Gosnold Board of Selectmen December 3, 2018

Meeting open @ 10:24

Present:

Stewart Young, Sarah Berry, Gail Blout, Lisa Wright, Kris Lombard, Dale Lynch, Jennifer Lynch, Judith Archer, Russell Wright

SOLID WASTE:

Kari Parcell of the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension wants to visit the island on January 4, to evaluate the solid waste area, equipment and procedures. Kari is an expert on grants and recycling and she may have some good ideas for trash and recycling disposal on Cuttyhunk.

BUZZARDS BAY COALITION:

There was much discussion about the proposed acquisition of land by the Buzzards Bay Coalition. There is an Advisory Committee for the BBC; their focus is mostly on fund raising. Stewart feels the Selectmen need to be kept informed. There was discussion about moving the playground to the backside of the school, or perhaps across the street from Winter House driveway where there is more land which is part of the acquisition. There was discussion about the town owning Church's Beach. Who is responsible for the town utilities to Copicut Neck, the property owners or the owner(s) of Blue Heron Drive? Property deeds need to be looked at to see if easements are included on deeds. Kris Lombard will look for the deeds.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

There was discussion about hiring Mary Aicardi of the Edward J. Collins Center as a Human Resources Consultant for \$20,000. Sarah Berry met with her and feels that Mary would be a good person to tackle the human resource issues of the town. A motion was made to approve the contract and retain the Edward J. Collins Center for consulting and management of human resources for the Town of Gosnold. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of September 7, 2018 and September 24, 2018. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Massachusetts may adopt a short term rental tax. Hotels are currently taxed, short term rentals like Air B&B and VRBO are not.

There was discussion about additional funds for unbudgeted projects like: Axiom (\$7,000), Bunker restoration (\$5,000), Human Resources (\$10,000). Stewart is working on a spreadsheet to look at all the

current projects and keep track of expenses. This would include any grant projects that we have been awarded or have applied for.

Gail spoke with Ralph Packer who had an electrician come over to evaluate the needs of the fuel farm. He is working on a maintenance plan. Fuel consumption is down by about half since the solar farm went on line.

INTERNET:

Axiom has been working with Open Cape to find out if Open Cape could accommodate a dish for Axiom.

ASSESSOR:

Kris Lombard stated that both the LA4 and LA13 are complete, and Vision is reviewing these data. Once approved, Vision will complete the LA15 which is sent to the State. The tax rate will then be set.

LIBRARY:

\$230,000 has been raised (funds in hand or pledged) for the new library building. Sarah Berry is setting up an account to receive securities.

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

A meeting will be scheduled either January 5 or 12 on the mainland.

Harbor:

Ralph Cataldo was thanked for overseeing the Fish Dock construction project.

POLICE:

Questions were raised as to what the plans are for next summer – what should the Town be doing and what is important. Specific plans need to be made concerning patrols, including where and when.

WATER:

The Selectmen indicated that Dale Lynch is interested in the position of Water Manager. He will get an Operator in Training license, then work on Distribution and Treatment licenses. The Selectmen/Water Commissioners will need to figure out a rate of pay; currently the daily coverage rate is \$25.00/day. Roy of WhiteWater was on the island last week to look at the wells and the rebuilding/replacing of the current system which was last replaced in 1966. The manifold piping at the well area needs to be replaced but this is not considered a new water source. WaterWater will come up with a plan to replace the existing system.

A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. So moved. Meeting adjourned @ 1:26.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Wright.

G. Stewart Young

Sarah Berry

Gail Blout

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