Minutes of Meeting
August 07, 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. In addition, there were six 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 17, 2024 (Motion passed 3-0).

Communications

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications from/on: The need for street identification signage.; The County Sheriff's Office with the July call report.; Storage at the former Marine Building.; Camping on the island.; An expression of thanks for the use of the Wellness Center beach wheelchair.; An inquiry regarding goats on the island.; Cleaning of the Community Center.; The upcoming Swim Run event; An abandoned vessel off Front Beach.; and, An update on Information Technology.

Town Administrator Updates

1) Housing: The YRHC met on July 30th and another is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th.
2) Storm Damages: Brian continues to meet weekly with the FEMA assigned Program Delivery Manager. A completed reimbursement request for storm debris clean up has been submitted for processing in the amount of $7,818.

The next phase of the FEMA process is infrastructure repairs.

3) Waterfront: The awarded $250,000 MDOT SHIP grant agreement for the Mariners Wharf wave screen repair project needs to be approved.

   The CDBG documents have been received for the $60,000 design/engineering grant the town was awarded for Mariner's Wharf and needs to be approved.

   Brian followed up on working waterfront grant funds for Ponce's Landing. The initial round of funding has closed but there is a possibility of an additional $12 million being released in the fall.

4) Harbormaster: No inquiries received for the vacant position. Current issue with a derelict vessel anchored off Front Beach. The Portland Harbormaster, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, and the Maine Marine Patrol have all been notified.
5) There is one response to date for the YRHC vacancy.
6) Keenan Auction ran 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 Thursday, August 22nd.

   Town counsel now advises that a new state law regarding the sale of tax lien properties may require a different procedure and proration of the proceeds. Town counsel is reviewing a possible exemption on this lot as to how it was acquired by the Town of Long Island.

7) Brian met with Curt Murley on security cameras in the Community Center. Three are installed and operational. One is in the front entryway, another in the main meeting room and a third in the Pottery Room. The security cameras at the Transfer Station are now operational.
8) This past week's rains damaged upper Beach Avenue. Temporary repairs have been made. Two new culverts may need to be installed.
9) Shearwater Ventures is moving forward with its full application for a 16 acre kelp farm off Little Chebeague Island. The preliminary hearing was conducted back in July. The Riparian Owner's Certified List required by Maine DMR has been forwarded.

10) The Library is still waiting for the compilation list of needed maintenance projects. Following its completion the Wellness Center and the School Departments will be consulted.
11) Beth Marchak forwarded a monthly IT progress report.
12) The Sheriff's Office sent an updated calls for service report for the month of July.
13) The IRS has sent an audit letter to confirm the tax exempt financing for the $37,500 equipment lease for the LIF&R cardiac monitoring system.
14) The Sheriff's Office would like to conduct a training exercise in November with a full tactical team and equipment. They are asking for a town contribution for the barging fees.
15) Brian is working with Environmental Projects for a fall Hazardous Materials pick up at the Transfer Station.
16) There is a new training and continuing education mandate from the State for Administrators of municipal general assistance programs.

- It was Moved (Burle), Seconded (Harmon) and Voted to approve the awarded MDOT SHIP grant contract in the amount of $250,000 for Mariner's Wharf wave screen replacement. (Motion passed 3-0).

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to approve the awarded CDBG grant contract in the amount of $60,000 for design/engineering services for the Mariner's Wharf wave screen replacement project. (Motion passed 3-0).

Code Enforcement Office Updates

Two building permits were issued as well as an SSWD and a well permit.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Updates

The Municipal Valuation Report (MVR) is complete and needs to be signed off on by the Selectboard. Tax bills are going out August 14th.

Wellness Center Updates

There will be a flu and covid clinic on October the 2nd. Soup lunch dates and speakers are being worked on.

Meetings/Hearings:

There were no meetings or hearings.

Board/Committee/Project Updates

Dave Singo discussed the Deer Reduction Committee's plans for the upcoming hunting season. He reviewed the proposed dates and bag limits. A question was asked how the town could better prevent the spread of Lyme Disease. David said that more hunters would be needed to increase the taken deer count. The committee proposes to extend the season by starting on September the 7th for expanded archery and ending on December the 14th. There will be no hunting on Thanksgiving Day.

Hunters parked vehicles will display a sign indicating that there is a hunter in the area.

The Deer Reduction Committee has recommended an increase in the number of hunters that are allowed to take more than one deer. The board agreed subject to each hunter receiving property owners permission to hunt on their property.

There was discussion on the possible need to bring down to the island a temporary refrigeration storage unit because of the rising temperatures in the fall and early winter months.

Joe Donovan asked if there was any public comments on the deer reduction proposals. There were none.

Joe Donovan updated activities at Casco Bay Lines. It continues to be busy at the terminal and the freight areas. A new side loading ramp is being looked at for Peaks Island and the delivery of the new vessel there has been further delayed until the spring of 2025. Vehicle transportation charges to Peaks Island are being reviewed and in the spring CBL will review freight tariffs.

The planned replacement vessel for the Maquoit is underway and a hybrid boat is a possibility. The new manager at CBL, John Wornock, has started.

Public Comments

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM. The next regular meeting of the Selectboard is Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator