

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

May 14, 2021

Via Zoom

Present:

In person: Gail Blout, Sarah Berry, Stewart Young, Michael Milanoski, Lisa Wright via Zoom: Leo Roy, Dale Lynch, Monica Wahlberg, Susan Nilson, Phil Houha, Terri Lowell, Sean Uterieyk, George Shaw, Sarah Smith, Scott MacLeod, Bev Prevost, Christine Fairchild, Jon Winet, Marla Garfield, Serena Hall, Slater Anderson, Paula DiMare, Seth Garfield, David Warr, Ned Prevost, Richard Holland

Meeting open @ 10:30 A.M.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT GRANT:

The application for the CZM Grant is due 5/24. Susan Nilson of Foth Engineering reported on the task list. The project Manager will be Michael Milanoski. She is working on the vulnerability and risk assessment for the solid waste and fuel areas. The project will cost about 1 million and the grant request is for \$750,000.00. The town's 25% match could come from the USDA equipment grant and in-kind work will be counted against the 25% as well. A Notice of Intent and alternative analysis is part of the submission too. *A motion was made to authorize Gail Blout, on behalf of the town to submit the Coastal Zone Management Grant. Duly seconded. Roll call: Gail Blout – here, Stewart Young – here, Sarah Berry, here. Unanimous vote.*

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The town will hire Eric Kinsherf as an Accounting Consultant for one year. There will be an article on the town meeting warrant to fund consulting services. Sarah Smith reported that we will be moving from a checkbook system to a municipal finance system. *A motion was made to hire Eric Kinsherf as an Accountant Consultant for up to \$20,000 for FY2022 subject to town meeting approval. Duly seconded. Roll Call: Gail Blout – here, Stewart Young – here, Sarah Berry – here. Unanimous vote.*

Some items that will be on the Town Meeting warrant are:

- Transfer \$50,000 for the playground from stabilization
- Appropriate \$50,000 for Accountant and Assessor
- Transfer \$6,000 from Stabilization to the Library
- Convert Highway Supervisor, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Electric Light Board and Constable from elected to appointed
- Abolish Auditor
- Accept Stretch Building Code

*Stewart made a motion to proceed with a Memorandum of Understanding with Cape Light Company regarding the application with Green Communities. Duly seconded. Roll Call: Gail Blout – here, Stewart Young – here, Sarah Berry – here. Unanimous vote.*

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

The Town will be getting some Covid 19 rapid tests to have on hand for the summer.

The CDC is now allowing vaccinated people to not wear mask. The Town will continue to ask everyone to wear a mask on the town docks, town hall and indoor spaces.

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

The Conservation Commission will be meeting tomorrow and will finalize the Order of Conditions for the Wall & Road Project. There will be discussion about the rental generator for the marina for July & August.

#### WATER:

Richard Hollard is the Special Town Counsel for the water projects. His opinion is the procurement was done in a legal fashion. Recommendations were voted on by the Water Commissioners at the April 14 water meeting. There are potential benefits to putting the pipe project and the wall and road project together to avoid redundancy. He also reported that you will never find an Engineer who makes everyone happy. There may be mistakes in the design but not to the point of negligence. He will get in touch with USDA and meet with the Water Commissioners. He will ask Mr. Ohl if there were standards missed by EP.

Leo spoke and indicated that the town doesn't want to jeopardize the USDA funding, but it would make sense to have 1 contractor for all three projects, which would help with the coordination of open roads and paving. Moving forward Leo made the following recommendations:

1. Vote to consider replacing EP with Foth
2. Terminate EP contract
3. Engage Foth
4. Design the projects
5. USDA & Mass DEP approve changes
6. Foth combines bid packages
7. Construction this fall

Sarah feels this will not work and will add significant costs. Dale would like to know if anyone has spoken to USDA about changing Engineers. He feels that EP has not been technically efficient. Dale's confidence in EP is poor.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

There was discussion about the projects the town is working on and budgets.

#### HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

The Harbor Management Committee met yesterday. There will be no taco cart at the dock this year. A generator will be rented for July and August to power the marina during peak load times.

#### LIBRARY:

There will be a celebration of the new library on July 10 from 4 – 6.

#### PLAYGROUND:

Gail spoke with Mark Rasmussen about the playground. *A motion was made to approve the construction of a playground on the Town of Gosnold's lease of the Buzzards Bay Coalition land. Roll Call: Gail Blout – here, Stewart Young – here, Sarah Berry – here. Unanimous vote.*

ASSESSOR:

Sarah Smith spoke with Dawn Barnes of West Tisbury regarding the Assessor position. Sarah is impressed with Dawn's qualifications. Sarah and Michael will put an agreement together to be presented at the next meeting.

*A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. So moved. Roll Call: Gail Blout – here, Stewart Young – here, Sarah Berry – here. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned @ 1:27.*

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright

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Gail Blout

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G. Stewart Young

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Sarah Berry

Approved via Zoom – June 25, 2021