

GOSNOLD SELECTBOARD

December 15, 2023

Meeting took place at Cuttyhunk Town Hall and via Zoom

Meeting open @ 10:31 AM

In person: Gail Blout, Sarah Berry, Stewart Young, Lisa Wright

Via Zoom: Sarah Smith, Sara Lehner, Paula DiMare, Michelle Carvalho, Sean Uiterwyk, David Warr, George Isabel, Elaine Doran, Ginny Doran, Marla Garfield

SELECTBOARD:

There was discussion about the short-term rental tax. Consultant, Brian Daily has been referred by the Martha's Vineyard Commission. Stewart will follow up with Brian.

The Selectboard will review salaries and work on succession plans in the new year. It will be helpful to review salary data from other towns. The Selectboard will use the Massachusetts Municipal Association as a resource and their current salary survey.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of September 8 and September 22, 2023. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

The dredging of the channel will begin about January 7. Stewart recently attended a Cape and Islands dredging summit, run by Senator Markey's office as many coastal towns are in need of dredging. There was much discussion about permitting, funding and all of the hurdles that go along with it. They may try to simplify the process.

It was noted that Seamond Roberts recently passed away. She was the daughter of the lighthouse keeper and she had fond memories of Cuttyhunk.

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER:

The was discussion about appointing Don Rose as constable. Don did get a constable bond for himself which is a signal of commitment. The current plan is for the PSO to work 32 hours/week, 4 days/week at a rate of \$40/hour from mid-June through mid-September. *A motion was made to appoint Donald Rose to the position of constable for the Town of Gosnold through December 2024. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.* Lisa will send Don a letter indicating the appointment.

TOWN MANAGER:

The Selectboard discussed what areas of town government the town manager would be most helpful. The person should know about the Department of Revenue requirements. The town manager could assist with large projects, salaries and personnel along with appropriate compensation and transitioning to new employees. They could also support the Selectboard with legal issues and town meeting articles. They may also act as a public works director and oversee utility operations.

FUEL FARM:

SRS has finished their work.

BUNKERS:

Manny Capriotti has nearly finished his masonry work on the bunkers. We have received a donation of \$10,000 but will need to seek other sources for funding.

USCG Visitors Center:

Interior painting will need to be completed in March/April. The moveable walls will be constructed.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

The Conservation Commission met last week and will complete the Certificates of Compliance for both the water project and stormwater project. The town will request the Certificate of Compliance for the fuel farm project.

ELECTRIC LIGHT:

John Lavery has been hired as a back-up operator for the powerhouse, he is very qualified. He will be reviewing the recommendations from PLM, both long and short-term goals. He will also work on plans to be used for grant submission. John will come over to the island frequently.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Harbor will meet on January 12, 2024 at the Buzzards Bay Coalition and via Zoom.

STEAM:

Steam was awarded funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and will have 15 – 20 day trips in spring and fall 2024.

AVALON:

The Baumgarten and Pitts families are permitted to use the house at their discretion. Traditionally each family has been reserving 7 – 10 days in high season and Daisy has been able to accommodate them and the repeat guests.

WEST END POND:


Gail is working on updating all of the permits should the pond need dredging in the future. The water quality permit has expired and will be applied for in May. Once that's done the water certification permit may be applied for. The license to enter with the Spaulding's expires in March 2024. Town Counsel is working on an extension.

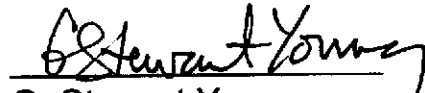
OPEN SPACE:

Gail is working on updating the Open Space and Recreation Plan with Chris Seidel's help. There will be a public hearing in the near future and the formation of an Open Space Committee.

A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned @ 12:27 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright


Gail Blout


G. Stewart Young


Sarah Berry

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March 1, 2024