park, a/k/s South Beach, during the January storms. A courtesy notice was also sent to the Maine DEP and the Maine Bureau of Parks.

   Representative Moriarty has responded thus far.
8) The security cameras for the Community Center and possibly Town Hall have been ordered.
9) Brian posted the Finance Committee public hearing on the FY25 operating budget on Monday, March the 18th at the School Multipurpose Room at 7 PM. The meeting will also be on Zoom and the notice contains the link.
10) Brian had a discussion with the County Sheriff's Office regarding a full time Deputy.
11) Estimates for work at the Transfer Station were received.

➢ **Code Enforcement Office Updates:**

Abuttor notifications are pending for a planned SSWD permit project. There are open permits awaiting additional information for a new home on Atlantic Lane and Eastern Avenue. The CEO continues to work with the property owners of the cottage that was destroyed during the two January storms. There is a new permit for a shed.

➢ **Town Clerk/Tax Collector Updates:**

Departmental reports are due March the 8th. There were 61 voters at the Presidential primary. Taxes are due March 15th. Outstanding taxes due total $305,645.

➢ **Wellness Center Updates:**

Northern Light was on the island March the 6th and will return to administer additional Covid booster shots on March the 20th. A health fair is planned for the spring. There is a soup lunch on March the 25th.

Meetings/Hearings:

There were no meetings or public hearings.

Board/Committee/Project Updates:

Joe Donovan summarized the Selectboard workshop on fees for the FY25 operating budget.

Mark Greene noted that the Assistant Assessor is reviewing an inquiry regarding a new valuation assigned to a property.

Mark Greene noted that there will be some updates at the town meeting on the work of the YRHC and the planned workforce housing project. An informal discussion with

the Planning Board to discuss the project is being scheduled. An informational communication is being worked on for distribution to the residents.

Joe Donovan updated activity at Casco Bay Lines. The Wabanaki is back in service. The search for a new General Manager is down to five candidates. CBL will be going to the PUC for a rate increase. The down the bay schedule is still being reviewed.

The board returned to Brian's request for permission to submit a grant application for a Lucas chest compression device for the LIF&R.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to authorize the Town Administrator to submit a grant application for LIF&R equipment to the Maine EMA. (Motion passed 3-0.)

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM. The next regular meeting of the board is Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator