

GOSNOLD SELECTBOARD

February 10, 2023

Meeting held at Gosnold Town Hall and via Zoom

Meeting open @ 10:34

Present at Town Hall: Gail Blout, Lisa Wright, David Warr, Seth Garfield

Via Zoom: Sarah Berry, Sarah Smith, Leo Roy, Carlyn Nunes, Philip Houha, Marla Garfield, Sean Uiterwyk, Jonny Winet, Sara Lehner, Diane Croswell, Ann Gary, David Frothingham, George Isabel

SELECTBOARD:

*A motion was made to approve the minutes of December 2 and December 16, 2022. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote. Roll Call: Sarah Berry – here, Gail Blout – here, Stewart Young – here.*

There was discussion about a request from Pure Marine Gen along with the Marine Renewable Energy Collaborative to conduct a tidal energy test off the southeast side of Cuttyhunk for about 20 weeks. More information will be requested.

The Selectboard would like to meet with Department Heads on February 24 to begin work on a succession plan and budgetary requests for FY 2024.

The Selectboard is working on updating the Community Development Strategy.

Sarah Smith reported that she has been researching new software programs for our utility billing for rural towns with fewer than 1000 customers. This would allow customers to setup online accounts and pay their bills online; invoices will be available online or by mail. Sarah feels this would make our current process more efficient. Costs are approximately: \$1200 setup fee and \$2700 annual fee with a 5 year obligation.

*A motion was made to approve the new utility billing software. Duly seconded. Unanimous vote. Roll Call: Sarah Berry – here, Gail Blout – here, Stewart Young – here.*

*A motion was made to send and approve warrants via DocuSign, Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote. Roll Call: Sarah Berry – here, Gail Blout – here, Stewart Young – here.*

CEMETERY:

The fence person is on the island today, measuring for the new fence for spring installation.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

David Warr reported that the Conservation Commission will meet on Monday, February 13. The town has requested an Amended Order of Conditions for the location of the new bathroom facility at the main dock in conjunction with the Coast Guard Boat House Visitor Center. The Buzzards Bay Coalition has indicated that they would like to conduct a controlled burn and will file accordingly.

**ELECTRIC LIGHT:**

The water pump on generator 3 has been replaced and Mitchell came over to repair a radiator.

**HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

Leo reported that the request for an Operator for the Fuel Farm has been advertised in the Vineyard Gazette and the Standard Times. A couple of people have shown interest with proposals due on March 15. Leo also spoke with Will Saltonstall regarding the proposal of a new bathroom at the fish dock.

**ASSESSOR:**

Sarah Smith reported that Dawn is getting ready to submit the 2023 values to the Department of Revenue so the tax rate will be set for the next round of real estate tax bills.

**FUEL FARM:**

There will be a kickoff meeting for the project on February 16.

**WHARF:**

Leo Roy has been working with Karen Walega regarding the Board of Health regulations for the wharf shacks. Hopefully the solution will satisfy all regulatory agencies.

**GREEN COMMUNITY:**

The Stretch Energy Code Bylaw has been submitted to the Attorney General's Office. They have up to 90 days to approve the Bylaw.

*A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. So moved. Meeting adjourned @ 11:22 AM. Roll Call: Sarah Berry – here, Gail Blout – here, Stewart Young – here.*

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright

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Sarah Berry

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Gail Blout

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G. Stewart Young

Gosnold Selectboard April 14, 2023