

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

October 2, 2021 – At Town Hall and via Zoom

Meeting open @ 10:30.

Present in person:

Stewart Young, Sarah Berry, Gail Blout, Sarah Smith, Lisa Wright, Seth Garfield, Michael Milanoski, Charmaine Gahan, Dawn Vogt, Fran Veeder, Bonnie Veeder, Elaine Doran, Paula DiMare

Present via Zoom:

David Frothingham, Leo Roy, Bev & Ned Prevost, Dale Lynch, Paula DiMare, Adam Pachter, Phil Houha, Rebecca Scott, Bill Ardinger, Lindley Huey

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Jim Powers is completing the audit. Once the figures are available a new QuickBooks can then be set up. Sarah Smith and Michael will give Jim a two-week deadline of 10/15.

Sarah Smith reported that she has been working with the school and there is a balance of approximately \$15,000 which may relieve some of the teacher's salary. She is waiting to get the final number. Town Counsel is significantly over budget and Electric, Solid Waste and Town Office are all over budget. Once everything is finalized Sarah will work with Eric on completing the Schedule A.

There was discussion of SRECs which are the solar credits issued quarterly. The money is well tracked for future expenditures at the powerhouse and solar field. The Board of Selectmen will ask for a breakdown of the electric light budget. Dale reported that he will be setting up a meeting with Electric Light.

GRANTS & LOANS:

Regarding the water projects: the short-term note rolled over and once the 1.6M is used up the grant money will kick in. During the FY2023 budget process the Water Commissioners will need to determine the payback amount and where that money will come from.

Current projects with grant funding include:

- Road, walls and drainage project – Mass Works
- US Coast Guard Visitors Center – Seaport Council
- Solid Waste & Powerhouse – USDA Grant #2 (equipment)
- Fuel Implementation – Coastal Zone Management
- WIFI – Community Compact through the Collins Center
- Green Community – Green Communities
- Hazard Mitigation – MV Commission

There will be discussion about a household solid waste fee in the future. Also, a contract needs to be completed for the hauling and disposal of trash and recyclables.

Sarah Smith and Michael Milanoski are working on an asset management list.

The IRS is giving us an extension on the 2018 audit when some employees received both 1099 and W-4's.

A motion was made to allow Michael Milanoski to sign the IRS extension. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.

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There is concern about the location of the Buzzards Bay Coalition stewardship shed and if it is located in a wetland. Stewart contacted David Warr who determined the wetland is far away from the shed and construction would not impact the wetland.

There was an amended contract for the road/wall/drainage from Foth for \$38,800.00. *A motion was made to approve the additional expenses related to the project pending Leo Roy's conversation with Susan at Foth, so that he can better understand the increase. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.*

There was discussion about the Community Compact Grant for a broadband feasibility study. *A motion was made to authorize Stewart Young to enter in an agreement with the Collins Center for \$35,000 to study WIFI solutions with CCG Consulting. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.*

A motion was made to accept the contract for Town Administrator, Michael Milanoski with edits made by the Board of Selectmen. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Next meeting is October 15. David Warr is hoping the issues with the fuel farm will be resolved.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Next meeting is October 13. The 2021 season was strong and with the increase in mooring fees it should set a record. HMC will clarify mooring status and amend regulations for vendors in the parking lot.

SCHOOL:

STEAM is moving ahead to apply for non-profit status. Next meeting is October 14.

WATER:

Plans and specs have been reviewed and will be sent to USDA for approval. Bids will go out in mid - October. Construction will start January/February 2022 with completion in May 2022. Sarah Berry and Leo Roy are working on getting the easements completed. Leo is also coordinating with Wayne on areas which don't have conduit, about 22,000' which will cost about \$75,000. *A motion was made to approve \$40,000- \$45,000 from stabilization for this electrical upgrade as there is \$35,000 in the electric light budget. USDA may cover this cost; in which case the money would not be needed. Duly seconded. Unanimous vote. This will go before Special Town Meeting or Annual Town Meeting.*

ASSESSOR:

Sarah gave an update on Dawn's work. She has been working with Vision to convert our data. Dawn has been in touch with Jen Williams at the Department of Revenue about online hosting, mapping and getting better information on the Vision website for Gosnold. She is working on two abatements and the reval will be starting soon.

A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. So moved. Meeting adjourned @ 1:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Wright.

G. Stewart Young

Sarah Berry



Gail Blout

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Approved November 12, 2021