

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

April 3, 2022

Meeting VIA Zoom

Meeting open @ 10:34

CORONA VIRUS:

The Selectmen discussed the Corona Virus, they have been releasing health advisories regularly. During this pandemic the Selectmen must consider residents, visitors, guests and businesses. There was discussion about workers coming to the island. Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket have stopped off island construction crews.

Seth reported that he has been working with Board of Health Agent Karen Walega regarding Covid 19 grant money, currently funding \$3,500 for expenses related to the virus. Seth will be getting personal protective equipment from MEMA.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of January 4, January 27 and February 21, 2020. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.

There was discussion about changing the date of the Annual Town Meeting, currently scheduled on Monday, May 18.

Gail reported on a conference call she had with Coastal Zone Management regarding a grant opportunity to apply for a resiliency plan to address wash over at Barges. Phase two would be a comprehensive study to apply for implementation funding. Gail will speak with Mark Rasmussen to get his opinion on these opportunities.

The Selectmen will be working on an updated permit fee schedule.

Chris Seidel of the Martha's Vineyard Commission is working on finalizing the Open Space document.

Warrants will be sent via mail for approval.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The FY2021 appropriation sheet is coming along. There are some large financial commitments this year including: Buzzards Bay land acquisition, Lookout Park buyout, well repair, pipe upgrade and fuel service.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMISSION:

Dale reported the Electric Light Commission met earlier in the day. There was discussion about suitable storage for fuel, maintenance items and the 2021 budget. Currently, the cost of fuel is down

significantly. Only 480 gallons were delivered last week to the powerhouse after Packer delivered to houses and town buildings.

LIBRARY:

Construction is coming along on the new library, looking at the end of May for completion.

AVALON:

The Avalon is getting a new roof and the workers are staying there. There was discussion about delaying the roof but decided to keep working as the workers can isolate at the Avalon.

FUEL FARM:

A Notice of Intent is required by the Conservation Commission in order to remove the fuel tanks from the fuel farm area. The tanks should be removed sometime in May. There has been discussion about creating a DPW area if the town were to purchase the piece of land adjacent to the cemetery. Coastal Zone Management will weigh in on new tanks and their placement. Dependable Petroleum will be coming over to look at the pipes and dispensers. Leo Roy will work with Dan Perry to close out the lease with Ralph Packer.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Sarah Berry introduced Mary Aicardi who has been working with the Selectmen. Mary then introduced herself and presented her recommendations:

- She is recommending that the town increase their share of health insurance from 50% to 75%, which would be in line with all of the Cape and Islands towns within Cape Cod Municipal Health Group.
- Small towns are very complex and Mary compared salaries and wages to those on the Vineyard.
- Mary is recommending a slight increase in rates of pay to slowly equal appropriate wages
- Salary increases would total approximately \$14,000, health insurance increase would total approximately \$25,000.
- Mary would like Gosnold to hire a part time Town Administrator.

BUILDING INSPECTOR:

Andy Bobola reported that there has been a significant decrease in building in Mattapoisett due to the Corona Virus. They have gone from 6-8 inspections/day to 1/week. They will only inspect unoccupied houses.

SCHOOL/STEAM:

Due to Covid 19 the vacation week has been canceled and the enrollment during the last week of April has been cancelled as well. There are 4 day trips scheduled in June and a deposit has been received for enrollment in the fall.

A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. So moved. Meeting adjourned @ 1:21.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Wright

Sarah Berry

Gail Blout

G. Stewart Young

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Approved May 1, 2020 via Zoom meeting