GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

October 21, 2022

Meeting took place at Gosnold Town Hall and via Zoom.

Meeting open @ 10:31 AM

In person: Sarah Berry, Gail Blout, Sarah Smith, Lisa Wright, Seth Garfield, David Warr, Jon Winet, Debra Pughe, Bonnie Veeder, Carlyn Nunes

On Zoom: Stewart Young, Leo Roy, Rosemary Goettsche, Sean Uiterwyk, Kim Wiggin, Marla Garfield, Dale Lynch, George Shaw, Kevin Nunes, Diane Croswell, Phil Houha, Sara & Paul Lehner, Paula DiMare

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of June 21, 2022. Duly seconded. So moved. Roll call: Sarah Berry – here, Gail Blout – here, Stewart Young – here. Unanimous vote.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

There was a request from Sawyer Devoe to rent the town apartment from December 2023 – April 2024 as he will be taking a gap year and wants to come to the island and work. The Selectmen are supportive of the idea but need to see if the apartment will be renewed in September 2023.

WATER PROJECT:

Leo reported that the project is virtually complete. They are hydro-seeding the sides of the roads today. The DEP Certification is required for the new wells and once approved we will switch over to the new pumping system. Some stonewalls were damaged by large equipment and Manny Capriotti will come over to repair the walls. A VAC truck will be coming over to clean out the drains. There was discussion about metal treads on equipment which could damage the new roads. Equipment without rubber tires should be trailered to the site where needed.

Seth reported that Josh Grew from Dig It did a lot of extra work on the island and Josh is completing the punch list. The Selectmen would like to have a celebratory event in November and invite Karyn Polito as she has been instrumental in funding and a strong supporter of Gosnold.

AVALON:

Avalon had a strong year and is now closed for the season.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Stewart reported there is a spike in Covid cases on Cape Cod and Nantucket.

CEMETERY:

Seth and Gail measured the new area. The new fence will be installed in the spring. Josh Grew was helpful and cleared some bushes at the cemetery.

USCG VISITOR CENTER:

A building permit has been issued for the new roof. Roofers hope to come to the island soon. A person is coming over on Monday to confirm the window measurements.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Next meeting will be on November 14 @ 10:30 AM. David Warr reported that the Conservation Commission asked Win Sanford and Wyatt Garfield to file a Request for Determination of Applicability for the work they want to do to upgrade their dock.

ELECTRIC LIGHT:

PLM is working on a report for the powerhouse and electrical distribution.

ASSESSOR:

Sarah Smith reported that Pam Bunker is doing a great job as our new Assessor. She issued two abatements to George Bradish and Dan Wiggin. Property owners should be receiving postcards indicating their new values. Preliminary valuations went up approximately 10% and final values will be certified by Jen Williams at the Department of Revenue. The tax bills will go out about November 15.

Tony Roselli is our new CPA; the town will write a letter to Powers & Sullivan to inform them that the Town of Gosnold is moving in a new direction and will no longer need their services. Auditor, Eric Kinsherf, is working on closing out 2022 and finalizing the Schedule A. Sarah has been in touch with Jacob at the USDA to make sure their numbers match.

PUBLIC BATHROOMS:

There was discussion about the replacement of the public bathroom building. Green Flush has a variety of prefab buildings.

FUEL FARM:

Fuel Farm bids will be opened on October 28.

GREEN COMMUNITY:

Stewart reported that the 5 energy reports are forthcoming. These are for town hall, school, well site, public restroom with the wharf shacks and the powerhouse.

A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. So moved. Roll call: Sarah Berry – here, Gail Blout – here, Stewart Young – here. Meeting adjourned @ 12:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright

Sarah Berry

Gail Blout

G. Stewart Young

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN January 23, 2023