GOSNOLD SELECTBOARD

June 2, 2023

Meeting open @ 10:30

Meeting took place at Gosnold Town Hall and via Zoom.

In person: Sarah Berry, Stewart Young, Gail Blout, Lisa Wright, Fran Veeder, Jonny Winet, David Warr, Phil Houha, Seth Garfield, Paula DiMare

Via Zoom: Sarah Smith, Leo Roy, Diane Croswell, Kelly McCracken, George Shaw, Alden Anderson, Paula DiMare

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

*A motion was made to approve the minutes of April 4, 2023. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.*

*Warrants were reviewed and signed.*

Sarah Smith reported the Chapter 90 funds were approved for the water/stormwater drain projects.

The audits for FY 2021 and 2022 will be done in mid-June.

RETIREMENT:

Kelly McCracken is the Executive Director at Dukes County Contributory Retirement System. She asked the Selectboard to approve a 5% cost of living increase for our 5 retirees. The Massachusetts Legislature approved a 2% increase over the 3% annual maximum increase due to high inflation for FY 2026. *A motion was made to approve as provided for in Chapter 269 a 2% COLA increase for Duke’s County Retirement Acts of 2022 retirees. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.*

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER:

Stewart reported that he is following up with Matt Gutwill this afternoon.

PUBLIC TOILETS:

Seth reported the public toilets have been pumped out by the Buzzards Bay Coalition pumpout truck and the bathrooms have been spruced up a bit.

USCG BOATHOUSE:

Seth will be organizing the painting of the USCG Boathouse.

HIGHWAY:

Speed bumps will be deployed at 4 Corners and Tower Hill Road in the near future.

GREEN COMMUNITY:

We need two letters; one from Sarah as Selectboard Chair and one from Midge Frieswyk as School Superintendent accepting the Energy Reduction Plan for the town. Lisa will finalize the packet to submit to the Attorney General’s office next week, after getting approval from Neil Smola.

CEMETERY:

The new fence has been installed and looks much improved.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

David Warr is requesting Certificates of Compliance for the large, completed projects.

CUTTYHUNK CAN (CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK)

Jonny Winet reported that they were awarded a grant from the Buzzards Bay Coalition of $2000 and hired Maddie Goggin to be the social media coordinator with a presence on Instagram, Facebook and Tick Tock. They are working on getting a corporate sponsor through the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts. Nancy Wilder is working on a linen recycling program and is accepting used, clean linens to donate to animal shelters; they will repurpose the linens into dog beds.

ELECTRIC LIGHT:

Sarah S. is working on the surcharge to cover approximately $100,000 budget overage. New wiring has been installed at the fish dock and the marina which should fix any electrical overloads that we had last summer.

FUEL FARM:

The insurance agreements are being completed and a new operating agreement will be circulated in the near future. Leo is confident the agreement will be signed soon.

STEAM:

There were two visits this week with New Bedford and Mattapoisett doing day trips.

*A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned @ 12:16 PM.*

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright

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Sarah Berry

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Gail Blout

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G. Stewart Young

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