

TOWN OF GOSNOLD SELECTBOARD

August 25, 2023

Meeting took place at Gosnold Town Hall and via Zoom

In Person: Gail Blout, Sarah Berry, Lisa Wright, Sarah Smith, Fran Veeder, David Warr, George & Anna Shaw, David Frothingham, Phil Houha, Seth Garfield, Paula DiMare

Via Zoom: Stewart Young, Leo Roy, Dale Lynch, Tally Garfield, Sean Uiterwyk, Alden Anderson, Marla Garfield, Nina Brodeur, Nancy Wilder, Ann Conway, Jonny Winet, Gabrielle Dennison

Meeting open @ 10:30 AM

SELECTBOARD:

A motion was made to accept the minutes of June 16, 2023. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.

There was discussion about the Jono Billing's lack of propane storage on the State Pier. He will look at a bulk storage facility or the island may need to find another company to fill and deliver propane.

The Selectboard will schedule a separate meeting dedicated to reviewing salaries and job descriptions. Employees will be sent self-evaluation forms.

Phil Houha has generously donated a piece of land on the west side of the parking lot at the powerhouse. There was discussion about land use; we should get an expert conceptual design for the area. The ANR Plan (Approval Not Required) will be sent by Vineyard Land Surveying to sub-divide the land.

The Army Corps is sending out competitive bids for mechanical dredging as the Currituck is down until mid-2024. The hope is to have the channel dredged in late fall/early winter. With the correct permitting, the spoils may be allowed to go on Barges.

Gail is amending our Open Space and Recreation Plan, approved through September 30, 2025. Chris Seidel of the MV Commission is helping with this.

Sarah S. reported that the USDA is auditing the finances for the solar project 7 years later. She is working on closing out FY 2023.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

ELECTRIC LIGHT:

The new recommended rate for electric light is .72/KW, year-round. This will help with the budget overage and the Electric Light Commissioners will revisit the budget and rate in January. *A motion was*

made to set the electric light rate to .72/KW for fiscal year 2024, subject to an adjustment in January 2024. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Dale Lynch had been appointed to interim Harbor Master in George Isabel's absence. *A motion was made to rescind this appointment once George Isabel returns to work. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.*

LIBRARY:

There was a great turn out for the summer event with Samuel Harps who has written a play about Paul Cuffe. People really enjoyed the event.

WATER:

Ben Sadler wrote to the Selectboard/Water Commissioners applying for the Water Manager position. He is asking for an annual salary of \$75,000, year-round housing and a permanent boat slip. The board agrees that his expectations are too high. Sarah Berry will review our current salary and job description.

GREEN COMMUNITY:

The application is due in September. Stewart with check with Cape Light Compact.

FUEL FARM:

SRS is working on a punch list to complete the fuel farm. There is an area of washout which causes flooding by the pipes near the barge ramp. There is a permanent solution in the works. Stewart bought fuel recently and was pleased with the operation.

BUNKERS:

Sarah Berry has been communicating with Ian Ives about the bunker repairs and Manny Capriotti will be doing those repairs in the fall.

ASSESSOR:

Pam Bunker has granted the two requested abatements. She will submit the new growth to the Department of Revenue and tax bills will be released in March or April.

FIRST AID & SAFETY:

Seth reported that the Commander of Otis Airforce Base is staying at the U.S. Coast Guard house. They will do a training flight in September; he is happy with the new paving and paint at the helicopter pad.

COAST GUARD BOATHOUSE:

Structural person will be over next week along with the carpenters for the dormers and windows.

A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned @ 12:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright

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December 1, 2023