Minutes of Meeting
July 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 and Marie Harmon. Brian Dudley, Town Administrator; and Amy Tierney, Town Clerk. In addition there were eight zoom viewers.

Selectmen previously reviewed the weekly Town Warrants.

Old Business

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the last meeting.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of July 03, 2024 (Motion passed 3-0).

Communications

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications from/on: The volunteer clean up of Front Beach storm debris.; The removal of stored items from the Mariners Building.; and, a proposal for the installation of security cameras on Mariner's Wharf.

The board discussed the status of security cameras. They are in place at the Community Center and the Transfer Station and one is ready to be installed at Town Hall.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Harmon) and Voted to approve the recommendation for a security camera on Mariner's Wharf. (Motion passed 3-0).

Town Administrator Updates

1) Housing: The YRHC met on July 16th. Brian has received feedback from the Maine State Housing Authority that the $840,000 workforce housing grant application will be forwarded to their Loan Committee in August.
2) Storm Damages: Brian continues to meet weekly with the FEMA assigned Program Delivery Manager. Brian, Joe Donovan and Ed McAleney toured the island storm damage sites with a FEMA on site inspection team on Wednesday, July the 17th.
3) Waterfront: MDOT will be sending the SHIP grant agreement for the Mariners Wharf wave screen repair project.

   The Manager for the Cumberland County CDBG program has taken another position outside of County government. This will delay the implementation of the $60,000 design/engineering grant the town has received for Mariner's Wharf.

4) Harbormaster: No responses to date for the vacant Harbormaster position.
5) Keenan Auction will run ads in the Portland Press Herald and the Maine Sunday Telegram on July 26th and 28th and August 2nd and 4th for the planned auction of Lot #726 on Tuesday, August 22nd.
6) Curt sent an update on security cameras for Mariner's Wharf and the parking lot.
7) The Long Island Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee held their second annual open house to update islanders on various projects. Some of these included Mariner's Wharf, Ponces Landing, Water Quality Testing, and Workforce Housing.
8) Two dead seals washed up on South Beach. They have been removed. Brian has requested a $600 reimbursement from the Maine Parks Bureau.
9) Cumberland County Sheriff Joyce, Chief Deputy Pellerin and Captain Joyce visited Long Island last week. Sheriff Joyce has drafted a letter for publication regarding island vehicular safety.

Code Enforcement Office Updates

An SSWD and a well permit were issued.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Updates

The first draft of the Municipal Valuation Report (MVR) is complete. There were 37 auto registrations completed for July.

Wellness Center Updates

The Northern Lights nurse was out this past week. The Wellness Center annual on-line auction is in August.

The board discussed committee vacancies.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to re-appoint Jane Conley to the Zoning Board of Appeals. (Motion passed 3-0).

Meetings/Hearings:

There were no meetings or hearings.

Board/Committee/Project Updates

Mark Greene updated activities of the Year Round Housing Committee. The architect has completed the redesign of the two buildings. There was discussion as to adding another member to the committee. Brian will post a notice.

The board held a public safety discussion. Will Tierney, the town Fire Chief, noted that an EMT shortage is occurring in August. One EMT has retired and another is injured. Firefighters will be used as assistants to the EMTs.

Truck maintenance will be done in August. The department's generator needs servicing. Hose testing will be scheduled. The Cumberland County dispatchers plan on visiting the island again.

There was a brief discussion on allowing the Chebeague Harbormaster to use the town's boat. Will Tierney will follow up with them.

Joe Donovan updated activities at Casco Bay Lines. Several freight carts were recovered in the waters off the Chebeague Island dock. All carts are to remain on the dock as there is a shortage of them in the summer months.

The next operational project for CBL is a review of freight charges and Peaks Island vehicle fares. Matt Byers indicated his willingness to work with CBL as they undertake this review.

Public Comments

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM. The next regular meeting of the Selectboard is Wednesday, August 07, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator