Minutes of Meeting
May 15, 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 and Selectman-Elect Marie Harmon. Brian Dudley, Town Administrator; Amy Tierney, Town Clerk; and Lisa Kimball, Treasurer. Public Attending: Ed McAleney.

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 May 01, 2024 (Motion passed 3-0).

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to approve the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of May 04, 2024 (Motion passed 3-0).

Communications

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications on: The implementation of the revaluation.; A private property right-of-way issue.; A visit from the Island Institute.; The pottery program.; and, Wharf Street parking.

Town Administrator Updates

1 Waterfront: The town should be receiving a proposal to repair Ponces Landing from the mid-coast firm, Wyman & Simpson.

2) Housing: The Year Round Housing Committee (YRHC) met. There are several pieces of additional information that the Maine State Housing Authority needs answered regarding the submitted grant proposal.

3) Storm Damages: Brian established a grant portal and submitted the town's registrations for FEMA storm damage assistance funding. A Program Delivery Manager has been assigned. There will be an introductory meeting with FEMA representatives on May the 31st.

4) Brian has forwarded a draft of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the Selectboard and the Portland Harbor Commission for harbormaster services this summer season. The Portland Harbor Commissioners will vote on the item at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

5) Brian, Janice Avignon and Emma Morgan met to review the status of several projects that the Resilience Intern is working on.

6) Brian and Lisa are working on the volunteer insurance renewal for 2024.

7) The portable toilets have arrived and are located at the garage building on Wharf Street.

8) Brian and Ed McAleney toured island roads with a paving contractor. A quote will be coming soon.

9) Brian reminded the board that there needs to be a final review of the placement of the new parking signs on Island Avenue and Wharf Street.

10) Still waiting for a visit date from the MDOT Road Ranger to inspect island roads and culverts.

11) The FEMA flood maps approved at the annual town meeting have been forwarded to the State.

12) There will be a site visit to the island on May the 29th with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to inspect the Transfer Station and the improvement plans as well as to test the water from the monitoring wells around the landfill.

13) Casella, the current Transfer Station canisters vendor, is not willing to renew the expiring contract at the same rates. Brian will work on an alternative contract with them as well as reach out to other waste contractors.

14) Mike Lingley has identified a tree that needs to be taken down before it falls onto the roadway.

Code Enforcement Office Updates

The CEO has been on vacation and returns on Friday, May the 31st.. There are still several permit applications pending additional information. The owners of the Fowlers Beach cottage damaged during the January storms are working with Maine DEP on a demolition permit.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Updates

There are follow up items from the Annual Town Meeting that need to be approved and executed. The state primary election is June the 11th. Business and Food Service Establishment (FSE) license applications have been sent out . There will be a public hearing on them on June 15, 2024 during the scheduled Selectboard meeting.

Taxes that were due on March 15, 2024 and not paid have received their required thirty (30) day notice. Courtesy auto renewal reminders for May and June were sent out.

The 2024-25 mil rate after all adjustments ended up at $6.863 per $1,000 of valuation.

Wellness Center Updates

Northern Light is at the Wellness Center on the first and third Mondays of each month. There is a four week gut health series in June.

Meetings/Hearings:

The board held a Public Safety discussion with Will Tierney, Fire Chief attending. The rescue boat hull survey has been completed. Overall the vessel is still in good condition, but some items need to be addressed. It is estimated that it will cost $88,000 to complete all of the work.

LIF&R still needs additional volunteer EMTs. There are potentially five (5) existing firefighters interested in EMT training. Inspections of the existing fleet of fire trucks

will be in July. The Chief is reviewing potential hose inspection companies as the existing company is not available. There was discussion on whether the backup ambulance on Chebeague could be available if the Long Island ambulance required mainland servicing.

The board discussed the Sheriff Office patrols scheduled to start on July the 1st. Brian will reach out to the Sheriff's Office regarding scheduling as well as a possible summer visit from the Sheriff.

Board/Committee/Project Updates

Lisa Kimball discussed the initial operations of the Fitness Center located in the middle room of the Community Center. There are 95 people that have signed the required waiver forms and received preliminary instruction on the equipment. A $2,500 grant was received from the Casco Bay Island Association. It is hoped that users of the fitness center will voluntarily contribute funds towards its continued operation. There are outside trainers interested in doing classes as well.

Mark Greene noticed that DEP well testing will be required for the affordable housing project. He also noted that the isl;and tour with the Island Institute visitors went well.

Joe Donovan updated activities at Casco Bay Lines. The search for a new General Manager continues. The new fare structure is before the Maine Public Utilities Commission for approval.The odor problem on the Wabanaki has been found and will be corrected.

Public Comments:

Ed McAleney requested that the board grant the Hardshell Cafe a change in the dates of operation from those originally contained in his 2023 site plan approval. He would like to operate over the Memorial Day weekend. Following public comments and a

discussion on whether the Selectboard had the authority and the need to permanently resolve future dates of operations through a Planning Board amendment process.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to approve the opening of the Hardshell Cafe from May 24th through May 27th with the understanding that the Hardshell Cafe will submit to the Planning Board a formal amendment to the existing site plan before October 31, 2024. (Motion passed 2-1 (Donovan)).

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator