GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

May 11, 2018

Present: Gail Blout, Stewart Young, Sarah Berry, Ray Pickles, Lisa Wright, Paula DiMare, Seth Garfield, Slater Anderson, Mark Rasmussen, Bonnie Veeder, Fran Veeder, David Warr, Dix Leeson

Meeting open @ 10:40

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Ray Pickles announced his retirement from the position of Town Administrator. A motion was made to recognize Ray Pickles for his dedicated service and wise stewardship to the Town of Gosnold. Duly seconded, so moved.

Town Meeting will take place on Monday, May 21 @ 10:30.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The FY2019 budget has been finalized, totaling \$1,446,836, an increase of \$33,991 from the previous year.

BUZZARDS BAY COALITION:

Mark Rasmussen of Buzzards Bay Coalition reported on the pump out project. The hole for the tank will be dug next week by Ken Furtado. Once the tank is installed then the pump can be installed.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition is planning on purchasing approximately 68 acres of land from Ponzecchi Properties and Ridgely Farm, for approximately \$6.1 million with the closing date being either 6/30/19, or 12/31/2019. They are conducting an environmental assessment of the parcels, along with survey and title work. Financing will come from Buzzards Bay Coalition, federal grants, and fund raising. There is also a final payment from the Bouchard Oil Spill which could potentially help with funding.

POLICE/FIRE/FIRST AID:

The Board of Selectmen agreed to increase the Fire Chief's salary to \$10,400 which is based on 10 hours/week, reflecting responsibilities for first aid and emergency management.

WATER:

The Board of Selectmen agreed to increase the salary for the Water Manager to \$22,000 based on 240 days per year. They also agreed to a vehicle stipend of \$500.00/year and .58 cents per mile.

ASSESSOR:

Any abatements should be reflected on the Assessor's records.

INTERNET:

Verizon will allow the town to use the existing tower for internet equipment. This will result in a significant savings for the project.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded. So moved. Meeting adjourned @ 2:20.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Wright

Gail Blout

G. Stewart Young

Sarah Berry

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July 13, 2018