

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

September 3, 2021

Meeting took place at Town Hall and via Zoom.

Meeting open @ 10:31.

Present in person: Gail Blout, Sarah Berry, Stewart Young, Michael Milanoski, Lisa Wright, David Warr, Seth Garfield and from the Martha's Vineyard Commission: Dan Doyle, Chris Sidel, Megan Gombo, Rachel Quarantino

Via Zoom:

Sarah Smith, Sean Uiterwyk, Phil Houha, Christine Flynn, Leo Roy, Sara Lehner, Paul Lehner, Ren Davidson, Paula DiMare, Michael R., Chris Hart

There was a presentation from the MV Commission regarding the Climate Action Plan. There will be a steering committee with 1 representative from each town, 1 representative from the Tribal Community, 1 from the Brazilian Community. There will be monthly meetings and there will be 7 schematic working groups. Climate week will take place in May 2022.

There was a presentation from the MV Commission regarding the Water Shed Management Plan. There will be a working group with revolving funds for clean water available from the approved EPA 208 plan. They are studying nitrogen loads in ponds.

There was a presentation from the MV Commission regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan. We need to prioritize mitigation strategies. We have a community wildfire mitigation plan in place which gives us good footing for FEMA grants. *A motion was made to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan 2021 update. Duly seconded. Unanimous vote.*

Leo asked about assistance with permitting for dredging at the marina and fortifying Barges Beach. There was discussion about these issues. Dan Doyle reported that they are working on easing the permitting restrictions as permitting creates hurdles for every coastal town.

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Stewart reported that he met with members of Cuttyhunk WIFI, which the town pays an annual fee of \$3500 and this helps to allow free WIFI to the marina and harbor. When the harbor and marina are full the WIFI can slow down as it is not strong enough for streaming on multiple devices. Stewart feels the WIFI should be marketed to the public, showing what it can and can't do. More antennas may need to be installed. Gail will inquire at Massachusetts Historical Commission about adding additional antennas to the Coast Guard Boat House. The Harbor Management Committee has long supported Cuttyhunk WIFI, there should be a good communication plan for boaters so they understand the limitations of the WIFI.

There was discussion about the lease agreement with Chris Bergen as the town has secured one of the apartments at his property for a year. *A motion was made to approve the amended lease agreement with Chris Bergen. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.*

A motion was made to approve the request that the Town of Gosnold is to remain a single precinct. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.

There was discussion about the USDA Facilities Grant and the Board of Selectmen would like to request funds for equipment for Solid Waste and the Power Plant. Initially they had requested funds for fuel tanks but realized the permitting for that project is going to take longer than originally anticipated. *A motion was made to authorize Sarah Berry to submit an application to the USDA Facilities Grant for equipment for Solid Waste and the Power Plant. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.*

A motion was made to approve the minutes of August 6, 2021. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Next meeting will be on September 10. The Order of Conditions for the pipe replacement project has been written and will be approved on 9/10. The Time of Year restriction for the drain/road/wall project has been amended.

CULTURAL COUNCIL:

New members include Leyla Day and Mike Frazel. They are working on grants for next summer's events.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Jim Powers is nearly finished with the Audit.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

It has been a strong season. Next meeting is on September 16.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

The School Committee may apply for ESSR 3 grant money for the Steam Academy as there are no student currently enrolled in the school. The School Committee is applying for 501C3 status for the Steam Academy. Steam Academy has enough funding to operate until May. Students will participate on a daily basis; it will not be a 5-day long program.

A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 1:19.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright

G. Stewart Young

Sarah Berry

Gail Blout

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Approved September 17, 2021