

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

November 4, 2022

Meeting took place at Gosnold Town Hall and via Zoom.

Meeting open @ 10:34 AM

In person: Sarah Berry, Gail Blout, Stewart Young, Sarah Smith, Lisa Wright, Allen Berry, Dale Lynch

On Zoom: Leo Roy, Nancy Wilder, Pam Bunker, Diane Croswell, Marla Garfield, Phil Houha, Rud Mason, David Warr, Kim Wiggin, Midge Frieswyk, Paula DiMare

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A motion was made to approve the minutes of August 1 and August 15, 2022. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

There is no ferry service from November 15 – December 1 due to annual inspection.

Gail would like to work on the current financial obligations of the town.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER:

Stewart reported that he met with Jocelyn Murphy, a former Police Officer, involved in Brookline. She reviewed the posting and job description. Are we looking for a certified Police Officer or a Public Safety Officer? Perhaps a retired Officer with good qualifications would be suitable; preferably someone with solid experience. Sarah Smith will ask what they are doing in Chilmark.

SCHOOL/STEAM:

Midge Frieswyk reported that the school will return \$87,000 to the town from the FY22 budget. The School Committee voted to charge \$60.00/day for facility usage of the school building. The Cultural Council and any non-profit will not be charged for usage. STEAM is no longer using the building but will rent the building when enrolled. A portion of the ESSR3 grant will be used to improve air quality in the building. They are working on an assessment of the HVAC system and addressing the moisture issue in the basement. Funds for the grant must be spent by 9/2024.

The school building will be 150 years old in 2023, Midge would like to have some kind of a celebration. Other improvements include: seeding the area around the school house, installing a standing flagpole and upgrading the railing at the entrance.

ASSESSOR:

At 11:12 AM the Tax Classification Hearing was opened, continued from August 1, 2022. Pam Bunker explained that there is an 8% increase in growth stemming from the recent revaluation. Pam asked the

Selectmen to approve 1 tax classification, a residential factor of 1. *A motion was made for the Town of Gosnold to have 1 residential tax factor. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.* Pam described her new position as a "professional adventure", thanking the support of Sarah and Lisa. Sarah Smith said that Pam has been great to work with and once the tax recap is completed, Tom Guilfoyle of the Department of Revenue will approve everything. The tax rate will go up a bit as will the Community Preservation Act Tax. At 11:20 *a motion was made to close the Tax Classification Hearing. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.*

WATER PROJECT:

Dale reported that the water tanks have been cleaned. There was discussion about the debt service for the project; Dale suggested that wharf should pay 40% of the debt service and users pay 60%. Leo explained that wharf is a minor user of water and using wharf revenue to pay debt service is really using tax payer funds.

Leo reported the project is nearly complete. The storm drains were cleaned except for the one by town hall. RH White is coming over to make repairs at the well house. Manny Capriotti will be repairing the walls next week. Leo and Sarah Smith are compiling all invoices for the project.

WATER:

Sarah Berry reported that Dale is asking for a raise as Water Manager and the national average is \$51,000; he would like half that.

SOLID WASTE:

Solid Waste is to review the costs of white goods disposal and commercial/construction disposal. There are new state regulations for the disposal of mattresses and textiles. The solid waste contract for trash hauling is being worked on. The trash truck at the fish dock/marina worked out well over the summer, a big improvement over 2021.

ELECTRIC LIGHT:

Sarah dropped off plans from PLM for Wayne to review.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

There will be a fall review of the current budget. Cindy Spengler is interested in rejoining.

FUEL FARM:

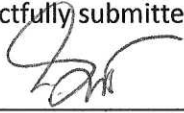
Gail reported that she met with Foth and they will rebid the project as no bids were received. The new bid package will go out on November 9th and will be due on November 29th.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

The Harbor Committee will review a draft of lease terms for the fuel farm at their meeting on November 7. No word yet from the Seaport Economic Council regarding the grant submission for the public restrooms.

A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. So moved. Meeting adjourned @ 12:53 PM.

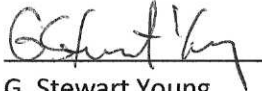
Respectfully submitted by Lisa Wright.



Sarah Berry



Gail Blout



G. Stewart Young

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January 23, 2023