

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

October 13, 2018

Meeting @ Avalon

Meeting open @ 10:30

Present: Stewart Young, Sarah Berry, Gail Blout, Lisa Wright, Mark Rasmussen, David Warr, John Mellen, George Shaw, Cheryl Lovell, Charlie Lovell, Peggy Lovell, Judith Buckridge, Tim Buckridge, Dale Lynch, Jennifer Lynch, Laura Mali-Astrue, Leyla Day, Isabel Day, Tammy Zimbone, Kathy Olsen, Bill Archer, Judith Archer, Russell Wright, Nina Brodeur, Linda Wilson, Dave Wilson, Paula DiMare, Seymour DiMare, Libby Anderson, Peter Spengler, Kris Lombard, Bonnie Veeder, Mike Fazel, Amelia Jones.

BUZZARDS BAY COALITION:

Mark Rasmussen came to the island to present the land acquisition proposal by Buzzards Bay Coalition. Back in March, there was an agreement between Buzzards Bay Coalition, Ponzeccchi Properties and Ridgely Farm for the Coalition to purchase nearly 70 acres of land on Cuttyhunk for \$6,250,000; BBC has a fundraising effort of \$7,000,000, which includes \$900,000 for an endowment for land management and maintenance.

There was discussion about Barges Beach which would essentially stay the same and maintained for bird habitat as it has been in the last two summers. The Selectmen will work with the Coalition to find the best solution for storage and parking near the ferry dock.

Church's Beach would also stay the same; the Coalition is interested in knowing if the town wants ownership of that beach. Who would be in charge of the utility easement if either the town or the Coalition owned Church's?

The piece of land to the south of Tower Hill Road would have a trail to the top of the hill, the town is interested in relocating the current playground on the back side of the school or adjacent to this piece. The piece of land on Copicut Neck abuts Audubon land so the Coalition and Audubon would manage these pieces together; they will both be publicly accessible.

ELECTRIC LIGHT:

Bill Archer reported that all equipment is operating well at the powerhouse and solar array.

SOLID WASTE:

Many residents would like to see the solid waste area moved away from the gateway to the island. It's important to stabilize what we have now in terms of fencing, odor control and getting more efficient equipment to deal with the amount of solid waste.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

The Conservation Commission is working on issuing a Certificate of Compliance for the pump out project and an Order of Conditions for the kelp farm project.

CEMETERY:

Gail received information from Christine Fairchild about her donating a portion of her land to expand the cemetery. Christine needs to give the town a proposal and approximate costs.

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

The Long-Range Planning Committee is moving forward with the Martha's Vineyard Commission to explore options for housing, economic development and increasing the year-round population.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

HMC is meeting next Saturday. The 2018 season was good for both the harbor and marina.

WATER:

Russell reported that he would like to begin the process of rebuilding the existing wells. A new water source would require lots of permitting, less permitting is involved when utilizing the current source. Russ will work with Andy Chapman and White Water to get estimates and timelines.

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Gail was in touch with Army Corps of Engineers regarding the channel survey. They found lots of eel grass which makes dredging more expensive. Gail will forward the survey information to Susan Nilson.

There will be a Special Town Meeting on November 9 to fund the FY2018 budget deficit.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Meetings schedule: 10/26, 11/9, 12/3, 12/14, 1/4/2019.

There was discussion about the possibility of hiring a Town Administrator. Stewart contacted several firms and heard back from one. Sarah Berry is meeting with a potential person to work on Human Resources. This would involve: job description review, salary scales, job performance and a review of benefits.

AVALON:

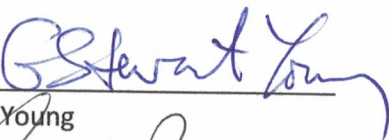
Gail reported that the Avalon is working on a strategic plan and a review of the 2018 season.

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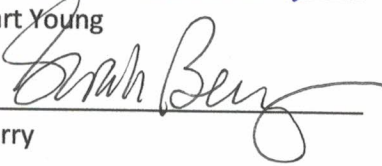
Sarah reported that a 6' – 10' dish is required which can hopefully be installed on the existing pole. This will require additional engineering costs to study the height of the mainland tower.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Duly seconded. So moved. Meeting adjourned @ 2:30.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright



G. Stewart Young



Sarah Berry

Gail Blout

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December 14, 2018