Minutes of Meeting
April 17, 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; Dave Singo. Viewing Remotely: Mark Greene; Rennie Donovan; Paul Thornton; Dianne Watts; Beth Limerick; Toni Wilcox; Fulton Wilcox; Ed Rea; Sue Sesto; Jen Moughalian; Ralph Sweet; 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 April 03, 2024 (Motion passed 3-0).

➢ **Communications:**

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications on: he proposed golf cart ordinance; The Maine Geological Survey mapping of Casco Bay dunes and bluffs.; A detailed FOIA request regarding the Planning Board.; An East end culvert.; Information regarding the Fowlers Beach dunes,; and, An update that 61 feral cats have been removed from the island.

➢ **Town Administrator Updates:**

1) Waterfront: Brian forwarded Ponces Landing specifications to Wyman & Simpson in Richmond to consider doing repair work.

2) Housing: The YRHC met on April 17th to review progress and timelines. Brian met with Maine Housing to review the submitted $840,000 grant application. They expect the approval process to take three to four months.
3) Storm Damages: Brian coordinated a FEMA open house at the Community Center for individual assistance registration. The Small Business Administration has assistance available for storm-related business losses.

   Brian is working on a FEMA registration process through their grant portal.

New Business Updates:

1) The Cumberland County meeting on a collaborative community effort for animal control officer services has yet to be scheduled.
2) The insurance renewal was submitted Thursday, April the 4th.
3) The public hearing notice and draft of a proposed golf cart ordinance was posted. There have been several responses.
4) The representative from All State Materials Group is planning on touring the paved roads on April the 30th.
5) Brian and Emma revised a draft of a professional services contract for Carol White and her geological work for the Ground Water Committee.
6) There are some outstanding violations of the town's required septic inspection upon a transfer of property ordinance that the Town Clerk has notified us about. The Board needs to review the penalty fine for these violations.
7) The State Legislature still has not approved the Governor's request to set aside $50 million for storm damage infrastructure repairs. Today is the last day of the legislative session.
8) An interested party has reached out again about renting the Marine Building. Brian can issue a Request for Proposals if the Board wants to seek bid options.
9) Ed Rea, Chair of the Finance Committee, polled the existing members about their continuation on the committee. One person is stepping down due to other conflicts. There is an applicant to serve on the committee. There is a new person interested in serving on the Finance Committee.

10) The Tax Collector left the Certified Ratio Declaration form for all members of the Board to sign.
11) There was an inquiry as to the status of a memorial bench that was in place at Fowlers Beach.
12) Brian changed the zoom settings to allow for Close Captioning by individual viewers.
13) The town received a formal request for Planning Board documents since July 1, 2023. The request has been acknowledged and narrowed. Brian has sent some of the information along and will forward additional information from the Planning Board as it arrives.
14) Mark Greene reached out about a broadband ribbon cutting ceremony on June the 27th.
15) The spring hours are in effect at the Transfer Station which essentially opens it up on Sundays for two hours. I have reached out to Casella regarding extending our current contract for an additional year.

The board discussed the three separate septic system required inspections violations. Additional information will be secured from the Code Enforcement Officer regarding the fines.

➢ **Code Enforcement Office Updates:**

No updates.

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

No updates.

➢ **Wellness Center Updates:**

The last soup lunch for the season is on April the 29th.

The board disc used parking. Joe Donovan summarized the recent work of the town and the Parking Committee. New signs will be posted shortly. Recommendations for South Beach will need to be re-visited in light of the recent storm damage.

Meetings/Hearings:

The board conducted a public hearing on the proposed golf cart ordinance. Joe Donovan discussed the background and timing.

Jay Wallace reviewed the details within the proposal and the Cumberland County Sheriff's input.

Brian noted that eight emails had been received with comments, most opposing the limit of one child under the age of seven allowed at a time in a golf cart. Several members of the public spoke to the 10 mph maximum speed limit noting that it may be too low and that golf carts don't have speedometers and are limited to around 15 to 20 mph by their engines.

Other issues addressed by the public was the use of golf carts for freight and that the proposed 200 pound limit may be too low. Speakers also questioned the need for other components of the proposal, including enforceability and equity with respect to cars/trucks that are driven on the island at higher speeds.

The board noted their intent to provide a safe environment. The issue will be further reviewed before the May annual town meeting.

Board/Committee/Project Updates:

Ed Rea introduced Jen Moughalien for membership on the Finance Committee.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to appoint Jen Moughalian to the Finance Committee. (Motion passed 3-0).

Mark Greene updated the work of the Year Round Housing Committee that met earlier in the day.

Joe Donovan updated activity at Casco Bay Lines. The search for a new General Manager continues with finalists touring the operations this coming week. The CBL board meets on April the 25th to discuss the proposed new fare schedules.

Public Comments:

Beth Limerick asked about the town's intentions regarding repair of a drainage ditch located on her property. Joe Donovan stated that the issue is being looked at and that a recent island tour with the Maine DEP included an inspection of the drainage and erosion on the property.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM. The next regular meeting of the board is Wednesday, May 01, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Wallace) and Voted to enter into executive session at 6:36 PM to discuss personnel matters pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A., Chapter 13, Sub-Chapter 1, Section 405 (6) (A). (Motion passed 3-0.)

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator