

GOSNOLD SELECTBOARD

December 1, 2023

Meeting took place at Gosnold Town Hall and via Zoom

Meeting open @ 10:31 AM

In person: Gail Blout, Sarah Berry, Stewart Young, Lisa Wright, David Warr, Dale Lynch, Paula DiMare, Wayne Perrier, Jonny Winet, Seth Garfield

Via Zoom: Sarah Smith, David Jenkins, George Shaw, Nancy Wilder, Phil Houha, Sara Lehner, Kevin Nunes, Paula DiMare, Spencer Fransden, Sean Uiterwyk, Ann Conway

SHORT TERM RENTAL TAX:

Stewart Young reported that he had been in touch with Laura Silber at the Martha's Vineyard Commission regarding the Short-Term Rental Tax on vacation home, inns, hotels and motels. The current state room occupancy tax is 5.7% and towns may adopt a local tax of up to 6%. This could potentially be a good source of revenue for the town on rentals of less than 31 days, paid by the tenant. Stewart will contact GOV OS which is a consulting service company offering free assessment.

SELECTBOARD:

The Selectboard withdrew 2 articles at the Special Town Meeting on November 17 dealing with budget increases because of mid-year salary increases for town employees. The flavor of the meeting was to wait and vote on these increases at Annual Town Meeting in May.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of August 25, 2023. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.

The Governor officially approved the change of Gosnold Board of Selectmen to Gosnold Selectboard.

The Gosnold Selectboard made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the Community Preservation Committee: David Warr, Slater Anderson, Seth Garfield and Nancy Wilder. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.

There was a presentation of Text My Gov which is a new application where residents can sign up to receive texts about town events, emergencies, meetings and more. Lisa is working on this for the 2025 budget with more information and pricing to be available after the new year.

Selectboard schedule: January 2 & 19, February 2 & 16, March 1 & 15, April 12 & 26, May 10.

WATER:

Sandy MacLeod wrote a letter to the Water Commissioners and Dale Lynch about the lock on his basement door being cut-off so that the water meter could be read. Dale needed to read the meter and

had no way of entering the residence so he cut the lock only to find the water meter had been removed. Gail will write a letter to Mr. MacLead asking him where the water meter is.

Water bills will be going out soon.

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER:

Don Rose is interested in becoming the Public Safety Officer for the summer. There was discussion about transportation for him from Menemsha which may be challenging due to weather and expensive. Stewart will be in touch with Don about a work schedule. His main focus will be: crowd control at the ferry dock, night time & traffic patrol and fuel dock jumping and swimming.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

The Zoning Board of Appeal meeting opened at 11:01 AM, Seth Garfield and Dale Lynch were present and Paula DiMare attended on Zoom. Seth had ZBA information from other towns. Most applicants apply for Special Permits, not Variances. The last ZBA hearing was in February 2020 for the Lowell barn conversion and Seth raised concerns about the time frame of the project and questioned if permits are still valid after nearly 4 years. Gail reported that she had been in contact with Building Inspector, Andy Bobola and Andy is working with Dan Perry to set up a meeting with Mr. Lowell regarding the project, as Mr. Lowell is trying to bring his property up to compliance. Seth and Lisa will work on a formal application and fees for ZBA. The ZBA hearing was adjourned @ 11:38 AM.

POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE:

Seth is looking at getting new vehicles for patrol and believes we should have a town vehicle to use when the Selectboard or people visiting on town business need rides. Nancy Wilder asked to please consider the noise level of any vehicles stating that the Bobcat vehicles are quite loud.

GREEN COMMUNITY:

The electric light surcharge will be going on the next invoices.

BUNKERS:

Manny Capriotti is working on the bunkers to secure them.

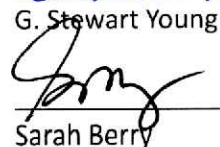
A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. So moved. Meeting adjourned @ 1:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright

Gail Blout



G. Stewart Young



Sarah Berry

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