Minutes of Meeting
June 05, 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; Lisa Kimball, Treasurer.; and Will Tierney, Fire Chief. Public Attending in Person: Dave Richard, Greg Burn, Harriett Train and Joe Massasua as well as twelve Zoom viewers.

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 15, 2024 (Motion passed 3-0).

Communications

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications on: Culverts.; VFW stair repairs.; The annual audit.; Storm damages.; Piping Plovers at South Beach.; the WiFi at the Community Center.; The approved Flood Plain Management ordinance.; and, a property issue on Messalonskee.

Town Administrator Updates

1) Housing: Brian met with two Maine DEP representatives last Wednesday, May the 29th regarding water testing of the Transfer Station test wells and some surrounding properties of the proposed site for a workforce housing project. They will be returning in two weeks.

2) Storm Damages: Brian met with the FEMA Program Manager and other representatives on May the 31st to review the process for storm damage repairs and reimbursements for town properties. A group of FEMA representatives will conduct a Recovery Scoping meeting here on the island on Monday, June the 10th with Brian and representatives of the Maine Emergency Management Association (MEMA).
3) Waterfront: Brian is meeting Wednesday with the newest assigned Program Manager from HUD on the $477,000 Mariners Wharf wavescreen project. Later on tonight's agenda there is a discussion on working waterfront grant proposals. Brian sent Wyman and Simpson some additional information on Ponces for a repair proposal.
4) Harbormaster: The Portland Harbor Commissioners voted down a proposed Memorandum of Understanding to provide Harbormaster services this summer. reasons cited included wear and tear on their vessels and staffing. Brian will circulate drafts of a revised job description for posting.
5) Maine DEP conducted an onsite inspection of the Transfer Station and reviewed the plans for concrete pads and adding an exit to the facility. A formal application will be required to amend the existing approval of operations of the Transfer Station. The review process is 120 days.
6) The Volunteer Firefighters insurance renewal was completed and sent in along with the premium payment.
7) The Bluff Project grant in conjunction with Chebeague and other Casco Bay islands has been submitted. Brian wrote a letter of support.
8) Emma and Brian worked on ARPA reporting requests.
9) The Maine Local Roads Center Road Ranger visit to Long Island will be on Wednesday, June the 19th
10) Marine Building RFP: One proposal was received. The item is on the agenda.
11) Transfer Station Hauling: Brian has reached out to Waste Management, Troiano and Reynolds. Casella is not willing to extend one more year at current rates. They are seeking a +10% fee increase.
12) The groundwater consultant professional services contract is complete and ready for approval tonight.

13) The General Assistance audit has been postponed due to Maine DHHS staffing issues.
14) Brian sent a letter, due to the Code Enforcement Officer's vacation, to the owners of a property on Island Avenue undergoing new construction noting that occupancy is not allowed until a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued. The property owner stated their intent to comply and the CEO is scheduled to inspect the property on Friday, June the 7th.
15) The property and liability insurance package has been renewed at +8% premium.
16) The Sheriff's Office has filled eight of the ten weeks of the summer contract with live in Deputies. They will work afternoons and evenings Wednesday through Sunday, The contract is on the agenda for approval.
17) Brian has reached out to Keenan Auction and Tranzon regarding a public auction for the approved sale of Lot #726.
18) Brian updated the board on the property owners that abut Front Beach meeting. There are many trees down and posing a public safety hazard to users of the beach. Brian will add this to the storm damage inventory with FEMA.

The board listened to comments from Messalonskee property owners regarding easement. Joe Donovan noted that the issue is one between private property owners and does not involve the town.

Code Enforcement Office Updates

The CEO is reviewing some septic system permits and installations as well as the demolition of the Fowlers Beach cottage damaged in the January storms. There are three new building permit applications, two of which are for sheds.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Updates

The Food Service Establishments and Business Licenses public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, June the 19th.

The mil rate was revised again due to a state valuation change. It is now $6.80 per $1,000 of assessed value.

Wellness Center Updates

The first gut health session was held. There are three more scheduled.

Treasurer Updates

Lisa Kimball reviewed a check scanner proposal from the town's bank. The fee is $25 a month.

There was discussion on charging storm damages invoices to the Capital Reserve account pending any Federal or State reimbursements. Joe noted that the capital reserve account balance may not be large enough for all of the storm dames to be charged off to.

- It was Moved (Wallace), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to charge storm damages to the capital reserve account. (Motion passed 3-0).

Lisa gave an update on the fitness center activities. She also reminded the board that her term on LICLOC is expiring and that she would like to continue to serve.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) to re-appoint Lisa Kimball to LICLOC for a two year term. (Motion passed 3-0).

The board re-visited the Town Administrators proposed contract with Carol White for hydrologist services for the Groundwater Quality Committee.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to approve the contract with Carol White. (Motion passed 3-0).

The board discussed the proposed Sheriff's contract for the 2024 summer season.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to approve the 2024 contract with Cumberland County for Sheriff summer patrol services. (Motion passed 3-0).

The board then discussed the proposed working waterfront grant opportunities for Johnsons Boatyard and Ponces Landing. Hattie Train addressed the application process for Ponces Landing. She will review the grant criteria in more detail to determine eligibility.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to approve the grant application for Johnson's Boatyard and other future project applications. (Motion passed 3-0).

Meetings/Hearings:

There were no meetings or hearings.

Board/Committee/Project Updates

Joe Donovan updated activities at Casco Bay Lines. The summer schedule starts next week. The search for a new General Manager continues. The new fares are in effect.

Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM. The next regular meeting of the Selectboard is Wednesday, June 19, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator