

GOSNOLD SELECTBOARD

March 10, 2023

Meeting took place at Gosnold Town Hall and via Zoom.

In person: Sarah Berry, Stewart Young, Gail Blout, Lisa Wright, Sarah Smith, Brendan Arnet, Jack Sidar, Paula DiMare, David Warr, Dale Lynch, Leo Roy

Via Zoom: Mark Rasmussen, Sean Uiterwyk, Michelle Carvalho, Marla Garfield, Jonny Winet, Phil Houha, George Isabel, Charmaine Gahan, Jane MacLeod, Paula DiMare, Bill Ardinger

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of July 22, 2022 and January 23, 2023. Duly seconded. Unanimous vote.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Buzzards Bay Coalition:

Mark Rasmussen of the Buzzards Bay Coalition reported on the happenings of summer 2022 including: the installation of bike racks, interpretive signage has been placed at the entrance to the beach road and several hand carts were available to take items to the beach. There was a Buzzards Bay Representative at the road entrance to explain the rules of only walking to the beach due to the nesting birds. There was an average of 141 visitors to the beach on Saturdays with the busiest day being August 6. Mark explained that it's a very fragile area and people and dogs present a conflict with endangered bird nesting. Mass Audubon manages the bird nesting status.

Mark reported that Ian Walsh will not be coming back as he is moving out west.

There is a prescribed burn plan in place for the land on Bayberry Hill Road. This will reduce the fuel source; Seth is involved in the burn which may take place in April.

The Spaulding Conservation Restriction is on record.

The Center for Coastal Studies will be on Cuttyhunk the week of April 2 to remove ghost fishing gear.

CUTTYHUNK CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK:

Jonny Winet reported that Cuttyhunk CAN is meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month. He is working with the Buzzards Bay Coalition on "Everyday is Earth Day". Jonny is working on an affordable housing initiative at the Cuttyhunk Fishing Club.

WATER PROJECT:

There are a few problem areas resulting from the water project around the island which will be addressed and repaired including: near the Fishing Club, the catch basin on Broadway, the block drain on lower Broadway, the drain at the Conway property and the catch basin outside of town hall.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

It appears the current budget is in good shape. There have been dramatic increases in fuel for the power house over the last year. There was discussion about the Electric Light Department and how to fund the

deficit. The water budget will be over spent due to increase water testing due to the new system. The water budget will increase and there will be an additional annual amount charged to water users to pay back the loan for the water project. Sarah S. will get new insurance amounts from Brian Murphy. Much of the meeting was spent on budget review.

BUNKERS:

Will Saltonstall is reviewing the bunkers and the best way to make them safe and secure for visitors.

WIFI:

Sarah Berry reported that she had a 2-hour meeting with Verizon and 15 engineers to review the current revenue model before spending additional funds.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

It has been suggested that the food businesses at the fish dock should use a self-contained hand washing Station to satisfy the plumbing code, Title V and the Board of Health code.

A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned @ 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright

Sarah Berry

Gail Blout

G. Stewart Young

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May 15, 2023