

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

October 7, 2019

Meeting open @ 10:15

Present: Sarah Berry, Gail Blout, Stewart Young, Lisa Wright, Dan Perry, Kris Lombard, Asa Lombard, Paula DiMare, Chuck Adelsberger, Wyatt Garfield, Dale Lynch, Russell Wright, Fran Veeder, Dillon Storek, Bonnie Veeder, Allen Berry, George Isabel.

BUZZARDS BAY COALITION:

Mark Rasmussen joined via speaker phone with an update on the available funds for the land acquisition. The Bouchard 120 Fund is now giving \$500,000 as Rhode Island is getting money for a non-specified project so Mark is going to ask for additional money. There is a new state grant through Fish & Game with awards up to \$500,000. Governor Baker announced a new state grant for Climate Adaptation and Resiliency which will be applied for. BBC will ask more from additional private donors if necessary, they will not ask the town for more money.

WATER:

There was ongoing discussion about the replacement of the well field and the AC pipe replacement. The town would get a loan for \$1.6 million, with a 40-year payback. Along with the \$1,312,000 grant from USDA, this would fund the \$2,900,000 project for the well replacement and pipe replacement. Sarah explained the bond process with the grant and the loan. The wells will be completed by spring 2020, the pipe replacement would begin in the fall of 2020.

Dale is working on a recommendation for an increase in water rates for the annual operating budget. We currently bring in about \$58,000 of revenue through water each year, projected expenses are about \$77,000 so Dale is working on ideas to create more revenue.

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The beach breached again during the new moon high tide at the same spot near the riprap at Barges. While the channel is usable, closure is a real risk. Dredging is expected in November and we continue communication with the Corps of Engineers and our Congressional delegation.

*A motion was made to approve a letter in support of the Buzzards Bay Coalition to ask the Bouchard 120 Fund for additional money for the land acquisition. Duly seconded. So moved.*

*The Selectmen made a motion to declare the playground surplus equipment, which may be removed when the library building project begins. Duly seconded. So moved.*

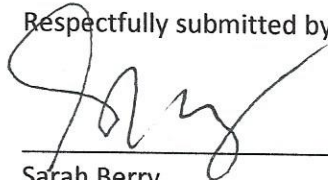
Warrants were reviewed and signed.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Job descriptions will be reviewed at the next meeting October 25. We will have a working meeting with the draft of the employee handbook, job descriptions and benefits. There was discussion about retroactive raises which can't be applied to elected employees.

*A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. So moved. Meeting adjourned @ 1:25.*

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Wright.

  
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