

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

January 22, 2021

VIA ZOOM –

Board of Selectmen participation: Gail Blout – Remote, Stewart Young – Remote, Sarah Berry - Present

Meeting open @ 10:31am.

Present: Gail Blout, Stewart Young, Sarah Berry, Lisa Wright, Seth Garfield, Michael Milanoski, Midge Frieswyk, Jane MacLeod, Weezie Garfield, Alden Anderson, Chuck Adelsberger, Jon Winet, Leo Roy, Marla Garfield, David Warr, Nancy Wilder, Rosie Goettsche, Roxy Leeson, Paula DiMare, Dale Lynch, Sara Lehner, Paul Lehner, Ralph Cataldo, Carlyn Nunes, Chuck Shurtleff

SCHOOL:

Currently there are 5 children enrolled in school, 3 more will be attending beginning February 8, in a total of 6 grades. The School Committee is working on hiring a part time Teacher's Aid. Dr. Frieswyk was in touch with Chris Bergen about housing and he has an apartment available for \$3,600 through the end of the school year, June 21.

There will be a Special Town Meeting as \$9,000 needs to be added to the school budget. This will occur in April when we can have a Special Town Meeting outdoors.

A motion was made to create a warrant to request additional funds for the school budget. A Special Town Meeting will be scheduled at a later date to vote on an amended budget. Duly seconded. Roll Call: Gail Blout – here, Stewart Young – here, Sarah Berry – here. Unanimous vote.

GREEN COMMUNITY:

The Green Community Application will be submitted in the spring, with 5 criteria:

1. Zoning Overlay
2. Permitting would be expedited if a "green" building were to be built
3. Energy audit of town facilities (funding available)
4. Purchasing energy efficient vehicles
5. Adoption of Stretch Building Code

A motion was made to proceed with the Green Community Application. Duly seconded. Roll Call: Gail Blout – here, Stewart Young – here, Sarah Berry – here. Unanimous vote.

WALL/ROAD PROJECT:

A Notice of Intent will be submitted by Foth on behalf of The Town of Gosnold for the wall/road/drainage project. Catherine Rick from Foth will work with Environmental Partners to coordinate similar aspects of this project and the pipe replacement project. Both will begin in fall 2021. There will be a project manager for the wall/road/drainage project.

SELECTMEN:

Gail reported that she and Michael Milanoski met with Mark Rasmussen of the Buzzards Bay Coalition. BBC will be building a shed to store equipment at the bottom of Tower Hill Road on the west side of the Houha's driveway. There will be informational material on the porch of the shed for residents and

visitors. They will have an Island Manager on the island from June – September, BBC will be looking for housing for those summer months. They hope to have the shed built in April. BBC will partner with the town to figure out the best plan for a public bathroom near or in the Coast Guard Boat House.

HARBOR:

Ralph Cataldo is meeting with Sarah Smith tomorrow to finalize 2020 revenue amounts for wharf and harbor.

WATER:

Water: Final Plans have been submitted for the production's wells and water main to DEP and USDA. There was a discussion about having a peer review initiated by the town consultant for the design of the wells. This may cause delays and effect the time line of the project. Sarah Berry stated that peer reviews, according to USDA, are usually done at the beginning or along the way as a project develops, and this will be after the permits and plans were presented to the commissioners and were submitted in December; changes to the final drawings may therefore cause a re-submission. USDA has never seen a peer review done at this stage, but if that is to be the case the cost will be borne by the town; USDA stated the real costs will be known when the project is bid, when the engineering plans are completed. The cost for a peer review is estimated to be \$10,000. Stewart wants to be clear that design (for the peer review) and construction are two different things. On Dec 8 Chuck Shurtleff (DEP) Chuck Adelsberger Professional Engineer (EP) and Dale Lynch, and Sarah went over the plans in detail that were presented on the 18th at the BOS and submitted to DEP and USDA in late December before their shutdowns for approvals. Chuck Shurtleff commented that Dale's review was thorough and beyond the work normally seen in Larger towns by a water manager, reiterated by Chuck Adelsberger. Refinements to the design were made after the December meeting, and the peer review may produce others. Dale Lynch stated that he only knows so much, but thought another view would be helpful. Michael Milanoski commented that the downside of a peer review at this stage may cause delays, the upside is that modifications can be made now not later. A collaboration between EP, The Water Commissioners and Dale can work out the best solutions for the construction work to be bid. The decision was made to proceed with a peer review. *A motion was made to approve the hiring of another Professional Engineer to review the design of the water project. Duly Seconded. Roll call: Gail Blout -here, Stewart Young-here, Sarah Berry -here. Unanimous vote.*

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Budget reviews and planning will begin March 19th. The Finance Committee will meet then and April 16 & April 30.

SOLID WASTE:

Tucker Roy increased their barge trips by \$1,000, for a roundtrip total of \$6,500. Michael Milanoski is exploring options with other vendors including Dennis Lynch and Ralph Packer. He and Asa are working on a mini master plan for the solid waste/fuel area. The underground fuel tanks should be removed in April.

COAST GUARD BOAT HOUSE VISITOR CENTER:

The Visitor Center Committee will be meeting in the near future.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

The Conservation Commission will meet on February 12.

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE:

There is approximately 5,000 square feet for a playground behind the school. There will be a site visit on February 5 with the Playground Committee and vendor Kompan. The Buzzards Bay Coalition will be sending out a fund-raising letter, hoping to raise \$50,000. The Committee is hoping for construction in June.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

The Board will review and update the Gosnold Community Development Strategy at their next meeting.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of December 4, 2020. Duly seconded. Roll Call: Gail Blout – here, Stewart Young – here, Sarah Berry – here. Unanimous vote.

A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. Roll Call: Gail Blout – here, Stewart Young – here, Sarah Berry – here. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned @ 12:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright

Gail Blout

G. Stewart Young

Sarah Berry

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Approved via Zoom – February 19, 2021