Minutes of Meeting
August 21, 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

Communications

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications from/on: Security cameras.; Hunting Permits.; The accumulated trash proposal.; An Island Institute meeting.; The auction of Lot #726.; Grant information for cybersecurity.; The annual Municipal Valuation Report (MVR).; Survey activity on Garfield Street.; A communication on Clynk bags as well as the increased cost to process the return of recyclables.; A possible landscaping project down front.; and the reasons for the delay in new parking signs being installed following the recommendations of the Parking Committee.

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the last meeting.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Harmon) and Voted to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of August 07, 2024 (Motion passed 3-0).

Town Administrator Updates

1) Housing: The YRHC met on August 13th to review revised price estimates for the construction of workforce housing. There is another meeting scheduled for August 27th.

   Brian has responded to the latest requests for additional information from the grant review team at the Maine State Housing Authority.

2) Storm Damages: Brian met again with FEMA to discuss additional grant portal requirements for processing the January storm damage claims.

   Infrastructure repairs are the next target on the storm damage inventory. Brian conducted an on-site inspection with a potential contractor to replace the stairs leading to Red Sands Beach, Ponces Landing repairs, the Boston Sand & Gravel Ramp damages, and the wave break extension at Mariners Wharf.

3) Waterfront: The $250,000 MDOT SHIP grant agreement for the Mariners Wharf wave screen repair project and the $60,000 CDBG design/engineering grant agreement were executed and returned.

   Brian has reached out to some engineering firms regarding the Boston Sand & Gravel ramp repairs.

   Brian sent out a project update to the Waterfront Committee.

4) Harbormaster: The current owner of the derelict vessel anchored off Front Beach has been contacted. Hopefully the vessel will be removed shortly. The Harpswell Harbormaster is also looking into some options as he serves on the Maine Harbormasters Board.
5) Keenan Auction is conducting the live auction of Lot #726 on Thursday, August 22nd at 11AM. Town counsel concurred that the new state law regarding the sale of former tax lien properties does not apply to this lot. I will be at the live auction.
6) Still waiting for a firm date for the September hazardous materials pickup.
7) The barging cost for the Sheriff's Office to conduct a tactical exercise on the island is $850 to get their equipment and vehicles here.

8) Brian reached out to Reverend Mentzer following up on his communication regarding areas where the United Methodist Church on the island could be helpful. Outreach to Changing Tides and the Wellness Center were suggested.
9) Brian updated the town's annual Local Health Officer information system
10) The town received a dividend of $317 from the MMA Workers Comp fund.

Code Enforcement Office Updates

No updates.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Updates

No updates.

Wellness Center Updates

There will be a flu and covid clinic on October the 2nd.

Meetings/Hearings:

The planned Public Safety meeting was canceled due to an emergency call for service.

Board/Committee/Project Updates

Joe Donovan noted that the Casco Bay Lines board has upcoming elections with all three seats being unopposed. CBL is working on FY 25 budget issues. Lorinda Valls and Lisa Kimball are serving on the advisory committee for a new down the bay boat.

Public Comments

Beth Limerick asked for an update on a private property ditch abutting her lot on the island. Joe Donovan noted that the issue was discussed with the Maine DEP.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM. The next regular meeting of the Selectboard is Wednesday, September 03, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator