

95 Voters Present

Town Clerk brought meeting to order at 8:00AM.

Public announcements were heard.

Town Clerk read the Warrant and Return on Warrant.

Article 1. To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Nomination for Mark Greene made by Joe Donovan

Vote: 4- 0

Town Clerk swore in Moderator

Opening statement by Moderator

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by James Wilber to allow the public to speak

2nd by Joe Donovan

Vote: U-1

Karen Boss will serve as Deputy Moderator as needed

Motion made by Joe Donovan to move Articles 2 – 47

2nd by John Burke

Selectmen agreed unanimously - no objections to Selectmen moving/seconding each article

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. {2953.

Vote: U

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to procure a loan or loans in anticipation of taxes, such loan or loans (principal and interest) to be repaid during the municipal year out of money raised from municipal year taxes.

The Finance Committee recommends a “YES” vote.

Vote: U

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to screen and approve or appoint Sheriff’s Deputies and/or Constables for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

Vote: U

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote that the Town tax is due on September 15, 2025 and is payable in two (2) installments on September 15, 2025 and March 15, 2026 and to set the interest rate to be charged for late payments 7.50% per year.

The Finance Committee recommends a “YES” vote.

Vote: U

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept tax money in advance of receiving the tax commitment from the assessors. The Town will pay no interest on these advance payments.

The Finance Committee recommends a “YES” vote.

Vote: U

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to dispose of town-owned personal property with a value of less than \$20,000 dollars or less, under such term and conditions as they deem advisable.

Vote: U

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee to accept, on behalf of the Town: gifts, donations and contributions in the form of money, personal services and materials. Said gifts will be for the benefit of the Town, its government including legal departments and public facilities thereof, for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the delivery of public services. Said gifts to be without conditions and not require the voters to raise additional maintenance monies.

The Finance Committee and School Committee recommend a “YES” vote.

Vote: U

Article 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee, on behalf of the Town, to secure grants, funds and other available revenues from the state, federal and other agencies and sources and authorize the expenditure of said dedicated funds.

The Finance Committee and School Committee recommend a “YES” vote.

Vote: U

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow or appropriate from un-appropriated surplus as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2025-2026.

The Finance Committee recommends a “YES” vote.

Vote: U

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 5.00% for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Vote: U

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to enter into multiyear contracts with various service providers, for a period not to exceed 3 years.

Vote: U

Budget Presentation by Finance Committee members Brian Arsenault, Jen Moughalian, Ed Rea, Peter LaMontagne. Followed by school budget presentation by Superintendent Tonya Arnold.

Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for compensation for Town Officers, Appointees, and Professional Assistance.

The Finance Committee recommends:

Selectmen (3)	\$9,900
(Chair)	\$2,030
Parklands / Beaches	\$920
Public Buildings Manager	\$3,683
Assessing / Map Updates	\$1,245
Town Clerk	\$24,952
Treasurer	\$27,981
Tax Collector	\$24,952
Office Assistant	\$0
Code Enforcement Officer	\$15,000
CEO Assistant	\$3,734
Animal Control Officer	\$2,500
Harbormaster	\$5,150
Shellfish Warden	\$1,000
Housing Coordinator	\$8,951
IT Coordinator	\$5,150
Town Meeting Moderator	\$100

Social Services Director	\$1,077
Payroll Taxes	\$12,311
Town Administrator	\$32,728
Health Officer	\$0
Employee Health Benefits	\$23,920
Paid Family and Medical Leave	\$793
Unemployment Compensation	\$550
Island Fellow Contribution	\$0
Annual Audit	\$16,120
Counsel	\$8,500
Tax Assessor	\$2,310
Revaluation study	\$0
Additional Professional Assistance	\$1,500
Lawn Mowing Contract	\$12,500
LICLOC	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$254,558
Vote: U	

Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town government administration.

Finance Committees Recommends: \$ 118,381

Vote: U

Article 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Wellness Council.

Finance Committees Recommends: \$ 15,578

Vote: U

Articles 16 through 23 Authorize Expenditures in Education Cost Center Categories.

Article 16. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **REGULAR INSTRUCTION.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend \$ 400,730

John Davis proposed an amendment lowering Regular Instruction to \$340,000, seconded by Nancy Jordan.

Joe Donovan made a motion to move the amendment

Vote: U-1

Vote on Amending Regular Instruction to \$340,000 via paper ballot: 34 Yes / 53 No / 1 Blank

Vote on Article 16 as written at \$400,730 via paper ballot: 56 Yes/ 28 No / 2 Blank

Article 17. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **SPECIAL EDUCATION.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend \$ 47,513

Vote: U

Article 18. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **STUDENT AND STAFF SUPPORT.**

School and Finance Committees Recommend \$ 10,773

Vote: U

Article 19. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION.**
School and Finance Committees Recommend \$ 55,312
Vote: U

Article 20. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.**
School and Finance Committees Recommend \$ 9,033
Vote: U

Article 21. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **TRANSPORTATION AND BUSES.**
School and Finance Committees Recommend \$ 7,078
Vote: U

Article 22. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **FACILITIES MAINTENANCE.**
School and Finance Committees Recommend \$ 70,543
Vote: U

Article 23. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will authorize the School Committee to expend for **ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES.**
School and Finance Committees Recommend \$ 3,002
Vote: U

ARTICLES 24 AND 25 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 24. To see what sum the Town of Long Island will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (State recommends **\$289,252**) and to see what sum the Town of Long Island will raise as its contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Act in accordance with Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

The School and Finance Committees Recommend \$ 289,252

Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

Vote: U

ARTICLE 25 IS REQUIRED TO HAVE AN ACCURATE RECORDED HAND COUNT

Article 25. Shall the municipality raise and appropriate **\$217,106** in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services model by **\$217,106** as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee? The school committee recommends **\$ 217,106** for additional funds and gives the following reason for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services model: Public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 for Long Island costs significantly more than the state's formula allows for.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essentials Programs and Services Funding Act.

TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET:	\$603,984
ESTIMATED STATE SUBSIDY:	- \$40,306
ESTIMATED REVENUE (GDI TUITION)	- \$57,320
CARRYOVER FROM UNDESIGNATED SCHOOL FUNDS	- \$0
LOCAL TAX ASSESSMENT:	\$506,358 (\$289,252+\$217,106)

Vote: 71 Yes / 0 N No

ARTICLE 26 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 26. To see what sum the municipality will authorize the school to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essentials Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state funded construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine revised Statutes, Title 20- A§ 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of the school.

The School and Finance Committees Recommend \$603,984.00.

Vote: U

Article 27. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following Revenues, Balances Carried and Fund Transfers, to cover the expenditures appropriated in the previous articles? Remaining funding required to be raised by taxation.

Tuition	\$ 57,320
General Purpose Aid (estimated)	\$ 40,306
TOTAL	\$ 97,626

The School Board and Finance Committee Recommends Adoption.

Vote: U

Article 28. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **LONG ISLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY OPERATING COSTS.**

The Finance Committee recommends: \$ 11,383

Vote: U

Article 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **INSURANCE.**

The Finance Committee recommends: \$ 53,907

Vote: U

Article 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **PUBLIC SAFETY.**

The Finance Committee recommends:

Police	\$ 46,504
Fire and EMS	\$ 134,888
Rescue Boat	\$ 10,403
Emergency Preparedness	\$ 2,000
TOTAL	\$ 193,795

Vote: U

Article 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **PUBLIC WORKS.**

The Finance Committee recommends: \$ 131,441

Vote: U

Article 32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **SOLID WASTE.**

The Finance Committee recommends: \$ 151,554

Vote: U

Article 33. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **SOCIAL SERVICES.**

The Finance Committee recommends: \$ 0

Vote: U

Article 34. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **RECREATION COMMITTEE.**

The Finance Committee recommends: \$ 23,507

Vote: U

Article 35. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY COSTS.**

The Finance Committee recommends: \$ 29,672

Vote: U

Article 36. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **CEMETERY OPERATIONS.**

The Finance Committee recommends: \$ 2,250

Vote: U

Article 37. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **CAPITAL DEBT SERVICE.**

The Finance Committee recommends: \$ 201,915

Vote: U

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, for the fiscal year beginning 1-July-2025 and ending 30-June-2026, all revenues, grants, fees and undesignated surplus, for the purpose of reducing 2025-2026 tax commitment.

The Finance Committee recommends:

Revenues, Fees & Grants	\$ 228,852
Prior Year Surplus	\$ 65,430

Vote: U

Article 39. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and transfer to the Minimum Balance Set Aside with the condition that it be used to maintain the mil rate established at Town Meeting.

The Finance Committee recommends: \$ 3,347

Vote: U

Article 40. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **SOCIAL SERVICE REFERRALS.**

The Finance Committee recommends: \$ 10

Vote: U

Recess: Steve Hart of LICA presented the 2025 Francis “Tiny” Murphy Civic Awarded to Leah Doughty

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to amend the following Town of Long Island Municipal Fees to be effective July 1, 2025. (note: stricken text will be deleted – underlined text to be added)

Mooring Permit Fees:

Resident / Property Owner

~~\$60~~ \$70

Non-Resident / Rental

~~\$250~~ \$260

Vote: U

Article 42. Do you favor the distribution of the net proceeds in fiscal year 2024 of the \$280,633.33 from the sale of town-owned Lot #726 on Island Avenue as follows:

Capital Reserve Fund

\$160,633.33

Housing (Site Development for Future Use)

\$120,000.00

Vote: U-1

Article 43. Shall the town vote to a) **approve a project for safety, traffic flow, and operational improvements to the transfer station (the “Project”)**; b) appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$50,000** for the costs of the Project and; c) fund said appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Long Island, Maine (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$50,000**, and the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), calls for redemption, refunding(s), place(s) of payment, premium, form and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town of Long Island, and to provide for the sale thereof, is hereby delegated to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen?

The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend a ‘YES’ vote.

Financial Statement

Estimated 05/01/2025

1. Total indebtedness:

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$1,038,216
B. Bonds authorized but not yet funded:	\$620,000
C. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved:	\$50,000
Total:	\$1,708,216

2. Costs:

At an **estimated maximum** interest rate of **3.85 % for a 20 year maturity**, the estimated costs of this bond will be:

Principal	\$50,000
Interest	\$24,700
Total new debt service	\$74,700

3. Validity:

The validity of the bonds and of the voters’ ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bonds issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

s/ Lisa A. Kimball

Town of Long Island Treasurer

Vote: U

Article 44. Shall the town vote to a) approve a project for repairs to and/or replacement of the cabin structure of Engine 3, the rescue boat(**the “Project”**); b) appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$100,000** for the costs of the Project and; c) fund said appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Long Island, Maine (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$100,000** and the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), calls for redemption, refunding(s), place(s) of payment, premium, form and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town of Long Island, and to provide for the sale thereof, is hereby delegated to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen?

The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend a ‘YES’ vote.

Financial Statement

Estimated 05/01/2025

1. Total indebtedness:

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$1,038,216
B. Bonds authorized and unapproved:	\$620,000
C. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved:	\$100,000
Total:	\$1,758,216

2. Costs:

At an **estimated maximum** interest rate of **6.5% for a 10 year maturity**, the estimated costs of this bond will be:

Principal	\$100,000
Interest	\$36,250
Total new debt service	\$136,250

3. Validity:

The validity of the bonds and of the voters’ ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bonds issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

s/ Lisa A. Kimball
Town of Long Island Treasurer

Vote: U

Article 45. Shall the town vote to a) approve a project for the replacement of the timber ramp on Ponces Wharf, **(the “Project”)**; b) appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$110,000** for the costs of the Project and; c) fund said appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Long Island, Maine (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$110,000** and the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), calls for redemption, refunding(s), place(s) of payment, premium, form and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town of Long Island, and to provide for the sale thereof, is hereby delegated to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen?

The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend a ‘YES’ vote.

Financial Statement

Estimated 05/01/2025

1. Total indebtedness:

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$1,038,216
B. Bonds authorized and unapproved:	\$620,000
C. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved:	\$110,000
Total:	\$1,768,216

2. Costs:

At an **estimated maximum** interest rate of **3.85% for a 20 year maturity**, the estimated costs of this bond will be:

Principal	\$110,000
Interest	\$54,350
Total new debt service	\$164,350

3. Validity:

The validity of the bonds and of the voters’ ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bonds issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

s/ Lisa A. Kimball

Town of Long Island Treasurer

Vote: U-1

Article 46. To elect by written ballot a School Committee member to serve on the School Board, for a term of three years, effective from 7/1/2025 to 06/30/2028.

Leah Doughty nominated by Paul Thornton

Vote 8-0

Article 47. To elect by written ballot a Selectman to serve on the Board of Selectmen (those elected shall also serve as the assessors and overseers of the poor), for a term of three years, effective from 7/1/2025 to 06/30/2028.

Diane Watts nominated by Wayne Fitzgerlad

Brad Brown nominated by Ralph Sweet

Mike Hedge nominated by Joe Donovan

Michael Floyd nominated by Nancy Jordan, Michael declined

Matt Simmons nominated by Mike Maloney, Matt declined

Vote: Watts 33 / Brown 11 / Hedge 44

Adjourn : 10:40

A True Copy Attested of the Minutes for the May 10, 2025 Town of Long Island Annual Meeting:

s/Amy Lea Tierney – Town Clerk