

GOSNOLD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

March 29, 2023

Meeting held at Gosnold Town Hall and via Zoom.

Town Hall: Lisa Wright

Via Zoom: David Warr, Wyatt Garfield, Chris Hart, Gail Blout, Michael Milanoski, Jack Sidar of Buzzards Bay Coalition.

Meeting open @ 9:02 AM

Chairman David Warr opened the meeting and was able to obtain a large print of the new plan.

Michael Milanoski presented an overview of the project along with changes needed to proceed:

Once the contractor mobilized to the island and began excavating the site they discovered the soil was not suitable for the current application as the tank are too heavy and due to the poor soil conditions there's too much risk of the tanks settling. They hit the water table at about 5-6', and cobble at about 12'. The best solution is to install H beams or pilings depending on what is available. This application would support the slab which would support the tanks.

There was discussion about the lifespan of the underground structures in salt water. The group seemed to be in agreement that this was the best solution to the problem and perhaps less intrusive than the original plan.

Michael indicated the final application will be shown in the As Built Plan.

*David Warr made a motion to amend the Order of Conditions to allow for the installation of H beams or pilings to support the tank foundation. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.*

There was discussion about the installation of jersey barriers or bollards around the fuel facility once completed and the group was in favor of a wooden fence which Michael will confirm.

Gail Blout thanked Michael for his explanation of the situation.

David Warr felt the Conservation Commission has done a good job to protect the environment and collaboration is always a good thing.

Jack Sidar of the Buzzards Bay Coalition discussed a fire management plan as they are working with state agencies on a controlled burn on Bayberry Hill Road. They will file a Notice of Intent for the land management portion; Jack would appreciate verbal permission for the burn which will take place on Bayberry Hill Road outside of the DEP wetlands. The town holds the Conservation Restriction which allows for habitat improvement. Jack indicated the burn may take place in April or later in the year or perhaps spring of 2024. David indicated the Gosnold Conservation Commission will allow the burn as a courtesy before a formal filing as long as the GCC is notified of a prescribed burn, when scheduled by the Buzzards Bay Coalition to occur within the next year, outside of the DEP wetlands.

Gosnold Conservation Commission will meet next on April 10 @ 11:00.

*A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. So moved. Meeting adjourned @ 9:54 AM.*

Minutes approved April 10, 2023