

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

August 15, 2022

Meeting took place at Cuttyhunk Town Hall and via Zoom

Meeting open @ 10:31 AM.

In Person: Sarah Berry, Gail Blout, Stewart Young, Sarah Smith, Lisa Wright, Bill Archer, Paula DiMare, Michael Milanoski, Seth Garfield, Garbrielle Porter, Charmaine Gahan

Via Zoom: Nancy Wilder, Pamela Bunker, Carlyn Nunes, Diane Croswell, Leo Roy, Paula DiMare, Philip Houha, George Shaw, Rud Mason, Sean Uiterwyk, Serena Davis Hall, David Warr, Sara & Paul Lehner, Dix Leeson, Marla Garfield, Jon Winet

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There was discussion about hiring a new firm for our annual audits.

There was a request from Eddie Foster requesting a two-day shellfish permit to fish for cockles. Currently the shellfish by-laws do not allow a non-resident to hold a commercial permit.

Gail would like to review all of our grants and the amounts and resources of our town matches.

Sarah Smith is applying for the Chapter 90 funds for the paving project.

Mark Rasmussen indicated that conservation restrictions for the Spaulding property should be ready later this week.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

USCG VISITORS CENTER:

The Seaport Economic Council granted an additional \$170,000 to the project with a town match of \$34,000.

ASSESSOR:

Sarah Smith introduced Pamela Bunker who was recommended to be our new Assessor by Dawn Barnes. Pam spoke of her background and experience. Pam is currently the Assessor in Chilmark and often Gosnold and Chilmark compete for the lowest tax rate in Massachusetts. *A motion was made to appoint Pamela Bunker to Assessor for FY 2023, effective immediately at the current salary. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.* Pam and Sarah will work together to finalize the new values and get the tax rate set.

WATER:

Leo reported that Dig It is moving forward with the stormwater project and making good progress. The installation of the new electrical conduit is being completed as well. All work should be completed by the end of August and then the work at the well field will be completed.

FUEL FARM:

Ralph Packer is removing the pipes on the dock and Don Lynch is working with the Licensed Site Professionals to remove the contaminated soil. Michael Milanoski reported the new fuel tanks will be installed on undisturbed soil; close to the south fence.

GREEN COMMUNITY:

There was discussion about the Renewable Energy Trust Fund Membership Agreement which is required to become a Green Community. A fee of .0005/KWHR would be added to the electric bills. *A motion was made to allow the Gosnold Municipal Light Plant to enter into an agreement with the Renewable Energy Trust Fund. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.*

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Paula reported that 2 people visiting Cuttyhunk ended up with a tick-borne illness. There have been a few recent cases of Covid-19 in Gosnold.

BUNKERS:

Sarah Berry met with Will Saltonstall and he will come out in the fall and work on a design for the bunkers in order to satisfy future plans with Audubon.

SOLID WASTE:

Bill Archer reviewed the plans for the solid waste area. He would like to revisit the plan as he feels there should be solid concrete used instead of cement slabs as they could potentially float away in a storm surge. There should also be a catch basin for washing the containers and slabs. Gail and Michael will speak with Susan Nilson at Foth to get an update with their design.

Members of the community would like to see a Solid Waste Committee to discuss the future of solid waste for the next several decades.

ELECTRIC LIGHT:

Sarah Berry talked to Wayne who is in agreement that it would be beneficial to hire PLM to evaluate our electric grid and powerhouse. There is so much demand from the marina in July and August with a potential in increased demands in the future.

A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned @ 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright

Sarah Berry

Gail Blout

G. Stewart Young

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November 4, 2022