

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

November 12, 2021 – Cuttyhunk Town Hall and via Zoom

Meeting open @ 10:31.

Present in person: Gail Blout, Leo Roy, Lisa Wright, Wayne Perrier, Seth Garfield, Charmaine Gahan

Present via Zoom: Stewart Young, Sarah Berry, Sarah Smith, David Parker, Paul Elias, Michael Milanoski, Jon Winet, Dale Lynch, Fran Veeder, Rebecca Scott, Alden Anderson, David Warr, Elaine Doran, Paula DiMare, Marla Garfield, Phil Houha, Serena Davis Hall, Sean Uiterwyk

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Gail reported that she had an initial meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Buzzards Bay Coalition regarding Barges Beach and the potential impact on the channel from storms. She will write a letter to ACOE indicating the possible economic impact a breach could have on Cuttyhunk. Again, dredging is always a topic as ACOE funds the channel dredging.

Michael reported that the IRS audit will be finalized next Wednesday.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of October 2. Duly seconded. Unanimous vote. Roll Call: Stewart Young - here, Sarah Berry – here, Gail Blout – here.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

ELECTRIC LIGHT:

Generator 1 will be repaired and will be able to accommodate the large power load at the marina in the summer months, avoiding the cost of a rental generator.

There was discussion about having a backup electrician on the island during the major pipe replacement project when Wayne is not available. Once the contractor is chosen, they can coordinate the electrical components of the project. There may be hidden surprises along the way while digging up the roads.

Wayne reported that Souza Branco Electric could be the back-up.

Seth asked about the coordination of town services for these projects. Dale will be the point of contact and there will be a resident Engineer on the island. Weekly meeting will be held during the duration of the projects.

GOSNOLD CLIMATE ACTION PLAN:

Jon Winet reported that the Martha's Vineyard/Gosnold Climate Action Plan Initiative met with Nancy Wilder, ML Couvillon and 2 leaders of the MV Climate Change group. They are working toward compiling a large group with multigenerational members. They hope to meet on a monthly basis. The CAP would like to move in parallel with the Green Community plan; they hope to have a planning document by June.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Sarah Smith reported that Dawn Barnes is working on updating the assessor maps. Vision will come out to the islands in May to review properties as part of the re-evaluation. The Tax Classification Hearing will occur in January.

Sarah presented a budget statement, finalizing FY21, a few more line items need to be looked at. There was a review of the FY22 budget sheet. The school budget should be less as there are no students currently enrolled. The School Committee is in charge of the use of the school building. They can allow non-profit organizations to use the building or rent it.

SOLID WASTE:

The Selectmen will continue the solid waste discussion about lowering costs and increasing revenues to close the gap on that budget. An annual solid waste fee may take effect 1/1/2022.

WIFI: We are expecting an extensive report regarding design and revenue models for WIFI from the \$35,000 grant. Michael asked if the town would be interested in running a WIFI business or would this be a private venture?

WATER:

Dale reported that the water readings have been complete and turned in for billing. Bills will go out in early December. Mass DEP now requires the town to test for PFAS, there was no detection when recently tested. DEP requires 3 more tests and if there is none detected we won't need to test for three years.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Covid numbers are increasing as people are moving back inside.

FUEL:

Michael reported that there is a letter forthcoming from Ralph Packer regarding the cleanup of the old fuel farm.

David Warr reported there will be a public meeting on November 19 @ 11:00 to discuss the future of fuel on Cuttyhunk. David would like for folks to review the fuel alternative analysis which Michael wrote last fall. Topics of discussion will include: location of the fuel farm, will fuel be available to boaters, will tax payers subsidize the fuel farm if necessary?

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Meeting Tuesday, November 16 @ 10:00 at the Buzzards Bay Coalition. There will be a public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed for Mel Dorr. There may be an update on the Spaulding property Conservation Restriction.

PLAYGROUND:

The landscaping design is forthcoming.

A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote. Roll call: Stewart Young – here, Sarah Berry – here, Gail Blout – here. Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright

G. Stewart Young

Sarah Berry

Gail Blout

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