

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

September 18, 2020

Meeting open @ 10:30

Present: Gail Blout, Sarah Berry, Stewart Young, Sarah Smith, Michael Milanoski, Chuck Adelsberger, George Shaw, Leo Roy, Marla Garfield, Sara Lehner, David Frothingham, David Warr, Paula DiMare, Serena Hall, Ann Conway, Ned & Bev Prevost, Charmaine Gahan

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of June 12, July 12 and July 24, 2020. Duly seconded, unanimous vote.

There was discussion about forming an advisory committee for the USCG Visitor Center. The town has received a grant of \$425,000, plus a town match of \$85,000 for this project. *A motion was made to create a 7-member advisory committee for the USCG Visitor Center. Members are: Gail Blout (Chair), Nina Brodeur, Chris Hart, Leo Roy, Allie Thurston, David Warr, Lisa Wright. Duly seconded, unanimous vote. The Committee will meet the week of 9/28.*

The Department of Revenue will be coming to the island on 9/28 for a financial management review.

The Board of Selectmen have been working on a new fee schedule which mostly pertains to the building department. The Conservation Commission will discuss possible filing fees at their next meeting. The building permit application will need to be updated once the fees are adopted.

A motion was made to approve the warrants. Duly seconded, unanimous vote. Warrants were reviewed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

There was discussion about our town Auditor who needs to complete the 2019 audit so that can be submitted for the USDA loan.

A motion was made to allow Michael Milanoski and Sarah Smith review the auditing process and make recommendations for a municipal auditor along with Stewart Young as Chair of the Finance Committee.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

The budget of the Harbor Management Committee was created when Covid-19 was new to all of us. HMC projected revenues of \$39,000, in retrospect the summer was financially sound. At the next Special Town Meeting there will be an article to vote on this increase and transfer additional money to Special Projects.

The committee met yesterday and voted to increase rates for 2021:

Marina from \$3.00/foot to \$3.50/foot.

Transient Moorings from \$45.00/night to \$50.00/night

Wharf Shacks from \$500.00/year to \$700.00/year

Mooring and pilings which are rented from \$50.00/year to \$100.00/year.

Permanent and season slips will stay at the same rate.

Harbor Management Committee meets again on October 22 @ 9:00 am.

SCHOOL:

Cuttyhunk Elementary School will be opening on September 22 with 4 students.

ELECTRIC:

The solar batteries are operating at 75%. Samsung will complete the repairs soon.

LIBRARY:

The handicapped entrance to the library has been completed in the back of the building. A ramp will be built so there is access to both the town hall and the library.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

There have been no known Covid-19 cases on the island since July.

WALLS & ROAD REPAIR GRANT:

Foth Engineering will be coming to the island next week to assess the project.

WATER:

Chuck Adelsberger of Environmental Partners reported that they are making progress regarding the well project. There was an August site visit and they conducted a radio survey. The well design will be completed next month and submitted to the DEP. The project will go out to bid after the comment period is complete. The wells should be on line in April or May.

Chuck also reported on the pipe replacement project. He reported that no alternative analysis report is required, they are working on editing the scope of work and researching easements. Some properties may have existing easements and temporary construction easements allow contractors to work on private property. Permanent easements will allow repairs to be made in the future if necessary. Land owners will be notified of any work to be done on private property. Chuck indicated that both projects will be complete by the end of June 2020.

ASSESSOR:

A motion was made to appoint Kris Lombard to Assessor through October 31. Duly seconded, unanimous vote.

INTERNET:

Michael Milanoski is working with Verizon on possible internet service. Cuttyhunk Wifi provided internet to the marina and harbor this summer. The signal was better but there needs to be additional antennas to have it work 100% as the mast rigging creates signal interference in the harbor basin.

SOLID WASTE:

Solid Waste is a work in progress. Michael is working with Asa and the Harbor Management Committee to try to solve some of the solid waste issues on the island.

FUEL FARM:

The Conservation Commission approved the removal of the underground tanks with the Order of Conditions which were sent to Ralph Packer. Ken Furtado will be removing the tanks in a couple of weeks. Dan Perry will be sending Ralph Packer the termination of the lease agreement. *A motion was made to allow Gail to sign the lease termination agreement. Duly seconded, unanimous vote.*

There was discussion regarding the Notice of Intent which was filed with the Conservation Commission for the installation of the new, above ground tanks. The Conservation Commission denied the Notice of Intent. The town may file a Superseding Appeal with the DEP. Once the appeal is filed the town will gather the information that is required to satisfy the DEP. *A motion was made to proceed with the Superseding Appeal regarding the installation of the new fuel tanks. Duly seconded, unanimous vote.* It was noted the Harbor Management Committee supports this effort as there is an overwhelming need for fuel on the island for residents, visitor and boaters.


CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

The Conservation Commission will be meeting October 16. David Warr asked that the Conservation Commission be involved in the discussions and meetings regarding the appeal process.

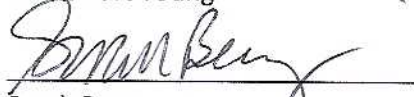
Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright



Gail Blout



G. Stewart Young



Sarah Berry

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November 6, 2020