

**GOSNOLD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**February 13, 2023**  
**10:30 am via Zoom and in person at Town Hall**

**Present:**

Conservation Commission: David Warr, Chairman; Wyatt Garfield, Chris Hart, Leo Roy, and Lisa Wright. Other attendees included Selectboard Member Gail Blout, Consultant to the Selectboard Michael Milanoski, and Elaine Doran.

The meeting of the Town of Gosnold Conservation Commission (GCC) was called to order by Chairman David Warr at 10:30 am, and members welcomed.

**1. Approval of December 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Warr said that he had reviewed the meeting minutes and thought that they were fine. He asked if there were any additions or corrections. Lisa Wright said that she had yet to review them. The rest of the group was okay with the minutes as written.

*Wye Garfield made a motion to accept the December 12, 2022 meeting minutes as written and distributed. Chris Hart seconded the motion. There were four votes in the affirmative and one abstention. The motion carried.*

**2. New Business**

Chairman Warr said that we had received a request from the Town to move the location of the new bathroom building next to the Coast Guard Boathouse. He recognized Michael Milanoski, who asked to share his screen, to show the proposed relocation on the plan. Mr. Milanoski stated that the GCC had previously approved a plan showing the new public restroom building inside the fence where the solid waste management equipment was located. He said that the intention was to move that equipment, but due to a lack of funding, that portion of the project was being delayed. He said that the Selectboard would like to install the bathroom this spring, in a location outside the fence, and a bit more to the east. He said that there would be no additional impervious surface, and that the portable building would be even further from the Coastal Bank.

Ms. Wright noted that there was limited space along the fence, and that it was used to store carts. Mr. Milanoski said that this was the only feasible location at the moment, but that the building was in two pieces, and could be relocated using Jono Billing's crane. He said that he believed that there would be enough space for cart storage. Ms. Wright said that she understood that Building Inspector Andy Bibola and Health Agent Karen Walega had issues with this type of building in this location. Mr. Milanoski said that he had talked with both of them, and pointed out the relevant portion of the regulations that allows a

waiver for locating a tight tank on a barrier beach, given that this is a municipally-owned facility and will only be operated seasonally. Chairman Warr asked if the Town wanted to relocate the facility in the future, would they come back to the GCC, and Mr. Milanoski said yes. Mr. Garfield asked if the Selectboard had considered asking the Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC) if the restroom could be located on their land, across the road, where there is more space. Mr. Milanoski said that moving it across the road had not been considered, because the facility needs water and electrical connections, which are already present on the west side of the road. In response to a question from Mr. Garfield as to whether the facility was “waterless”, Mr. Milanoski replied that the urinal was, but that the sink and toilet used water. Ms. Wright said that she would be interested in seeing how quickly the tank filled up, and asked about the capacity of the tank. After digging through the materials Mr. Milanoski said that the tight tank had a capacity of 2,230 gallons, which the manufacturer said would handle 3,000 flushes.

Mr. Garfield asked if the unit came in pieces, and Mr. Milanoski confirmed that the vault was in one piece, and the building which sat on top of it was a second piece, both of which could be moved by Jono’s crane. Chris Hart asked if there was mechanical fastening between the top and bottom pieces and Mr. Milanoski confirmed that there would be. Mr. Roy noted that this would be the first thing that people saw when they came off the dock, and requested that there be some landscaping to “beautify it”. Mr. Milanoski said that they intended to install some planters around the unit. There was no further discussion.

*Leo Roy made a motion to approve a modification to the Order of Conditions to allow for the relocation of the bathroom facility. Chris Hart seconded the motion. There were five votes in the affirmative. The motion carried. Chairman Warr said that he would issue an amended Order.*

Chairman Warr said that the Town’s Community Preservation Act Committee had requested a designee from the GCC. He said that he was interested in serving on it, if no one else was. Mr. Roy suggested that Chairman Warr be nominated by acclamation, and the other members of the Commission agreed.

### **3. Old Business**

Chairman Warr said that he had received an email from Highway Supervisor Seth Garfield regarding the ongoing drainage issue on Gosnold County Road between the Lynch and Conway properties. He said that Mr. Garfield notified the GCC that the Town was performing emergency maintenance work to attempt to unblock the outfall pipe leading from the catch basin in the road. Wayne Perrrier was assisting Mr. Garfield, and reported that they had exposed a drain pipe on the beach that had collapsed. Chairman Warr said that a temporary sump pump had been installed to remove standing water. Mr. Roy stated that the catch basin had been cleaned out as part of the Water Project paving work, but

that he understood that the terra cotta drain pipe from the catch basin still appeared to be clogged. He said that Mr. Garfield told him that he was planning to get a drain cleaning company to come inspect and clear the line. He said that if the line couldn't be cleaned as normal maintenance, which did not require GCC approval, and new infrastructure would be required, that an engineer would need to design the fix, and submit a Notice of Intent with the plans for the proposed work.

Chairman Warr said that he had spoken with Jack Sidar and Ian Walsh of the Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC), who told him that the BBC was planning a controlled burn on a portion of their property. Mr. Warr said that we had previously approved a controlled burn on Penikese Island, and that he would try to find a copy of that Order of Conditions to use as a model.

Chairman Warr said that he still intended to review the Chapter 91 licenses on file, and seek to get copies of those licenses that we didn't have.

#### **4. Public Comment**

Gail Blout thanked the Commission for approving the relocation of the rest room building. Elaine Doran said that she wanted to install a piling in her approved mooring location, and asked if GCC approval was needed. Lisa Wright said yes, but that the request should come before the Harbor Committee first for their review. Mr. Roy noted that the Committee was meeting in April. There was no further Public Comment. Chairman Warr suggested Monday, March 13 for our next meeting. Mr. Roy observed that we could always cancel it if there was no business to come before us.

#### **5. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leo P. Roy

Minutes approved April 10, 2023