

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

March 11, 2022

Meeting took place at Cuttyhunk Town Hall and via Zoom.

Meeting open @ 10:30.

In person attendance: Gail Blout, Sarah Berry, Lisa Wright, Seth Garfield

Zoom attendance: Stewart Young, Michael Milanoski, David Warr, Leo Roy, Diane Croswell, Carlyn Nunes, Fran Veeder, Paula DiMare, Sean Uiterwyk, Marla Garfield, George Shaw, Duane Lynch, Bev Prevost, Nancy Wilder, Tammy Zimbone

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*A motion was made to approve the minutes of December 20, 2021 and January 14, 2022. Duly seconded. Roll call: Stewart Young – here, Sarah Berry – here, Gail Blout- here. Unanimous vote.*

Gail reported that there is funding for dredging available through the Housing and Urban Development Program. The Seaport Economic Council may have funding for design and permitting. The Army Corps of Engineers is aware that there is need for dredging Cuttyhunk Channel.

Leo is organizing articles for the Annual Town Meeting warrant, which may include a change in the number of school committee members and a lease for the fuel farm and fuel dock and acceptance of any grants and/or grant obligations from the town. Town Meeting will be on Monday, May 23 @ 10:30 AM.

The Selectmen reviewed the Community Development Strategy and will update at the meeting on March 25.

Stewart reported that Gon Leon recently passed away. Gon dedicated much of his time to the Town of Gosnold and he will be missed.

Sarah reported the USDA Facilities Grant needs to be expended for Solid Waste. She has been in touch with Asa and Wayne about equipment to purchase.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

The Conservation Commission is meeting today at 1:00. Michelle Carvalho asked to discuss eel grass plantings and maintenance.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMISSION:

The Electric Light Commission is keeping an eye on soaring fuel prices as electric light rates may need to be increased.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Finance Committee will meet on March 19 and April 2.

#### HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

The Harbor Management Committee is about to send out the annual mooring/piling bills including the current designation of each device. The categories are: Grandfathered, Temporary, Seasonal and Annual. Pilings have their own designation as they can be rented and sold. There may be some public reaction to these classifications.

#### USCG VISITOR CENTER:

The steel elements in the building need to be replaced. There has been discussion about the location of the restroom. The traditional red shingles are currently difficult to find; Gail will contact the Massachusetts Historical Commission to ask if a red metal roof may be acceptable. She will also ask the Seaport Economic Council for an extension to spend the grant funds.

#### WATER PROJECTS:

Leo reported the new bids are due on March 17; several good companies are reviewing the bid packages. A comprehensive schedule will be coordinated once the contractor is chosen.

#### BOARD OF HEALTH:

Due to the continued cases of Covid-19 masks will continue to be worn at town hall.

#### SCHOOL/STEAM:

The first STEAM visit of the year will happen on Wednesday with the Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School. Seth reported that Charmaine Gahan will be on the island in the capacity of an EMT.

Ann Conway was in touch with Stewart and indicated the non-profit for STEAM will be official in mid-June to coincide with the beginning of the new fiscal year.

There was discussion about changing the number of school committee members to an odd number.

#### FUEL:

Michael Milanoski reported that Ralph Packer has not responded to the letter he received from Town Counsel; the removal of the contaminated soil is in a holding pattern. Michael reported that a Notice of Intent for the installation of new fuel tanks should be submitted by Foth by the end of the day. The new tanks will be delivered in June and the project needs approval by the Conservation Commission before going out to bid. There was discussion of installing concrete slabs for the new tanks and for solid waste dumpsters. Hopefully someone will want to operate the new facility as a concession as the town has limited personnel resources. There are specific licenses to operate a fuel facility. The town will build the facility and lease it out.

**INTERNET:**

There will be an internet report on April 8.

**POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Stewart has been working on the job description for the Public Safety Officer. The job will be posted on the Massachusetts Chief of Police Association website.

*A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. Roll Call: Stewart Young – here, Sarah Berry – here, Gail Blout – here. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.*

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright

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G. Stewart Young

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Sarah Berry

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Gail Blout

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May 6, 2022