

GOSNOLD SELECTBOARD

September 22, 2023

Meeting open @ 10:30

Meeting took place at Gosnold Town Hall and via Zoom

In person: Gail Blout, Stewart Young, Sarah Berry, Lisa Wright, Russell Wright, Fran Veeder, Paula DiMare, Carlyn Nunes, Judith & Bill Archer, David Warr, Dale Lynch, Seth Garfield, Wayne Perrier, Bonnie Veeder, George Isabel

Via Zoom: Dee Garfield, Jon Winer, John Joseph, Leo Roy, Kass & Bill Ardinger, Michelle Carvalho, Sarah Smith, Diane Croswell

ELECTRIC LIGHT:

Wayne reported that he repowered the Days house on Broadway as the wire had blown out under the sidewalk. He is working on fixing generators 2 & 3; he is running the temporary generator when necessary. The new generator should be delivered soon. There are approximately 38 solar panels to be replaced from the recent lightening storm; there are 24 new panels in the boathouse.

Gail created a draft job description for the Electric Light Assistant. John Lafferty is a qualified candidate as he is a Master Electrician. He could cover for Wayne in the off season or when needed; John is qualified to fix lines and repair transformers. Wayne believes a reasonable salary would be \$30,000. Lisa will post the job on the Mass Municipal Associate website, deadline to apply will be October 13.

SELECTBOARD:

There was discussion about the town jobs that require 24/7 attention. The human resources/job description/salary conversation has been going on for many years, with a review by the Collins Center. The Selectboard discussed salary reviews and believe they need to take a step back and work on policies and succession plans. Sarah B. thought it would be helpful to revisit the topic with Mary Acardi of the Collins Center to discuss foundational wages and an island differential. The Selectboard scheduled a Special Town Meeting on November 17 so that any increase in the budget will be put to a vote. Seth indicated that he would like all Department Heads to be reviewed.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

WATER:

Dale reported that we met with Sarah B. in June to notify her that he was stepping down as the Water Manager. The salary is unsustainable and there is too much paperwork. He has spoken with Andy Chapman to be one of two back-up operators. He thought \$8000/year for two back-up operators would be realistic.

FIRE:

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Seth is getting a quote to repair the fire truck. The rescue vehicle has broken brake lines and should not be driven. He is seeking grants to purchase a new vehicle.

BUNKERS:

Manny Capriotti is scheduled to repair the bunkers in the near future.

AVALON:

Another successful season, closing down in October until May 2024.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

David Warr reported that the Conservation Commission will be issuing Orders of Conditions for the stormwater and water projects. The small marsh area on lower Broadway will be restored.

CUTTYHUNK CAN (CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK):

Jon Winet reported that he is reviewing the successes and challenges of 2023. There have been donations, grants and the 5K fundraiser raising about \$6,000 in total.

PLANNING BOARD:

Vineyard Land Surveying sent an Approval Not Required Plan for the sub-division of land near the powerhouse owned by Phil Houha which he is donating to the town. The public will have access to the path as they have in the past. *A motion was made to accept the gift to the town of parcel #67-2 from Phil and Diana Houha with appreciation. Duly seconded. Unanimous vote.*

SCHOOL/STEAM

A Request for Proposal was posted on September 14 for repairs to the schoolhouse, HVAC and water infiltration to the basement. STEAM is collecting gently used shoes. There will be multiple STEAM day trips at the end of October.

SOLID WASTE:

Alden Anderson is concerned about recycling over the winter. He is working on recommendations to improve the operation.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

ZBA will meet later in the fall.

A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned @ 12:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright

Gail Blout

G. Stewart Young

Sarah Berry

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