

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

March 1, 2019

Meeting open @ 10:30

Present: Stewart Young, Sarah Berry, Gail Blout, Sarah Smith, Lisa Wright, Midge Frieswyk, Paula DiMare, Dillon Storek, Michelle Carvalho, Wayne Perrier, Seth Garfield, Dorothy Garfield

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of January 18 and February 15, 2019. Duly seconded. So moved.

Sarah S. reported that she is getting close to having the tax rate set with the Department of Revenue. Tax bills will go out in the near future.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Mass Audubon was in touch with Gail. They are unable to provide bird monitoring this year on Barges Beach. Gail will speak with Mark Rasmussen as the Buzzards Bay Coalition may own Barges in the future.

There was discussion about a public toilet in the Coast Guard Boathouse. Gail asked Mark Rasmussen about adding additional service to the tank for the pump out. He indicated that they would need permission from the State Clean Vessels Act and the BBC. A Notice of Intent would be filed for any construction work in the boathouse.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Finance Committee will meet on March 15 to begin the budget process for FY2020. Sarah S. would like the FinComm to review the water expenses and revenues as it may be time for a water rate increase.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition is asking the town to appropriate \$1,580,000 with \$260,000 from the general fund for the purpose of purchasing land on Cuttyhunk which will be considered conservation land. These pieces include: Church's Beach, Hap's Hill, and Bayberry Hill. Two additional pieces are included in the purchase; 10,000 square feet near the ferry dock to be used for municipal purposes and 5,000 square feet of Hap's Hill for the purpose of developing and maintaining recreational structures such as a playground. The remainder of the town's appropriation would come from grants and donations.

LIBRARY:

Gail, Wyatt Garfield and Chris Hart met with architect David King. He is working on getting blueprints for the new library which will take 4 – 6 weeks. Nancy Wilder has been working on fund raising. Andy

Bobola has indicated approval is required from: Planning Board/Site plan approval, Zoning, Conservation and Board of Health before applying for a building permit.

SCHOOL:

Dr. Frieswyk reported that both Dan Perry and Roseann Dipietro said that the school could operate a STEAM Academy based on Chapter 71 which indicates that school district may operate such a program for nonresident students. The School Committee would need to manage the program and all money is managed in a separate account.

Dr. Frieswyk was also in touch with Andy Bobola asking what the requirements would be to reopen the school should it be shuttered for a time. He indicated that as long as the school was not shuttered for longer than 3 years, no changes would be required.

Additional insurance for a STEAM Academy would be \$2500.00/year.

The STEAM Fund Raising Committee is making progress. There was much discussion about the budget and if town funds will be appropriated for such.

There is a possibility that housing will be available in the Coast Guard barracks.

POLICE/FIRE/1ST AID:

There was a residential, controlled burn on Copicut Neck over the weekend. The sparks reignited on Monday. Dillon, Dale & Bill Bolton assisted in extinguishing the flames.

SOLID WASTE:

The new skid steer has been ordered with payment due in July.

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

There was much discussion about R.M. Packer and the future of fuel delivery and availability on Cuttyhunk. Gail will speak with Ralph Packer and find out his intentions for the future and his maintenance plan for the fuel farm, pumps and truck.

SHELLFISH:

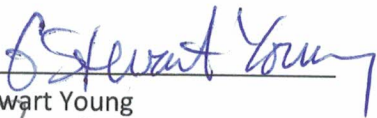
Seth indicated he would like to request a renewal of his aquaculture lease to 2020. This will be put on the March 15 agenda.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

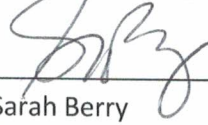
HMC will meet at the Buzzards Bay Coalition on March 9.

A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. So moved. Meeting adjourned @ 1:41.

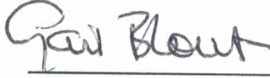
Respectfully submitted by Lisa Wright.



G. Stewart Young



Sarah Berry



Gail Blout

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