Minutes of Meeting
April 03, 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; Amy Tierney, Town Clerk. Viewing Remotely: Mark Greene; Rennie Donovan; Paul Thornton; Dianne Watts; Ed McAleney; Beth Limerick; Toni Wilcox; Camille Wolfertz; Fulton Wilcox; Catlin Byers; Matt Byers; and Steve Hart.

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 20, 2024 (Motion passed 3-0).

➢ **Communications:**

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications on: The draft town report.; The FEMA visits for the January storm damages.; The proposed new golf cart ordinance.; The Planning Board public hearings.; A parking issue on Island Avenue between Beach Avenue and Garfield Street. An inquiry as to the purpose of the new security cameras to be installed.; Updates from Janice Avignon on the Island Institute.; and, Road conditions on Garfield Street.

➢ **Town Administrator Updates:**

1) Waterfront: The Cumberland County Municipal Oversight Committee met and approved the review team recommendations which included a $60,000 award to Long Island for engineering and design services for the Mariner's Wharf wave screen repair project. County Commissioners approval in early May is the last part of the approval process.

   The Mariner's Wharf damaged wave break extension as well as the erosion at the bottom of the Boston Sand & Gravel ramp will be included in the final FEMA application for disaster relief funds.

   Brian has asked Wyman & Simpson in Richmond to consider doing repair work on Ponces and/or Mariner's Wharfs. A site visit will be scheduled soon.

2) Housing: The YRHC met on March 27th to review a mock up outline of the planned apartment units as well as to tour the proposed site. Brian is meeting on April the 4th with Maine Housing to review the submitted $840,000 grant application.

   Brian, Janice Avignon and Emma Morgan attended the GPCOG Housing Summit at the Ocean Gateway on March the 26th. The common theme was the need for more affordable housing and financial resources throughout the state.

3) Storm Damages: Brian met with FEMA today and toured the public storm damage sites. A separate environmental review assessment process will be required for some of the damage mitigation work.

   The Small Business Administration has assistance available for storm-related business losses.

New Business Updates:

1) There is a Cumberland County meeting next week on a collaborative community effort for animal control officer services.
2) The insurance renewal will be submitted Friday, April the 5th.
3) The annual Transfer Station report to the Maine DEP will be submitted on April the 8th.
4) Steve Hart reached out regarding the need to replace the pickleball court nets. Kate Norton and Lisa are reviewing the budget.
5) Emma Morgan completed the second quarterly report due for the Town's Community Resilience Program grant.
6) Brian and Emma are working on a professional services contract for Carol White and her geological work for the Ground Water Committee.
7) The Board needs to approve continuation in the joint grant initiative with Chebeague Island on erosion.
8) Beth Marchak submitted an IT update.
9) The Maine EMS grant was submitted for a total of $25,000 for a Lucas chest compression device for LIF&R. They have determined that the maximum amount that Long Island qualifies for is $15,000. Wes Wolfertz, Will Tierney and Lisa Kimballl are reviewing possible sources for the needed $10,000 funding gap.
10) There is a new person interested in serving on the Finance Committee.
11) John Davis reached out regarding acquiring some additional burial vaults before the current supplier goes out of business this spring.

Brian briefed the board on a funding opportunity for a coastal erosion grant for Chebeague, Long and Great Diamond Islands. Mark Grene noted that Camp Dresser & McGee has a completed erosion study which highlights the potential future loss of land on Long Island

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to approve an application with other Casco Bay islands for a Coastal Community grant. (Motion passed 3-0).

➢ **Code Enforcement Office Updates:**

The CEO is working on several SSWD, building and demolition permits. There is a request to vacate a paper street.

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

The annual town meeting report is at the printers.. There is a primary election on June the 11th. Taxes were due on March 15th. Outstanding taxes due total $41,145.

➢ **Wellness Center Updates:**

Northern Light was on the island today and administered several vaccines. The Wellness Center has eclipse safety glasses available. The last soup lunch for the season is on April the 29th.

The board noted that at its next meeting on April 17th, it would hold a public hearing on the proposed golf cart ordinance. The board will also discuss parking.

Meetings/Hearings:

There were no meetings or public hearings.

Board/Committee/Project Updates:

Mark Greene noted that he and Bob Konczal will visit properties next week that received a building permit this past year as well as re-visit properties that have questioned their new revaluation figure.

The Year Round Housing Committee held a field visit of the proposed site for workforce housing as well as review a mockup of the proposed rental units.

Joe Donovan updated activity at Casco Bay Lines. The new schedule is effective on April the 13th. The Maquoit is still in dry dock. The replacement committee for the Maquoit meets again in June. The search for a new General Manager continues.

Public Comments:

Matt Byers asked a question on the Transfer Station fees for commercial businesses and expressed his willingness to participate.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM. The next regular meeting of the board is Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator