Minutes of Meeting
March 20, 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; Dianne Watts; Jean McAleney; Curt Murley; Beth Limerick; Linda McCann; Brad Brown; Toni Wilcox; Ed Rea; 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 March 06, 2024 (Motion passed 3-0).

➢ **Communications:**

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications on: The budget public hearing.; The January storm damages.; An application to serve on the Finance Committee.; A request to auction a surplus town lot.; An inquiry on memorial benches.; and updates from the Planning Board on town warrants.

➢ **Town Administrator Updates:**

1) Waterfront: The Cumberland County Municipal Oversight Committee meets tomorrow to approve the CDBG review team recommendations for funding.

Mariners Wharf is one of seven recommended grant applications. The amount to be awarded is $60,000 for engineering and design.

Senator Pierce reached out to MDOT regarding the timing of the funding approval of the $250,000 SHIP grant already approved for Mariner's Wharf.

Falmouth has declined our outreach to perform harbor master duties in Long Island town waters. I have told the Portland Harbor Commission that we are awaiting town meeting approval of the funds needed to enter into a contract within them for mooring registration enforcement.

Still no updates from Justin Hale on cost and timing to do Ponces Landing and/or Mariner's Wharf repair work. I left a voicemail with Fuller Marine as they had not yet responded to the website inquiry I posted to them.

2) Housing: The YRHC met on March 13th. It was decided to ot go to the May town meeting looking for approvals as other key components of the project are not in place. The $840,00 grant application to Maine Housing was just assigned a grant review officer this week. Brian has set up a preliminary meeting with him to review the application and timelines for the project.

   The YRHC meets again on March 27th for an on site tour and discussion of the next steps.

   There was a preliminary discussion with the Planning Board Tuesday, March the 19th, to review the progress on the workforce housing project.

New Business Updates:

1) The town meeting Warrant Articles need to be reviewed.
2) On Friday, March the 22nd, Senator Pierce, Representative Moriarty and staff people from the Maine DEP and the Bureau of Parks will tour South and Fowlers beach damages from the January storms.

There are still no updates from the State on a disaster declaration and FEMA assistance.

3) There has been a request to auction off a town-owned surplus lot.
4) Brian spoke with Ed McAleney about several road issues, including a culvert on the East End that overflows during major storms. For now, the culvert will be cleaned in hopes of mitigating the storm water runoff.
5) The Planning Board met on March the 19th to discuss the FEMA floodplain changes.
6) The annual Transfer Station DEP report is nearly completed.
7) The insurance renewal package arrived this week. There are several informational reports and forms to be filled out prior to receiving a renewal premium amount.

➢ **Code Enforcement Office Updates:**

Abuttor notifications are still 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 Fowlers Beach cottage that was destroyed during the two January storms. A shed relocation permit has been approved.

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

Work continues on the annual town meeting report. There is a primary election on June the 11th. Taxes were due on March 15th. Outstanding taxes due total $65,359.

➢ **Wellness Center Updates:**

Northern Light was on the island March the 20th and administered additional Covid booster shots. A health fair is planned for April the 4th. There is a soup lunch on March the 25th.

The board discussed delaying the proposed waste accumulation, golf cart and technical changes in the town ordinances until 2025.

It was noted that the Town Hall and Community Center security cameras have been ordered.

For the FY25 budget, the board agreed to hold stipends at their current levels; and to reduce the contingency account by $5,000.

There was discussion on the recent visit by the legislative delegation, the Maine DEP and the Bureau of Parks regarding the storm damages. Beth Limerick noted the problems on her property with a culvert and outflow pipe.

Brad Brown noted the need to move forward as soon as possible with the proposed accumulated trash ordinance.

Meetings/Hearings:

There were no meetings or public hearings.

Board/Committee/Project Updates:

Mark Greene noted that the Year Round Housing Committee will not be asking for any approvals at this upcoming town meeting. An informal discussion with the Planning Board to discuss the project was held. A summary of the project to date is being prepared.

Joe Donovan updated activity at Casco Bay Lines. The search for a new General Manager continues. CBL has released information on the new proposed rates. The down the bay schedule is still being reviewed.

Public Comments:

Kathyrn Stewart noted her concerns on cleaning up storm debris on private properties, especially Harbor d' Grace. Towanda Brown noted the continuing need to upgrade the Community Center electrical system.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM. The next regular meeting of the board is Wednesday, April 03, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator