Minutes of Meeting
July 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 and Marie Harmon. Brian Dudley, Town Administrator; Amy Tierney, Town Clerk; and Katie Norton, Recreation Director. In addition there were five 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 (Donovan) and Voted to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of June 19, 2024 (Motion passed 2-0, Harmon Abstained).

Communications

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications from/on: Recreation Department.; Personnel changes within the School Department.; Fireworks Permits.; Unauthorized fireworks at Fowlers Beach on Monday, July the 1st (Note: All fireworks require an approved permit from the Town and no fireworks are allowed on Fowlers or Front Beaches.); Safety chains on the Mariner's Wharf ladders.; Parking and Mariner's Wharf Signage.; Maine Forest Service wildfire meeting held on Chebeague Island.; and, The removal of the storm damaged Fowlers Beach cottage.

Town Administrator Updates

1) Housing: The YRHC meets again on July 16th. This is a new meeting date and time for the committee.

2) Storm Damages: Brian has met two more times with FEMA since the last board meeting. The on site inspections will be on Wednesday, July the 17th. Beach damages will be inspected separately with a different group of FEMA inspectors.

   Previous invoices received are being revised into separate FEMA-required storm damage categories for reimbursement.

3) Waterfront: FEMA is reviewing adding in the additional storm related damage to the Mariners Wharf wave break extension to the expected RFP to be issued to replace all of the existing wavescreen on Mariners.

4) Harbormaster: Brian posted the revised vacant job description for the Harbormaster position.

5) The joint grant application with Chebeague Island for the Bluff Erosion project has been approved.

6) The lease agreement for the Marine Building has been executed. Some old materials that have been stored there need to be moved.

7) There are two proposals from auction companies, Keenan Auction and Tranzon, to list the town meeting approved lot #726 sale.

8) Security cameras are now installed at the Transfer Station and have started to be installed at the Community Center. A camera will be placed in the Town Hall entry area as well. Curt is reviewing his previous recommendation for cameras in Mariners and the parking area.

9) Maine Audubon visited South Beach on June 26th. No Piping Plovers were spotted.

10) Brian filed the 2024 LRAP annual report noting that we had banked last year's funds.

11) Brian met with representatives of the Library and Mike Hedge to discuss needed capital improvements for the building. Mike will prepare a short and long term list. Brian noted the need to include the School Department and the Wellness Center as these issues move forward.

12) Brian has confirmed that Sheriff Joyce of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office will be visiting the island on Thursday, July the 11th at 10 AM for an open house at the Community Center.

Code Enforcement Office Updates

There are outstanding requirements for the issuance of a SSWD permit as well as a pending building permit for Atlantic Lane. A certificate of Occupancy has been issued for a new home on Island Avenue as well as approved permits for Eastern Avenue, Fowler Road, Fern Avenue, Island Avenue and West End Lane.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Updates

New Municipal Chapter 14 books with the recent town meeting approved amendments have been ordered. The Municipal Valuation Report (MVR) is being worked on. Numerous vehicles, boats and ATV registrations have been processed.

Wellness Center Updates

Northern Lights was on the island today. The Gut Health series concluded and the Wellness Center annual on-line auction is coming soon.

Beth Marchak updated the board on the work of the IT review committee with Curt Murley and Robin Goodell participating in the group's efforts. Beth and Robin attended an informative seminar hosted by the Maine Municipal Association (MMA). MMA offers some good IT resources as well as a planned community IT forum.

Beth and Robin have also met with town hall staff to review IT issues. A revised job description for an IT Administrator is being worked on.

Joe Donovan mentioned the possible use of an outside technology company.

Kate Norton updated the board on current recreation summer programs. The summer programs are smaller this year and pottery was the focus this past week. There is no

current Recreation Committee and the Wharf Street Festival is scheduled for August the 10th.

Meetings/Hearings:

There were no meetings or hearings.

Board/Committee/Project Updates

The board asked Brian to summarize the selection options for an auction company to dispose of town lot #726. Two proposals were received, one from Keenan Auction Company and another from Tranzon. The town stands to receive more net income under the Keenan Auction proposal.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Harmon) and Voted to approve Keenan Auction Company for the public sale of Lot #726. (Motion passed 3-0.)

Joe Donovan updated activities at Casco Bay Lines. The new General Manager, John Warnock, starts on July the 22nd. Ridership and revenues were up for the month of June.

Mark Greene noted that the last meeting of the Year Round Housing Committee (YRHC) was very productive.

The board discussed the Chair for the Selectboard for the coming year.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to approve Joseph Donovan as the Chair of the Board of Selectmen until June 30, 2025.

Public Comments

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM. The next regular meeting of the Selectboard is Wednesday, July 17, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator