

GOSNOLD SELECTBOARD

August 11, 2023

Meeting took place at Gosnold Town Hall and via Zoom.

Meeting open @ 10:32 AM.

In person:

Gail Blout, Sarah Berry, Stewart Young, Lisa Wright, David Warr, Dale Lynch, Maddie Goggin, Phil Houha, Boone Porter, Isabel Day, Lolly Schenck, George Shaw, Seth Garfield, Michael Milanoski and members from the MV Commission include: Chris Sidel, Liz Durkee, Kate Warner and Laura Silber

Via Zoom:

Sarah Smith, Leo Roy, Sean Uiterwyk, Carlyn Nunes, Jonny Winet, Sara Lehner, Cuttyhunk Ferry, Christine Fairchild, Lynch Marine, Anniebama

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There was discussion with Jono Billings about propane. Due to a recent incident of a leaking tank on the State Pier, the New Bedford Fire Department will no longer permit the storage of propane tanks. This makes it very difficult to get the bottles filled. Jono is trying to figure out the future of propane; he suggested the Town may want to come up with a plan.

Boone Porter discussed the sidewalk easement in front of his property and he suggests that the Town look at all town sidewalks easements. Some of the sidewalks/paths are in disrepair and should be repaired before someone is injured. Boone is working with an Attorney on the Vineyard who will get in touch with Dan Perry. Boone would also like to formalize the Town's usage of the Allen House Drive in case of an accident or property damage. Pete's Place does have a right of way.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

A motion was made to approve the FY 2024 landfill and solid waste contracts for CEC. This includes the annual reports submitted to Department of Environmental Protection. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of June 2, 2023. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.

LIBRARY:

There is an event tomorrow. There will be refreshments served at the library, followed by a lecture at the Church about Paul Cuffe and his remarkable life after being born on Cuttyhunk. Playwright Samuel Harps is presenting the lecture which will include a video of a recent play he wrote about Paul Cuffe.

FUEL FARM:

The fuel farm opened last week. SRS has a punch list to complete before they are finished.

ELECTRIC LIGHT:

There are issues at the powerhouse with the generators which Wayne is working on. There will be an increase in KWH for the July 2023 billing cycle.

WHARF:

George Isabel is ill and will be off the island for an undetermined amount of time. Leo Roy recommends that the Selectboard appoint Dale Lynch as Acting Harbor Master in George's absence. Primarily the need is for security at the ferry which Angus will keep monitoring. *A motion was made to appoint Dale Lynch as the Acting Harbor Master. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.*

Dale reported that he met with Angus and Peggy and they have the wharf covered. Win Sanford has stepped up to help.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION:

Members from the MV Commission include: Chris Sidel, Liz Durkee and Laura Silber. They would like to see the power plant, solar farm, oyster farm, fuel farm and Barges Beach and Chuches Beach while visiting. Gail reported that she and Leo have been working with the Woods Hole Group on beach resiliency. They are working on long and short-term solutions. Gail has been in touch with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the need for dredging the channel as there has been significant shoaling on the south side of the channel and multiple boat groundings have been reported.

There was discussion about affordable housing and/or work force housing. Are there ways the Town can generate revenue to buy property or make a long-term lease arrangement? How does the Town attract young people to the island to live and work?

Chris reported that the Open Space Plan will expire at the end of September. The 7-year action plan established goals for open space and recreation. The Department of Conservation & Recreation is the authority of the Open Space Plan and will not fund any grants if the plan is expired.

Liz Durkee reported that 2 years ago the Climate Action Plan for Gosnold was funded and the MV Commission is available to help Cuttyhunk CAN in any way possible. There will be a Climate Action Day in Spring 2024 on the Vineyard. www.thevineyardway.com is a good resource regarding climate change and climate change planning.

Maddie Goggin reported some of the activities Cuttyhunk Can has been participating in this summer:

- Art show of marine debris collected from Cuttyhunk shores in April. This art show has been at a gallery in New Bedford for most of the summer. There will be a lecture tonight at the USCG Boathouse.

- Island beach clean up is scheduled for tomorrow.

- Educating the public on solid waste and how to reduce trash.

- Cuttyhunk CAN is using social media to gain awareness.

- The 5K raised awareness about Cuttyhunk CAN and raised funds for same and the fireworks.

- Raising awareness about composting and food recycling.

A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. So moved. Meeting adjourned @ 1:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright

Gail Blout

G. Stewart Young

Sarah Berry

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October 6, 2023