

## **Town of Gosnold**

### **Selectmen's Meeting**

**July 12, 2021**

By Zoom

In Person: Gail Blout, Sarah Berry, Stewart Young, Sarah Smith, Lisa Wright, David Warr, Leo Roy, Paula DiMare, Seth Garfield

By Zoom: Michael Milanoski, Marla Garfield, Kevin Nunes, Seymour DiMare

Selectmen present by roll call: Gail Blout, Sarah Berry, Stewart Young

A motion was made to accept the minutes of May 28, 2021. A roll call vote was taken. In favor: Gail Blout, Sarah Berry, Stewart Young.

Stewart Young added to the agenda discussion of the letter from Marc Buckley regarding water, discussion of Cemetery, and discussion of the Community Preservation Act.

### **Goals and Objectives**

The Selectmen reviewed the list of projects currently active under the Selectmen's oversight.

- Water Project: overseen by Dale Lynch and Leo Roy and Leo Roy and Sarah Berry as contact for the USDA
- Road Project: oversight by Gail Blout
- Visitors' Center: oversight by Michael Milanoski and Gail Blout
- Green Initiative: oversight by Stewart Young
- Department of Revenue: oversight by Michael Milanoski, Eric Kinsherb, and Sarah Smith
- Fuel Farm/Solid Waste Facility: oversight by Michael Milanoski and Gail Blout
- Selectmen agreed to add Channel dredging to the goals and objectives as a priority. While not currently a "project," Gail reported that she is working with a representative of the Army Corps to get on a regular dredging list.
- Electric Advisory Committee: Selectmen discussed the role of the Electric Advisory Committee. Stewart suggested the committee would continue in their existing role, but perhaps could take on a more holistic role and explore energy conservation and other areas of expertise.
- Martha's Vineyard Commission: Sarah Berry will contact Chris Seidel about the MVP Climate Grant and the climate change working group.
- Police: Michael Milanoski changed the planning date to FY22 for implementation in FY23
- Church's Beach: a maintenance plan and rules for use will be in place for FY23. Selectmen discussed parking issues, the current excellent state of the dunes, and resolved to revisit parking if it is an issue this summer. Leo Roy suggested that the town develop a management plan and submit it to the local Conservation Commission.
- Enterprise Funds: Sarah Smith explained that water and electric funds are self-contained within revenues and expenses and rates are set-accordingly. Electric operates as a public utility and should raise approximately 10% above operating expenses for maintenance costs. Both funds may request and/accept funds from the town as approved at town meeting. The SRECS are

considered General Fund Revenue and the equivalent is being held each year in Stabilization for eventual allocation for battery replacement.

- Solid Waste is not an enterprise fund and is working toward being more self-sufficient.
- Barge Ramp: Diligent Marine serviced it last year; Seth reported they are doing regular maintenance to keep it operational and safe.

### **Annual Review of Town Administrator**

Selectmen reviewed the annual review form provided by Mary Aicardi. Michael Milanoski's contract calls for the annual evaluation based on goals and objectives. Stewart Young explained that goals and objectives have not been specific, but Michael has been working on projects. Stewart proposed that the form is overkill for what Selectmen are trying to do. He asked Sarah and Gail to provide written statements using the form as a guide by next week so he can summarize.

### **Follow-Up on Recommendations from Collins Center**

Out of the report's seven recommendations, the Board has adopted the following:

- Increase Employer share of Health Insurance
- Hire a Town Administrator
- Adopt recommended policies
- Revise Lisa Wright's title and job description

Still to review:

- Finalize job descriptions
- Finalize compensation recommendations
- Finalize performance review

### **Assessor**

The Board will look at the assessor job description in FY23 after the re-val is done to determine the Assessor's role going forward.

### **Selectmen's Business**

**Water:** The Board discussed the letter from Marc Buckley requesting an exemption from the bi-annual water bill for Soprano's Pizza. Based on the seasonal aspect of the business, low water use, and other business exemptions, a motion was made to approve the exemption. Voting as Water Commissioners, a roll call vote was taken. In favor: Gail Blout, Sarah Berry, Stewart Young.

**Community Preservation Act:** The Committee met recently and will hold a public meeting soon. The slate of members of the committee is:

- Stewart Young representing the Planning Board
- Wyatt Garfield representing Conservation Commission
- Lisa Wright representing the Harbor Committee
- Dix Leeson representing Historic Preservation
- Jay Merriam at-large member



A motion was made to accept the slate of committee members. In favor: Gail Blout, Sarah Berry, Stewart Young.

David Warr recommended that committee chairs should be made aware of assignments where members are representing committees.

**Safety:** Selectmen discussed dock jumping. The town has a regulation prohibiting jumping off town wharf, docks, and floats. Enforcement is an issue. Signage needs to be provided, without "oversigning."

Selectmen discussed vehicle safety and identification of vehicles. Sarah Berry will work on an information flyer. Michael and Seth will discuss enforcement.

**Town Administrator:** Michael Milanoski is setting up a meeting with Dawn, Eric, Lisa, Sarah, and Jim Powers for next week to discuss finalizing FY21 and moving forward with FY22. The town should be hearing about the CZM grant soon. The Solid Waste trailer needs some tweaking, but it is working. The Police vehicle has been resurrected and is being used for transportation between the wharf and the ferry dock. It may need some additional work. It is six years old.

**Seth:** Seth has been working on fine-tuning the helo ops situation so that the doctors or first aid rep can activate it.

The Boat House will have a new padlock. Interested parties will have the combination and he will open and close the boathouse each morning and evening.

Seth hopes that the various town committees, such as planning board, ZBA, and ConCom can meet with Dawn Barnes and use her experience communicating with various boards to coordinate, communicate, and streamline their work.

**Harbor/Wharf/Solid Waste:** Leo Roy reported that the trash dumpster at the ferry dock is being filled with the town approved bags. The emptying of the dumpster as well as the dumpsters at the ferry dock will be on a schedule. Michael reported that the trailer was the best option and that stairs provided too much liability and complication.

**"Select Board":** Selectmen discussed changing the name of the Board and members. As for timing, since this would be a by-law change, the Selectmen and Moderator, Leo Roy, felt that the issue should be considered at the annual town meeting.

**Water Commission:** Leo Roy reported that Water Projects are on track. New submittals are not necessary. There are no issues with the requested changes. EP will have the Water System Assessment and schematics by the end of the month. RFPs for the water field, new pipes, and stormwater will all be bid separately but at the same time. RFPs will go out in mid-October. Construction is planned between January 1<sup>st</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup>. EP has submitted the NOI for the wellfield. They need to submit the NOI for pipe replacement in early August for the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. The project will use off the shelf components, no special orders for materials.

**Harbor:** Leo Roy reported that the Harbor Committee discussed enforcement of slip rules. The rule is that if the lessor is not in the slip, the wharfinger may rent it to someone else; the lessor is not supposed to lend the slip. A fine was issued for an oversized shack in the parking lot. The Harbor Committee is trying to enforce rules and treat everyone fairly.

**Board of Health:** Karen Walega is doing kitchen inspections and inspecting Penikese. If there were a local Covid case on the island, it would be reported to the Board of Health which would then inform the state.

**Planning Board:** Buzzards Bay Coalition submitted their application for Form A, approval not required, impacting Lot 155, Lot 156, Lot 153, Lot 154, and Lot 157. The subdivision is to reflect the parking easements for the town and the easement for the Fishing Club to use the pier. Gail will work with Seth as Highway Surveyor to spray paint the lot bounds.

A motion was made to accept the Form A application dated June 14<sup>th</sup>. A roll call vote was taken. In favor: Gail Blout, Sarah Berry, Stewart Young.

**Abandoned Vehicles:** The board discussed loading the next barge with the abandoned vehicles. Owners will be charged for transport and disposal.

**Avalon:** Stewart Young as Select Board Chair will be invited to Avalon meetings.

**Coast Guard Building/Visitors' Center:** Gail reported on her meeting with Will Saltonstall and showed renderings of the boathouse. There will be three sets of four panels for temporary or permanent exhibits. The display walls will be moveable and stored in the off-season. They are discussing how to display the life saving boat. Dale, Wayne, Seth and Jono have been part of the plan discussion and will continue to be. The small room is not part of the plan, nor is the upstairs. Selectmen like the interior plan and will need to discuss oversight and maintenance.

**Conservation Commission:** David Warr reported that the hearing on the Lowells' septic upgrade is today. The Building Inspector is not available today. He explained that the Building Inspector is supposed to be the Conservation Agent and the Conservation Commission should be informed about any projects that are in the applicable zones. He would like to see the grant submittal for the Solid Waste and Fuel Facility. He would like to see the guidelines for committee reports for the town report.

**Cultural Council:** There was a recent musical event at the Avalon. Stewart will ask Emily Anderson to report on Cultural Council activities this summer.

**Electric Light Committee:** The advisory committee will be meeting in two weeks.

**Library:** Gail Blout reported that seventy people attended the opening. The Library Trustees are very thankful to the donors and the volunteers.

**Playground:** The playground equipment has arrived. The next step is to secure the equipment. The installers are planning to bring over equipment and materials for installation.

**School:** Art camp and art classes are taking place at the school building.

**Cemetery:** The town received a very generous donation of \$10,000 to repair or replace the fencing around the cemetery. The donors do not prefer the kind of fencing. Gail will look through her notes about fencing.

**Tank Removal:** David Warr requested that he receive e-mails about the tank removal. Leo reported that there have not been many, but he will forward what he has.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00.