

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

December 20, 2021

Meeting open @ 10:30

Meeting took place at Gosnold Town Hall and via Zoom

Attending in person: Stewart Young, Sarah Berry, Gail Blout, Lisa Wright, Michael Milanoski, Leo Roy, Russell Wright, Seth Garfield, Duane Lynch

Attending via Zoom: Paul Lehner, David Parker, Dale Lynch, Rosie Goettsche, Dale Lynch, Sarah Smith, Marla Garfield, Nance Wilder, Paula DiMare, Philip Houha, David Warr, Wyatt Garfield, Fran Veeder.

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A motion was made to approve the minutes of October 15, 2021. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.

There was discussion about the extension of electrical service for the Holly Spaulding's property. The Electrical Commissioners need to vote on this at their next meeting. This is an existing house, so the process of providing electricity from the municipal utility is different than brand new construction. The house has been "off the grid" since it was built many years ago. The invoices for materials and labor should be paid by the homeowner/contractor.

Stewart spoke about the accomplishments that Michael Milanoski has made as Town Administrator. Michael is resigning and Stewart appreciates his dedication and caring of the community.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

WATER PROJECTS:

Leo reported that there were 5 bids for the water main project ranging from 2.9 million – 3.6 million. The bids for the storm water project ranged from \$750,000 to 1 million. There were no bids for the well replacement project. The increased bids were in part due to: the original estimates were from 2018 and prices for materials have increased dramatically, the scope of the original projects have changed. Combined with the Tower Hill drain project the work has been refined to include curb to curb paving, not trench, and additional pipe has been added, and the electrical department is taking the opportunity, with the trenches, to install new conduit. The USDA does not have any more grant money to offer, there may be additional loans available.

Leo proposes that the town award Pawtucket Hot Mix the storm water project and the town should rebid the water main and well field projects with a reduced scope of work.

Michael Milanoski thanked Leo for getting the project back on track. The project is permitted, designed and shovel ready and ARPA funds will be available for infrastructure projects.

Leo proposes that the stormwater project be awarded to Pawtucket Asphalt as the Mass Works funding needs to be spent by 6/30 and then rebid the well field and water main projects together with a reduced scope of work. Leo and Gail will request an extension from Mass Works and also ask for additional funds. Sarah will see if additional grant money can be from the state in hopes the entire project can be completed at this time.

GREEN COMMUNITY UPDATE:

The Climate Action Group is moving forward, developing initiatives including: trash reduction and water bottle filling stations around the island. There will be a community meeting on January 25 to discuss issues pertaining to solid waste. The plan will involve the reduction of the solid waste budget as well as increasing revenues. The Board of Selectmen discussed the annual solid waste fee for each household to help increase revenues. The fee for town bags and disposal of white goods will stay the same.

A motion was made to charge an annual solid waste fee of \$130.00 for every housing unit beginning January 1, 2022. So moved. Unanimous vote.

FUEL FARM:

Dan Perry sent a letter to Ralph Packer asking for a definitive plan to get the fuel tank area cleaned up and restored. Foth is working on preparing a Notice of Intent for the installation of new fuel tanks. In the preliminary plans the fuel dispensers would be moved closer to the propane area and the solid waste area would move further to the south in the area where the old tanks were.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded. So moved. Meeting adjourned @ 1:04.

G. Stewart Young

Sarah Berry

Gail Blout

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March 11, 2022