

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
February 15, 2019

Present: Stewart Young, Gail Blout, Asa Lombard, Duane Lynch, Lexi Lynch, Dale Lynch, Dillon Storek, Paula DiMare, Bill Bolton, Phil Mello

Meeting open at 10:31 am.

Frog Pond Update: Duane Lynch explained the situation, and believes the problem of the pond overflowing can be solved if the pipe is either cleaned out or, if needed, replaced. Duane has been draining the pond daily, and since he will not be on island beginning next week, Seth Garfield will be asked to do so. In the absence of any information to the contrary, the selectmen feel the pipe is owned privately. Regardless of who owns the pipe, the Town will ask Seth to hire a company to clean out the pipe as it is important to make sure the buildings are safe. Stewart will inform Town Counsel of the issue.

Solid Waste: Approval was given to Asa Lombard to purchase a Bobcat compact track loader for payment from the FY20 budget.

ConCom: At its most recent meeting, the selectmen asked ConCom to consider allowing a public toilet be hooked up to the pump out facility. When issuing the Order of Conditions, ConCom limited the Coalition's use to recreational users. ConCom suggested the selectmen to get the Coalition's approval to hook into the facility first. Gail will ask Mark Rasmussen. If permission is given, the Town should then submit an NOI requesting this hook up. The other possibility is to install a compost toilet.

Motion to approve the minutes of January 4, 2019 was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Finance Committee: The first meeting of the FinCom is scheduled for March 15.

Draft Conservation and Management Permit Application - Barges Beach: The Woods Hole Group (WHG) in collaboration with Kathy Parsons of Audubon are working on a draft Conservation and Management Permit Application with input from Natural Heritage Program of the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife. Part of the application includes a section about net benefits package. WHG and Kathy believe the best option would be to set up an Escrow Fund for monitoring and/or predator control for the benefit of the birds. Gail will let Kathy know that the selectmen are in agreement to this option.

Electric Light: Concern was expressed that the Town may be losing credits since the batteries are not working. Stewart will ask Paul Elias for an update on the batteries, generators, credits, and solar repair as well as when a meeting of the commissioners will be held.

Assessor: Stewart will ask Sarah Smith for an update concerning the status of the tax rate.

Long-Range Planning: At its meeting on January 26, Mark Rasmussen reviewed the BBC project to purchase about 67 acres on Cuttyhunk, and School Superintendent Midge Frieswyk described the STEAM program proposal. Next meeting will be held during Memorial Day weekend - time and location to be determined.

Harbor: Next meeting scheduled for March 9.

Police/Fire/First Aid: Physicians are set for the period June 15 to September 14 and will cover the fishing tournament in late September.

School: The STEAM program fundraising is in progress with a target of \$75,000 from private donations. Some of the fundraising committee members include Ann Conway, Jennifer Lynch, Paula DiMare, Ren Davidson, and Michelle Carvalho. After checking with Town Counsel, a gift to the Town or a Town department is tax deductible.

Questions raised to pose to the school superintendent include: (1) is the program a private venture or Town department?; (2) if private what is the role of the Town?; (3) is it a project like the fireworks project?; (4) would Michelle be a Town employee for this project? Also, if the \$75,000 from private donations is not met, who pays the gap amount? The STEAM program will continue to be discussed at future meetings.

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A motion to approve the Sexual Harassment Policy for the Town of Gosnold was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.

A motion to approve a lease agreement between the Town and R. M. Packer Co., Inc. was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Gail will contact Bill Austen of Vineyard Land Surveying to clarify whether the Town owns Lot 105 down near the Town Landing as it is important to make sure the area between the Town Landing the the privately owned dock can continue to be used for launching and hauling boats.

Human Resources: The consultant hired by the Town will attend the March 15 selectmen's meeting.

Two business licenses were approved.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Water Department: Dale Lynch will be taking a Mass Rural Water course in order to obtain a VSS license. He has met with Russell Wright and will be working with him prior to Russell's stepping down as Water Manager in June.

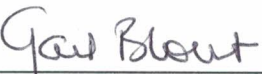
Russell has been in touch with White Water who has suggested installing new wells. White Water will be coordinating with DEP. Andy Chapman recently visited and looked over the wells. He is looking at pricing and hopes to have this information in time for the next meeting. It is possible that some work could be done this spring, but more likely that the work will be done in the fall.

The meeting took a break at 12:45 in order to hear Phil Mello's talk at the school and reconvened at 1:38 pm.

The selectmen asked Seth to meet with Duane concerning Frog Pond and to hire a company to either repair or replace the pipe. Seth will look into the possibility of applying for a state grant for culvert replacements.

Motion to adjourn made, seconded, and unanimously approved at 1:53 pm.


G. Stewart Young


Gail Blout

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