Minutes of Meeting
September 18, 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. Public attendees were Steve Train, Peter Thornton, Gary Robinson and Pat Hopman. In addition there were seven Zoom viewers.

Selectmen previously reviewed the weekly Town Warrants.

Old Business

Communications

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications from/on: Pickleball.; Returnable bottles and cans.; and the State of Maine changes expanding shellfish harvesting areas around Long Island.

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 04, 2024 (Motion passed 3-0).

Town Administrator Updates

1) Housing: The YRHC met on September 17th to review various issues for the construction of workforce housing. Due diligence will be given to other alternative island sites.

No additional responses to posting of two vacancies on YRHC. One response last month.

2) Storm Damages: Brian held his weekly meeting with FEMA in person to discuss the timing for reimbursements for completed claims.
3) Brian reviewed the cost estimates from Bancroft Marine Construction for the repairs to Ponces Landing. A summary was forwarded to the Waterfront Committee. Bancroft is prepared to start in November. Still waiting to receive a time and cost update from CPM Construction as well.
4) Lot #726 is pending a date for closing. Buyers attorneys have asked for a post closing confirmatory statement releasing any future claims the town may have for the property.
5) The hazardous materials pickup at the Transfer Station is scheduled for Thursday, October 10th from 8:30 AM until 1:00 PM at the Transfer Station.
6) There is a public hearing tonight on the adoption of the State General Assistance maximum allowances for the 2024-2025 year.
7) The State has sent out optional recommendations on the revised flood plain ordinance.
8) The State delay on approving the deprivation permit season has been resolved.
9) Brian met with the new School Superintendent. A community "Meet and Greet" will be held on Wednesday, November the 13th from 4 PM until 5 PM at the Community Center.
10) Brian completed the 2020-2021 FEMA Covid certification of the $10,940.84 the town received on filed claims.
11) Brian met with Central Maine Power representatives here on the island to discuss island community electricity issues. They would like to come back at a future date, perhaps a Soup Lunch Event, to set up an informational table.
12) Brian attended the GPCOG Executive Committee meeting to discuss the town's experience with the Americorp Resilience Fellows Program.

Code Enforcement Office Updates

Applications were received for building permits, a septic tank replacement and an SSWD permit.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Updates

The general election is November the 5th. There is a business application for the new owners of the Boathouse Beverage & Variety store. There is a total of $54,483 in unpaid first half of the fiscal year property taxes.

Wellness Center Updates

There will be a flu and covid clinic on October the 2nd from 4 PM until 7 PM. The wellness nurse was on the island today.

Brian outlined the proposed annual general assistance maximums for the 2024-2025 year starting on October 01, through September 20, 2025. The board conducted a public hearing on the proposed maximums.

There was one public comment seeking clarification on the proposed maximums.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Harmon) and Voted to approve the general assistance maximum allowance schedules as published and developed by the Maine Municipal Association. (Motion passed 3-0.)

The board discussed the status of the continuation of collecting returnable bottles and cans. The idea of using a crusher was discussed noting that the machine to do so is expensive to purchase or rent.

Joe Donovan noted that the use of Clynk bags and Casco Bay Lines is still under review and may be a viable future option.

The board discussed with Steve Train and Peter Thornton of the Planning Board meeting protocols, the scheduling of meetings and future agenda items. The Planning Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM. A public comment was

made suggesting the use of a clerk to help staff the Planning Board and other committees.

The board discussed the comments it has been receiving regarding pickleball play. It was noted that the use of the outdoor court ended on Monday, September the 9th. Gary Robinson and Pat Hopman spoke on behalf of several pickleball players noting their exploration of an alternative future location and funding sources. One area the pickleball group is exploring is working with LICLOC on the possible use of the area set aside for recreational activities within the Conservation Area.

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 Casco Bay Lines Finance Committee approved a three month operating budget while the issue of vehicle charges are still being reviewed. The new down the bay Vessel Advisory Committee meets on September the 24th.

Public Comments

A comment was made regarding some exposed CMP cables on the east end of the island.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM. The next regular meeting of the Selectboard is Wednesday, October 02, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator