Minutes of Meeting
October 02, 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, and Brian Dudley, Town Administrator; Amy Tierney, Town Clerk. Public attendees were Pat Hopman and Sue Sesto. In addition there were fourteen 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 September 18, 2024 (Motion passed 3-0).

Communications

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications from/on: Pickleball.; Returnable bottles and cans.; Changes expanding shellfish harvesting areas around Long Island; An FCC emergency services radio license.; The GPCOG Annual Report.; The Island Institute meeting.; and the Hazardous Materials pick up on October the 10th.

Town Administrator Updates

1) Housing: The YRHC met on October the 1st to follow up on its due diligence efforts to look at other possible locations. A site visit is scheduled for October the 4th. This does not commit the town to any purchase of the real estate.

   There are three responses now to serve on the YRHC.

2) Storm Damages: A new Program Delivery Manager has been assigned by FEMA. Brian spoke with her on Tuesday and will follow up within the FEMA Grants Portal.
3) Brian and Joe Donovan met with Bancroft Marine Construction to discuss their proposal for the repairs to Ponces Landing. They will submit some updated estimates as a result of that meeting.
4) Brian attended the closing for Lot #726 at Bernstein Shur's offices on September the 20th. The net amount the Town received after expenses is $280,633.33.
5) The hazardous materials pickup at the Transfer Station is scheduled for October 10th from 8:30 AM until 1:00 PM at the Transfer Station. One notice went out already and a second one went out today.
6) OSHA is reviewing new requirements for training and equipment for volunteer fire departments. The information was forwarded to the Fire Chief.
7) Brian sent a notice out regarding committee meeting schedules to avoid future conflicts. The Finance Committee would like to use the Town Hall Zoom account and Selectmen's Board meeting room.
8) The deadline is this week for a grant application for a Resilience Fellow for 2025. Completion of the water quality study and the start of the Ponces Landing and Mariner's Wharf repairs will be the expected work projects. The board should formally approve a grant application submission.
9) A letter representing homeowners near the pickleball court was received.
10) GPCOG was on the island today to discuss the various climate change projects going on in Casco Bay.

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to appoint Karen Boss, Candace Dale and Liz Lamontagne to the Year Round Housing Committee. (Motion passed 3-0.)
- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Harmon) and Voted to approve the submission of a grant application for a 2025 Resilience Fellow. (Motion passed 3-0.)

Code Enforcement Office Updates

Applications are pending for building permits for additions and new septic systems (SSWD permits).

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Updates

The general election is November the 5th. Absentee ballots have arrived. November auto registrations are in. Property taxes were due on Sunday, September the 29th. There are 55 parcels still with outstanding tax payments due.

Wellness Center Updates

There was a flu and covid clinic on October the 2nd from 4 PM until 7 PM with over 80 people signed up.

The board reviewed the issue of the location of the pickleball court. There was additional correspondence from players and neighbors. Pat Hopman noted that a small group had met with LICLOC to discuss the possible re-location of the pickleball court to the Conservation Area. Joel Greene, the Chair of the LICLOC board, noted that no action has been taken by LICLOC and that a comprehensive deliberation of any formal request will be undertaken.

The board emphasized that the current outdoor pickleball court is closed until further notice.

Meetings/Hearings:

There were no Meetings/Hearings.

Board/Committee/Project Updates

Mark Greene updated the work of the Year Round Housing Corporation (YRHC). Other potential sites and costs are being reviewed.

Joe Donovan noted that the shoulder season schedule ends on October 14th. Casco Bay Lines is reviewing the current policy of allowing Captains the discretion to make so-called “whistle stop”, i.e., picking up or dropping off passengers at unscheduled locations. Vehicle fares will likely be increasing.

CBL continues to work with Clynk on the pick-up of returnable bottles and cans. Individuals using the Clynk service will be able to designate approved charities to receive their reimbursements.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next regular meeting of the Selectboard is Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator