

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

August 20, 2021

Meeting held at Gosnold Town Hall and via Zoom.

Meeting open @ 10:32

Attending in person: Stewart Young, Sarah Berry, Gail Blout, Lisa Wright, Sarah Smith, Michael Milanoski, Dale Lynch, Carlyn Nunes, Scott Coope, Nancy Wilder, Seth Garfield, Charmaine Gahan, Bill Archer, David Warr, George Shaw, Isabel Day, Asa Lombard, Paula DiMare

Attending via Zoom: Diane Croswell, Marla Garfield, Seymour DiMare, Leo Roy

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There was discussion about housing for employees. The town is entering into an agreement with Chris Bergen to rent one of his apartments for a year beginning September 1. This will be available to workers for the large upcoming projects and perhaps employees like a Police Officer or EMT. Having the apartment will allow the town some flexibility, as it can be difficult to find housing especially in the busy summer months. The year-long lease is \$15,750.00, plus electricity. *A motion was made to accept the rental agreement subject to the clarification of the sublet arrangement. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote. The current lease will terminate August 31, 2022.*

The Harbor Management Committee recently made some changes to the seasonal berth and permanent berth regulations. They are asking the Board of Selectmen to adopt these changes. Changes would allow renters of 3 months or more to rent a seasonal berth; real estate taxpayer was added to the permanent berth regulations for clarification purposes. *A motion was made to approve the changes to the seasonal berth and permanent berth regulations. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.*

Hurricane Henri is on its way to New England; Henri is expected to arrive at low tide. Dale needs to know if the town will require boats to evacuate, will town hall be setup as a shelter? The water and electric will be shut off on all town docks Saturday at 8:00 PM; floats will be unpinned and moored. There will be an update at Noon on Saturday.

Stewart discussed the renewal of Michael Milanoski's contract. Stew had asked the other Selectmen for their comments regarding the past year. He indicated there have been ups and downs and it has been a learning curve for everyone. There was discussion about the difference between the positions of Town Administrator vs. Consultant. The Selectmen need to be more specific in direction and expressing goals.

Gail indicated that Stew gave a concise overview. Gail said the Selectmen have not given Michael clear direction and goals.

*A motion was made to renew Michael Milanoski's contract for another year. Duly seconded. Stewart and Gail voted in favor of renewing the contract; Sarah Berry is against the renewal. The motion passes 2-1.*

Gail reported that she met with the Houhas regarding the Buzzards Bay Coalition shed. At one point they were in negotiations to rent half of the barn, however the lease was not long enough to satisfy BBC. Phil is in touch with Mark Rasmussen to possibly revisit that arrangement.

Stewart reported that his cousin Charlie Howland is working on inventing an inflatable breakwater, which is a promising idea, with no hardscape. The Selectmen are interested in hearing more about this concept.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

#### WATER PROJECTS:

Leo Roy reported that he had a good meeting between Environmental Partners and Foth. He is moving forward with two contracts; one for Mass Works one for USDA. Foth is contacting Division of Marine Fisheries regarding the Time of Year restriction as the drainage project will impact water flow.

#### FUEL TANK REMOVAL:

Letters have been sent to Ralph Packer from the DEP and Dan Perry. It is important that Mr. Packer complete the cleanup of the contaminated area and remove the pipes. His lease states the equipment must be removed. *A motion was made to enforce the lease agreement and Ralph Packer must remove the piping; both underground and above ground. Duly seconded. Unanimous vote.*

Sarah Berry indicated the CZM grant is being amended due to the scope of the project. There will be an operation plan, exploration of alternate analysis, permitting document with documentation to the Conservation Commission and then installation of equipment funded by the USDA.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMISSION:

Stewart and Michael continue to meet with the Electric Light Commission to discuss the future needs of the island.

#### ASSESSOR:

Dawn Barnes is working on getting Vision information in the cloud by the end of the month. Dawn will be coming to the island around September 10 to finalize an abatement.

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

The Conservation Commission will meet next on September 10.

#### SCHOOL:

The School Committee may apply for additional ESSR funds for Covid relief. The Selectmen will discuss the use of the school house if there is no enrollment.

*A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. So moved. Meeting adjourned @ 1:19.*

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright

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G. Stewart Young

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Sarah Berry

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Gail Blout

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Approved October 2, 2021