

## GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

April 8, 2022

Meeting took place at Cuttyhunk Town Hall and via Zoom

Meeting open @ 10:31 AM

In person: Stewart Young, Gail Blout, Sarah Berry, Lisa Wright, Elaine Doran, Matt Gutwill

Zoom attendance: George Shaw, Paul Lehner, Nancy Wilder, Fran Veeder, Doug Dawson, Phil Houha, Leo Roy, Dale Lynch, Sean Uiterwyk, David Warr, Rosie Goettsche, Bev Prevost, Duane Lynch, Michael Milanoski, Paula DiMare, Tally Garfield, Seth Garfield, Jon Winet, Michael Hale

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Stewart reported that there is a state wide opioid settlement distribution, organized by the Attorney General's office. *A motion was made to authorize Stewart Young to sign these documents to make the Town of Gosnold eligible for this settlement. Duly seconded. Unanimous vote.*

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

There was discussion about the articles for the town meeting warrant.

### SOLID WASTE:

Grant funds from the USDA equipment grant can be used to purchase a pre-owned truck for the solid waste department.

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Michael Milanoski reported that Foth will be submitting a revised Notice of Intent for the new fuel farm. He reported that Ralph Packer will be removing the old piping and the building and the test wells should be installed by May 2 along with contaminated soil cleanup. Mr. Packer is working on a letter to the Conservation Commission which will include the work plan for the removal of the soil.

There was discussion about the cost of the new fuel facility which will be \$731,281.55 with a 15% contingency. The funding from Coastal Zone Management is \$212,000. The town would like to solicit an operator who would be responsible for operating and maintaining the facility; the town would install and own the infrastructure. The operator would be responsible for training any staff. The Mass Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Coast Guard provide licenses and certificates to operate a fuel facility.

### WATER PROJECT:

Leo Roy reported that the water project was awarded to Dig It Construction. The schedule will be planned with a coordination meeting scheduled in two weeks. The current plan is for the crew to work Monday – Thursday, with less disruption over the weekends. Leo is working on funding issues and is making sure the town has adequate cashflow for the project. The project manager will live in the town apartment.

#### HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

HMC will be meeting on Thursday @ 10:00 AM, they will finalize the 2023 budgets for wharf and harbor.

#### POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY:

Matt Gutwill came over for the day to be interviewed for the position of Director of Public Safety by the Board of Selectmen. Matt is retiring from the Framingham Police Department and has been to the island many times before. He is community minded and would like to assist residents and visitors alike. He would also be a 1<sup>st</sup> Responder; this is a parttime position with on call expectations. Matt believes that good communication is the key to getting community respect and responsiveness. He could put a plan together for the large construction projects as well.

#### BROADBAND FEASIBILITY REPORT:

Doug Dawson of CCG Consulting presented the report. Copies are available at Town Hall, highlights included:

- Goals include identifying broadband technologies and comparing broadband options.
- The feasibility study includes: the state of broadband on the island, engineering visit to understand local conditions, searching for best technologies, costs of each solution and funding ideas and grant possibilities.
- Benefits of better broadband would allow residents to easily work from home, renters may stay longer, it would provide a competitive advantage to deliver good broadband to boaters which may make the island a more attractive destination and it would allow residents to save money by dropping landlines.
- Technologies include: backhaul options to support all technologies, fiber to the premises, upgrade fixed wireless and high quality WIFI, Satellite and cellular broadband
- Cost range is from \$750,000+ - over \$2 million depending on gigabit with an annual operating expense of \$71,000 - \$130,000 +/-.
- Recommendations are: Fiber is the best technical solution with available grant matching. State grants are available and BEAD Grants are also available, most grants require 25% matching funds.

The Selectmen thanked Doug for the in-depth report.

*A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. So, moved. Meeting adjourned at 1:33 PM. Unanimous vote.*

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright

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G. Stewart Young

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Sarah Berry

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Gail Blout – GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN JUNE 21, 2022