Minutes of Meeting
October 16, 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 Patrick Hopman. In addition there were ten 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 October 02, 2024 (Motion passed 3-0).

Communications

Selectmen reviewed communications since the last meeting. There were communications from/on: Pickleball.; The new state Office of Community Affairs.; Swim buoys at Fowlers Beach.; An ordinance initiative question.; Eelgrass and the Casco Bay Estuary Committee.; Ponce's Landing repairs.; and, The Year Round Housing Committee.

Town Administrator Updates

1) Housing: The YRHC met on October the 11th to continue its review of other possible workforce housing locations on the island. A follow up meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October the 17th.

2) Storm Damages: Brian filed additional documents through the FEMA Grants Portal. The FEMA Consolidation Resource Center has calculated the repair damages at $250,638. The new Program Delivery Manager is researching several questions Brian asked regarding the estimates and the eventual timing of the dispersals.
3) Bancroft Marine Construction has submitted some updated estimates as a result of that meeting. A summary spreadsheet is in your materials. A copy was sent to the Waterfront Committee.
4) The hazardous materials pickup at the Transfer Station was October 10th at the Transfer Station.
5) The Finance Committee met on October the 8th. They are asking for budget guidance for town departments.
6) An application for another Resilience Fellow for 2025 was submitted to GPCOG. Completion of the water quality study and the start of the Ponces Landing and Mariner's Wharf repairs will be the expected work projects.
7) A "Meet & Greet" is scheduled on Wednesday, November the 13th here at Town Hall from 4 PM until 5 PM with Tonya Arnold, the new School Superintendent.
8) The Maine Resource Recovery Center has submitted a quote of $8.50 per unit for freon removal from refrigerators and air conditioners disposed at the Transfer Station.

Code Enforcement Office Updates

One permit for new steps and another for an SSWD was approved. There are applications pending for a deck expansion.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Updates

The general election is November the 5th. Many absentee ballots have been issued. There are 45 parcels still with outstanding taxes due totaling $46,565.

Wellness Center Updates

There was a follow up flu and covid clinic on October 16th. Twenty more people received vaccines. On October the 2nd, 81 people were vaccinated.

There is a Soup Lunch on October the 21st.

The board discussed a request for a tax abatement. More information was requested and this item will be addressed again in November.

The board addressed the planned shellfish ordinance changes that will result from the state's lifting of an in force ban on clamming in parts of Casco Bay, including Long Island. A new Shellfish Warden will need to attend state-required training.

Board/Committee/Project Updates

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

Meetings/Hearings

The board held a Public Safety meeting. Will Tierney, Fire Chief, updated several issues including maintenance, training, hose testing and a new Cumberland County Communications Center "I Am Responding" application that automatically transmits emergency contact information and known medical conditions to first responders.

Will noted that the planned new radio equipment for Chebeague and Long Island is still being worked on.

Joe Donovan noted that the shoulder season schedule ended on October 14th. The Casco Bay Lines board meeting is October the 24th and the Vessel Advisory Committee is meeting on October the 30th.

Public Comments

Patrick Hopman updated the activities of the pickleball working group. They will be working with LICA and LICLOC, seeking alternative funding sources and posting a survey for islands to respond to regarding pickleball and possible locations for a replacement court(s).

- It was Moved (Harmon), Seconded (Burke) and Voted to enter into executive session at 6:10 PM to Discuss Contractual Matters pursuant to MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, Sub-Chapter 1, Section 405 (6)(C). (Motion passed 3-0).

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Harmon) and Voted to end the executive session at 6:49 PM. (Motion passed 3-0).

The board discussed the Ponces Landing repair quote that Brian had summarized earlier in the meeting.

- It was Moved (Burke), Seconded (Harmon) and Voted to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a contract with Bancroft Construction for the repairs to Ponces Landing not to exceed $250,000. (Motion passed 3-0).

The board discussed the need for a portable large monitor at the Community Center. Brian will work with Curt Murley to find an appropriate one.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM. The next regular meeting of the Selectboard is Wednesday, November 06, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted

Brian L. Dudley, Town Administrator