

GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
DECEMBER 14, 2018

Meeting open @ 10:25

Present:

Stewart Young, Sarah Berry, Lisa Wright, Kris Lombard, Dale Lynch, Phil Mello (Media), Brian Dowd and Gabrielle Mannino (MV Times), Keith Chatinover (Dukes County Commissioner)

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Stewart welcomed Keith Chatinover who is a newly elected Dukes County Commissioner, his position begins in January. This is Keith's first trip to Cuttyhunk. Many people do not realize that Gosnold is part of Dukes County. We are the only town in the county not located on the Vineyard. The county does not tax like municipalities. There is a flat rate paid by each town in the county for services. Some of those services include: the Airport Commission, Veteran's and Housing Authorities and Dukes County Courts. Keith thanked the Town of Gosnold for the support he received in the election. Stewart explained the finances of the town along with some of our unique revenue sources from the marina and harbor.

Stewart spoke with Dan Perry who is working on the easement issue with the National Park Service. Currently Dan sees no red flags if the town should want to own Church's Beach. Stewart also spoke with Dan about marijuana laws. Dan does not feel it is worth the town creating a bylaw as it's very expensive for someone to open a dispensary and probably wouldn't apply for one in Gosnold due to the seasonality of the town.

Stewart will ask Dan about our current Sexual Harassment Policy and if it is adequate to use for 2019.

*A motion was made to accept the minutes of October 13, 2018. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.*

*Warrants were reviewed and signed.*

ASSESSOR:

*A motion was made to open the Tax Classification Hearing, a mandatory, annual hearing in order to set our tax rate with the Department of Revenue. Hearing open @ 11:05.*

Assessor, Kris Lombard read the hearing notice and recommends one tax classification for the Town of Gosnold.

*A motion was made to accept one tax classification for the Town of Gosnold. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.*

*A motion was made to adjourn the Tax Classification Hearing. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.*

CEMETERY:

There was discussion about fencing, hedges and stone walls. Hopefully improvements will be made in the spring. There needs to be a new flagpole installed as well.

**TAX COLLECTION:**

Sarah Smith is working with one taxpayer to collect on overdue property taxes.

**SOLID WASTE:**

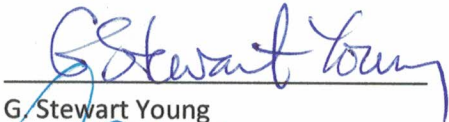
Kari Parcell of the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension will be coming to the island on January 4 to review our solid waste department and make suggestions for improvements and inform us of possible grant opportunities.

**SCHOOL:**

Dr. Midge Frieswyk will come to the island on January 4 to present the idea of a STEAM Academy (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) here on Cuttyhunk for the 2019 – 2020 school year. There will be no student in the school after spring 2019.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Wright

*A motion was made to adjourn, duly seconded. So moved. Meeting adjourned @ 12:55.*

  
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G. Stewart Young

  
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Sarah Berry

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Gail Blout

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January 18, 2019