

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

November 6, 2020

Meeting open @ 10:31

Present: Gail Blout, Sarah Berry, Stewart Young, Michael Milanoski, Lisa Wright, Sarah Smith, Judith Archer, Paula DiMare, David Warr, Carlyn Nunes, George Shaw, Leo Roy, Marla Garfield, Midge Frieswyk, Nancy Wilder, Fran Veeder, Phil Houha, Rosie Goettsche, Sara Lehner, Serena Davis Hall, Bonnie Veeder, Seth Garfield, Jen Warr, Judith Archer

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A motion was made to approve minutes of September 18, 2020. Duly seconded. Unanimous vote.

The 2018 audit is complete. *A motion was made to approve the 2018 management letter from Benoit & McCardle. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.*

A motion was made to approve the Financial Management Policy for the Town of Gosnold. Duly seconded. Stewart Young – here, Sarah Berry – here, Gail Blout – here. Unanimous vote. The Financial Management Plan will be reviewed annually.

There was discussion about becoming a Green Community, as there is a grant submittal which is due by the end of the year. Andy Bobola is not in favor of this as it can increase building costs for individuals if the town were to adopt the Stretch Building Code.

The Department of Revenue will be making recommendations on streamlining activities after their management review.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY:

Stewart reached out to Sherriff Bob Ogden and Officer Brian McCarthy to help get ideas for Police presence on Cuttyhunk. They will work on key activities such as: security at ferry dock and patrolling, funding may be available through Homeland Security.

INTERNET:

Sarah Berry spoke with Verizon and they communicated that the new equipment that was recently installed is not ethernet.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

The removal of the underground tanks is on hold. David Warr said it isn't fair to blame the Conservation Commission for this delay. Gail will call Ralph Packer to find out more.

A new Notice of Intent for the installation of the new fuel tanks has been filed. Michael Milanoski reported that the DEP has reviewed the NOI. Michael recommends that Dan Perry be involved with the Conservation Commission until this issue is resolved as he feels this is a public safety issue. David Warr is offended by this as this is a condescending approach. Gail will speak with Dan about the best

approach to solving this problem. The Board of Selectmen authorize Gail Blout as Chair to speak with Dan about the Conservation Commission and authorize Dan to attend the Conservation Commission meeting if necessary.

There is a Conservation Commission meeting on 11/13. Chairman David Warr wants to express his feelings about the Commission. He is very upset and can not stress enough the impact the Board of Selectmen created when they didn't reappoint Dr. DiMare and newly appointed Leo Roy. In 13 years, all projects have been approved and the Conservation Commission has worked well with the town. The first project that was denied, the person heading up that project was appointed to the Conservation Commission. David cares immensely about the environment and the town.

ELECTRIC:

Gail was in touch with David Parker, he will respond to the insurance requests by November 15. These are procedural upgrades at the powerhouse.

SCHOOL:

All is going well with the four students.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Due to COVID-19 – 19 Governor Baker has issued several revised orders as cases are increasing. Masks must be worn at all times.

WATER:

The sanitary survey has been completed; this occurs every 3 years. The well project will go out to bid in January.

AVALON:

Revenues were down significantly for the 2020 season. The good news is that 2021 is nearly sold out, mostly all whole house rentals.

COAST GUARD BOATHOUSE VISITOR CENTER:

The Committee met on the 28th and discussed ideas for the inside. Gail will find out what we need to do with the Massachusetts Historical Commission. We need to complete a Project Notification Form before work can begin. Will Saltonstall will develop a scope of work for the project. There was discussion about a bathroom, it would be much less expensive to have the bathroom outside. The building will continue to be used as storage for the town.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright

Gail Blout

G. Stewart Young

Sarah Berry

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Approved Via Zoom – December 18, 2020