

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

June 3, 2022

At Cuttyhunk Town Hall and via Zoom

Meeting opened @ 10:30 AM.

In person attendance: Gail Blout, David Warr, Jon Winet, Lisa Wright, George Shaw, Seth Garfield, Russell Wright, Paula DiMare, Asa Lombard IV, Carlyn Nunes, George Isabel

Zoom attendance: Stewart Young, Sarah Berry, Leo Roy, Sarah Smith, Alden Anderson

Town Hall re-joined at 10:55 as there were power interruptions due to construction.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of March 11, 2022. Duly seconded. So moved. Roll Call: Stewart Young – here, Gail Blout – here, Sarah Berry – here. Unanimous vote.

Gail worked on a draft of Committee Guidelines.

Cemetery regulations are being updated. Gail is working on fencing options for the cemetery.

Gail has been working on submitting a CZM Grant for the fuel farm.

Gail had a contract from Foth for an agreement of services not to exceed \$5000.00 for the scope of services associated with the FY 23 CZM Grant for the fuel farm and solid waste. *Gail made a motion to approve the contract. Duly seconded. Roll Call: Sarah Berry – here, Stewart Young – here, Gail Blout – here. Unanimous vote*

Leo reported that some boulders will be stockpiled by the propane area in case of a breach on Barges.

Sarah Berry made a motion for Gail to sign the warrants on behalf of the Board of Selectmen as she is the only person physically in town hall. Duly seconded. So moved. Roll Call: Stewart Young – here, Sarah Berry – here, Gail Blout – here. Unanimous vote.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Meeting on Thursday June 16. Leo reported there was an application from Jared Doran for a permanent berth. He is a year-round resident so he goes to the top of the list. He has applied for a shack as well.

WATER PROJECT:

Stewart reported on the water project, that it's really moving along and the communication to the public has been great. Stewart reported that on Wednesday, June 1 there was a visit to the island organized by Sarah and Leo to acknowledge the participants for the USDA Water Project to formally kick off the project. Sarah introduced the visitors from USDA, RCAP Solutions, Environmental Partners,

which included the Regional Director for USDA Scott Soares who spoke to the group. Various people toured the island and had a soup and sandwich lunch in town hall before departing. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in the fall for state officials. Leo is pleased with the work and most of the heavy lifting will be completed by the end of June. Dig It is working to be a sub-contractor for Pawtucket Hot Mix; equipment and workers are already on the island. Tentatively, the pump house work will be done in the fall when there are fewer people on the island. The pipe lining crew will be on the island on Monday.

Leo reported that the road will be pulverized and then 2" of asphalt will be installed. There is concern of increased driving speed due to the smooth new roads. There are no plans to install speed bumps at this time but there was discussion that the Selectmen will meet with Seth as Highway Surveyor to place temporary speed bumps as key locations. This should not interfere with drainage except perhaps on Broadway.

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER:

Stewart reported that the Selectmen had a draft employment contract for Matt Gutwill; there seems to be some confusion about compensation. The Selectmen feel there should be a professional public safety office on the island for the summer months. The job posting indicated the salary would be \$20,000 with housing negotiable. Housing is always a difficult piece to finding summer employees. Stewart reported that Mr. Gutwill's Chief gave him an excellent reference. Mr. Gutwill indicated he would be bringing his boat north and with the increase in fuel, he would need \$6,000 subsidy for such. Providing a slip to him is a valuable add on, but that would take care of the housing issue.

There was a brief meeting of the Board of Selectmen after town meeting at which time the Selectmen (Sarah & Gail) voted to compensate Mr. Gutwill \$6,000 plus dockage pending a CORI background check. In the job description the person would work 20/week and be on call 24/7.

Leo explained there may be a procedural problem as the voters at town meeting approved the \$30,000 police budget with the understanding that the salary for said safety officer would be \$6,000.

The reality is that a qualified Police Officer will be expensive. After much discussion Stewart asked Gail and Lisa to work together to create a reasonable compensation package and consider what the position/coverage is worth to the town and what is reasonable to offer the candidate.

GREEN COMMUNITY:

Sarah S. provided the information the energy audit people asked for. Stewart will follow up.

PACKER FUEL FARM:

Gail has been working with Dan Perry on a letter to be sent to Ralph regarding the contaminated soil. Ralph called Lisa and reported that he will begin the clean up next week with the help of Don Lynch. The LSP will come out the following week and once approved it will be back filled.

A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. So moved. Roll Call: Sarah Berry – here, Stewart Young – here, Gail Blout – here. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned @ 12:58 PM.

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October 7, 2022