

## GOSNOLD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

August 27, 2018

Meeting open @ 10:26

Present: Stewart Young, Sarah Berry, Gail Blout, Lisa Wright, Nancy Wilder, Gabrielle Dennison, David Warr, Paula DiMare, Dillon Storek

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

*A motion was made to approve the minutes of June 15, 2018. Duly seconded. So moved. Unanimous vote.*

There was much discussion about golf carts on the island. It seems as though this topic is discussed on an annual basis; currently Nancy and others feel there are too many golf carts; people drive them too fast; people do not respect the fragility of our beaches and drive and park carts on sensitive beach grass. People overload carts with people and freight, they do not stop at the appropriate places. Nancy feels the golf carts are adversely affecting the quality of life on the island, especially if you live close to a road. Many residents rent their houses out with carts, the Avalon and Fishing Club are renting carts, people can rent carts and bring them on the ferry for the duration of their stay, and there are at least 2 individuals who rent carts. It was also mentioned that everyone wants a cart; people think it's a fun activity to drive around in a golf cart. It is more of a recreation than a way of transporting freight & people. Parking at the beaches is overcrowded and as mentioned people drive their carts all over the beaches. There are no easy answers to solving this on-going, growing problem. We currently have very little regulation regarding golf carts. Stewart has spoken to Dan Perry about our golf cart conveyance and will check in about the current town advisory vs bylaws. There has been on-going discussion about charging people for carts or having some sort of registration system.

The Board of Selectmen will create a list of current projects they are working on or want to work on.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

There was discussion about hiring a Town Administrator for writing and tracking grants and human resources administration. The Selectmen will speak with the Martha's Vineyard Commission to discuss the exact roll of a Town Administrator and what that would mean for Gosnold.

There is some concern about the proposed land acquisition by the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Should the sale go through, this would restrict future development of those lots, and those lots would also be taken off the tax rolls.

### LOOKOUT PARK:

Gail & Lisa previously had taken Dan Perry and others from the National Park Service to look at the parcel at the top of the hill regarding the water tanks and Verizon tower. Currently the National Park Service is requesting another appraisal of that parcel. The NPS wants the town to buy back the easement.

INTERNET:

Sarah is waiting to hear more from Axiom.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING:

There was a Special Town Meeting at 11:16. The Articles were to transfer funds from Harbor Special Projects to the General Fund for the purpose of: funding \$22,235.00 for the overage of the brow extension project; \$90,000.00 for the Town of Gosnold's share of the Coast Guard Dock rebuilding project; \$25,000.00 to fund the new platform by the former 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Shack location. There was \$7,499.11 in bills from FY2018; FY 2016, 2017, 2018 of transfers from the Community Preservation Act Fund; a transfer from General Fund Stabilization to the General Fund for the purpose of paying for the Town of Gosnold's share of the MACZM Infrastructure Grant Program \$86,406.00. Finally, there were FY2014, 2015, 2016, & 2018 transfers from carry overs to the Library Building Project totaling \$10,000.00.

SCHOOL:

The school year begins September 4.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

The Conservation Commission will meet next in September. They are considering a blanket Notice of Intent proposed by the Selectmen regarding storage of materials at the ferry dock parking lot.

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

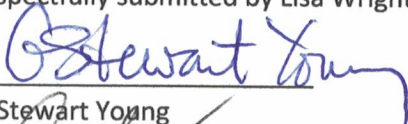
Dix Leeson and George Shaw are working on affordable housing. Other topics of interest are internet and golf carts. Long Range Planning will meet in the spring.


AVALON:

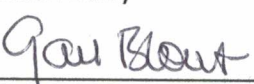
The Avalon Board of Trustees will meet in September.

*A motion was made to adjourn. Duly seconded. So moved. Meeting adjourned @ 12:53.*

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Wright

  
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G. Stewart Young

  
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Sarah Berry

  
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Gail Blout

November 9, 2018