

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

October 15, 2021

Meeting in person at Gosnold Town Hall & Via Zoom

Meeting open @ 10:37am.

Present in Person:

Stewart Young, Gail Blout, Sarah Berry, Lisa Wright, Ren Davidson, Paula DiMare, David Warr, Roxy & Dix Leeson.

Present via Zoom:

Midge Frieswyk, Michael Milanoski, Jon Winet, Leo Roy, Lexi Lynch, Lolly Schenck, Marla Garfield, Phil Houha, Rachel Garfield, Rebecca Scott, Sean Uiterwyk

SCHOOL/STEAM:

There was discussion about STEAM and forming a Non-profit 5013C for the STEAM Academy. Stewart feels there should be a Board of Directors. Any person interested in being on the Board should contact Stewart by October 28.

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There was discussion regarding the stewardship shed for the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Some feel that abutters were not notified of the building; notification is not necessary when there are no Zoning or Conservation Commission issues.

We have \$35,000 from the Community Compact Grant for internet planning. CDG will provide a detailed scope of services.

The Selectmen will keep a rolling list of potential articles for a Special Town Meeting.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

FUEL:

Dan Perry wrote a letter to Ralph Packer elevating the requirements for the soil cleanup. Gail will call Ralph to get an update on cleanup details.

Michael reviewed the proposal from Foth for their Scope of Services for fuel service. This involves the permitting process and alternative analysis along with the recommendation of a public presentation regarding equipment and operation. The Board of Selectmen will choose the final options before the project goes before the regulatory agencies including: the Gosnold Conservation Commission, Mass DEP and Coastal Zone Management. David Warr would like to see an informal public meeting with town leaders before a more formal meeting with regulatory agencies.

WATER PROJECTS:

Leo Roy explained that the bid package has been at USDA since October 4 for their review and approval. Hopefully the bid packages will go out on October 25. There will be a pre-bid site visit on November 8. Bidders may come to the island on the MV Cuttyhunk Ferry.

Bids will be due just before Thanksgiving and awarded mid-December. There will be a deadline of May 27 for substantial completion.

Conduit will be placed on Bayberry Hill Road and parts of Bay View Drive when the road is open to encase electrical wire. That will be funded by electrical stabilization.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Covid vaccination boosters are readily available and highly recommended.

FINANCE:

Michael reported that Sarah S. and Eric are working on an Asset Management Plan for all departments. The Budget Request form will be updated for the FY2023 budget season. Michael is recommending a new Auditor for the 2021 audit. They are waiting for the completion of the 2019 and 2020 audits. Michael feels the position of Fire Chief and 1st Aid/EMS should be combined as the work load is increasing and Seth is currently getting many call outs at odd hours. Michael recommends that salary be increased to \$22,000/year with hourly pay for odd call outs. This would be retroactive to July 1, 2021, with Town Meeting approval. Paula asked if there would be any increase for the 1st Responders stipend, which Michael will review.

A motion was made to approve the new job description and a \$12,000 increase, retroactive to July 1, 2021, pending town meeting vote. Duly seconded. Sarah Berry abstained. Gail and Stewart both voted in favor.

AVALON:

The next Avalon meeting will be 10/21.

USCG VISITOR CENTER:

The next meeting will be 10/20 to review architectural plans.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMISSION:

Sarah Berry would like to see updated expense and revenue numbers. The Selectmen/Electric Light Commissioners will meet with the Advisory Board to better understand the fee structure and operational procedures.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

The Harbor Management Committee met two days ago. There was discussion about Duane & Lexi Lynch's lobster shack in the parking lot as it exceeds the current size requirement. The Harbor Management Committee adopted new size requirements; the Lynch's will be able to use the shack next summer. For future reference, any enlargements need to be pre-approved by the Harbor Management Committee.

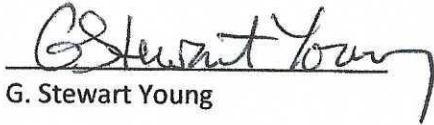
A new public bathroom building is in the works; most likely this will be in place by summer 2023.

PLAYGROUND:

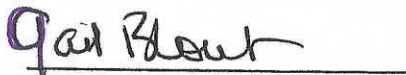
Roxy Leeson presented ideas for landscaping the upper and lower playgrounds. She, Allen Berry and Nancy Twichell have been working on landscaping ideas. Bill Archer continues to grade and seed the site.

A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned @ 1:39pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright.


G. Stewart Young

Sarah Berry


Gail Blout

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Approved December 20, 2021