

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

January 8, 2021

Meeting open @ 10:31am.

Present: Gail Blout, Sarah Berry, Stewart Young, Lisa Wright, Sarah Smith, Paul & Sara Lehner, Seth Garfield, Charmaine Gahan, George Shaw, John Winet, Christine Fairchild, Anne Goodrich, Paula & Seymour DiMare, Alden Anderson, Lisa Sullivan, Fran Veeder, Phil Houha

Gail Blout & Stewart Young participated remotely.

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A motion was made to accept the minutes of November 23, 2020. Dule Seconded. So moved.

Roll Call: Gail Blout – Here, Sarah Berry – Here, Stewart Young – Here. Unanimous vote.

GREEN COMMUNITY:

Lisa Sullivan of the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources presented information regarding Green Communities and the process in which to become one. There are 271 Green Communities currently in Massachusetts. Gosnold's estimated designation grant amount is \$125,000 with additional annual grants available once all prior grants have been expended. There are 5 criteria to become a Green Community:

Criteria 1:

One of two criteria related to renewable energy development, Criteria 1 is met by a municipality passing zoning in designated locations for the as-of-right siting of renewable or alternative energy generating facilities, research and development facilities, or manufacturing facilities.

Criteria 2:

One of two criteria related to renewable energy development, Criteria 2 is met by a municipality adopting an expedited application and permitting of one year at most, under which facilities interested in locating their facility in a designated renewable zone may be sited within the municipality.

Criteria 3:

To demonstrate compliance with Criteria 3, municipalities must:

1. Establish an energy use baseline inventory for municipal buildings and facilities (which can include schools, water, wastewater treatment plants and pumping stations, and open space), street and traffic lighting, and vehicles; and
2. Adopt an Energy Reduction Plan (ERP) demonstrating a reduction of 20 percent of energy use after five years of implementation.

Criteria 4:

Criteria 4 requires all departments within a Green Community to purchase fuel-efficient vehicles for municipal use, whenever such vehicles are commercially available and practicable.

To meet this requirement municipal governments and school districts must:

- Adopt a Fuel-Efficient Vehicle Policy requiring all municipal departments and divisions to purchase fuel-efficient vehicles,
- Develop and maintain a vehicle inventory for all four-wheeled vehicles, and
- Provide a plan for replacing non-exempt vehicles with vehicles that meet specified fuel efficiency ratings.

Criteria 5:

Criteria 5 requires that municipalities minimize the life-cycle cost of all newly constructed homes and buildings. DOER recommends communities do this by adopting Massachusetts' Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS) Stretch Code (780 CMR 115.AA). Buildings constructed to the Stretch Code use significantly less energy than buildings built to other current and previous building codes.

In addition to meeting the above criteria the Town of Gosnold would need to participate in the Renewable Energy Trust Fund because our powerplant is owned and operated by the municipality. The cost to the consumer is 1/20th of one cent per KWH. For a typical residential customer consuming 600 kWh per month the contribution would be 30 cents.

COVID UPDATE:

The Selectmen/Board of Health continue to urge all to wear masks, social distance and sanitize. Cases continue to rise in Massachusetts and across the country. Stewart reported that the New Bedford Health Department can provide vaccines to 1st Responders. Seth was contacted by the Dartmouth Board of Health and they will have a signup sheet for 1st Responders to get vaccinated. Seth will take the lead on this.

WATER:

The well pump test report and sanitary survey have been completed and approved by the DEP. The well project will go out to bid and the work will begin in the fall of 2021.

ASSESSOR:

The annual Tax Classification Hearing will be held the first meeting in February.

FUEL FARM:

The removal of the underground storage tanks will occur in the spring.

SOLID WASTE:

Michael Milanoski will go to the island on Monday to meet with Asa and Seth and review Solid Waste procedures and the transfer station.

ELECTRIC LIGHT:

The batteries for solar are back working 100%.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Harbor Management will meet on January 14 @ 4:00pm via Zoom.

LIBRARY:

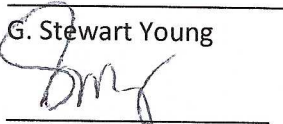
The Trustees are working on getting the occupancy permit.

A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. Roll call: Gail Blout – here, Sarah Berry – here, Stewart Young – here. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned @ 11:43am.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright



Gail Blout



Sarah Berry

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Approved February 5, 2021 Via ZOOM