

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

February 5, 2021

Meeting held via Zoom: Board of Selectmen: Gail Blout, Present, Sarah Berry, Present, Stewart Young, Remote.

Meeting open @ 10:30.

Present: Lisa Wright, Michael Milanoski, Anne Rose, Jon Winet, Sara & Paul Lehner, Bev Prevost, Carlyn Nunes, Fran Veeder, Sarah Smith, Alden Anderson, Diane Croswell, Dale Lynch, Marla Garfield, Rosie Goettsche, Terri Lowell, George Shaw, Phil Houha, Paula & Seymour DiMare, David Warr, Charmaine Gahan, Seth Garfield, Kris Lombard

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of December 18, 2020 and January 8, 2021. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote. Roll Call: Gail Blout – here, Sarah Berry – here, Stewart Young – here.

Allen Berry has donated air purifiers to the school, library and town hall. *A motion was made to accept the generous donation of air purifiers by Allen Berry. Allen continues to support the town through thoughtfulness and generosity. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote. Roll Call: Gail Blout – here, Sarah Berry – here, Stewart Young – here.*

There was discussion about conducting an aerial survey for a deer count. It would cost \$2500 if it was done along with Naushon. More information will be available at next meeting.

Michael Milanoski reported that the FY 2019 & 2020 audits are close to being finished. Sarah Smith said the Board of Selectmen need to appoint Kris Lombard as an interim Assessor. Kris retired from the position but is working on an hourly basis. *A motion was made to appoint Kris Lombard as interim Assessor. Duly seconded. So moved. Roll Call: Gail Blout – here, Sarah Berry – here, Stewart Young – here.*

The report from the Department of Revenue should be complete by the end of February.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

SOLID WASTE:

Michael Milanoski reported that he is working with Asa and Seth to reconfigure the solid waste facility to make it more efficient. The barge contract will go out to bid once they figure out the needs of the transfer station. They are researching compactor systems and the size of dumpsters. There was discussion about the new system of collecting trash from boaters. Some are concerned that it will increase the load of trash from boaters, encouraging boaters to dump their trash here instead of taking it elsewhere. Michael indicated that this is an experiment and if nothing else it will generate more money for solid waste.

ASSESSOR:

The annual Tax Classification Hearing opened at 11:13. *A motion was made to approve one tax classification for the Town of Gosnold for the current fiscal year. Duly seconded. So moved. Roll Call: Gail Blout – here, Sarah Berry – here, Stewart Young – here.*

FUEL FARM:

Michael spoke with Ralph Packer who indicated the old tanks will be removed in April.

There was discussion about the fuel farm and attempted resolutions to provide gas and diesel to the island. Ralph Packer has expressed that he would like the town to research Convault tank which Ralph uses on the Vineyard. Ralph is going to stop the temporary fuel service on June 15. Michael feels that gasoline is essential for town vehicles. David Warr spoke and agrees the town needs fuel, the Conservation Commission was not satisfied with the alternate analysis in the Notice of Intent which was part of the denial. David objects to people blaming the Conservation Commission for no fuel on the island.

GREEN COMMUNITY:

The Selectmen are waiting to hear back from the Electric Light Commission about their thoughts on the process. Stewart will follow up with Dan Perry on Zoning Regulations.

WALLS/ROADS/DRAINAGE PROJECT:

Foth is ready to submit a Notice of Intent to the Conservation Commission for the project, abutters have been notified of the project. This work will occur in the fall.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

There are new variants of Covid-19. Double masking is suggested. The Department of Public Health has daily updates. Vaccines are becoming available. The state website is improving and there are more vaccination sites opening weekly.

COAST GUARD BOAT HOUSE VISITOR CENTER:

Meeting scheduled for February 16.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Meeting scheduled for February 19.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Meeting scheduled for March 18.

ELECTRIC LIGHT:

The batteries are now running at 100% capacity.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Selectmen reviewed the budget statement and it's about 50% spent which is about right. There will be a transfer of \$6000.00 from stabilization to the library operating budget at a Special Town Meeting. This will satisfy the annual grant submission to the Massachusetts Library Commission.

PLAYGROUND:

As the new playground design progresses it's important to consider: the walkway, the handicap entrance, water and electrical easements and the access to the Houha's barn.

WATER:

The peer review will take place on February 17. The short-term bond runs out in November 2021 and will be replaced by the long-term bond, our debt will be \$7,200 in 2022. If the project is not finished the short term loan will roll over in November 2021; it becomes long term once the funds are expended and verified.

Environmental Partners asked Dale to mark out the water lines. Dale, Russell and Wayne do not feel comfortable guessing where utility lines may be, they would like to have a professional utility locating company do that work. It is important for the town to get the utilities mapped out. Dale expressed that this is a very big project and he has taken ownership of it. He and others feel they are not being heard when expressing their concerns of the well and pipe projects.

CEMETERY:

Charlie and Trish Hulley applied for a cemetery plot in the cremains section. *A motion was made to approve a plot in the cremains section for Charlie and Trish Hully. So moved. Duly seconded. Roll Call: Gail Blout – here, Sarah Berry – here, Stewart Young – here.*

A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. So moved. Roll Call: Gail Blout – here, Sarah Berry – here, Stewart Young – here. Meeting adjourned @ 12:27.

Gail Blout

Stewart Young

Sarah Berry

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