

**MINUTES FEBRUARY 11, 2016**  
**GOULDSBORO BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

Present: Dana Rice, Bill Thayer, Sue Bagley, James McLean and Roger Bowen  
Staff: Bryan Kaenrath, Town Manager and Roni Saul, Deputy Town Clerk  
Audience: Eighteen (18)

Mr. Rice called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2016**

**Mr. McLean moved to approve the minutes; Mrs. Bagley 2<sup>nd</sup>; passed 5/0.**

Mr. Kaenrath presented minutes from the two executive session meetings held on February 2 and February 3. Mr. Rice suggested that they both be voted on together. **Mr. McLean moved to approve the minutes from February 2 and 3; Mr. Thayer 2<sup>nd</sup>; passed 5/0.**

**WARRANT #36**

**Mr. McLean moved to approve the warrant in the amount of \$293,464.89; Mrs. Bagley 2<sup>nd</sup>; Passed 5/0.**

**PAYROLL WARRANT**

**Mr. Thayer moved to approve the payroll warrant in the amount of \$13,963.11; Mrs. Bagley 2<sup>nd</sup>; passed 5/0.**

**REPORTS**

**Selectmen:**

**Mr. Bowen:** Mr. Bowen had read articles in the BDN and the Ellsworth American by Sarah Lakeman about PERC and MRC. Three points to note are that First, Fiberright, the company that MRC is promoting, has no facilities in Maine. Second, they proposed a facility in another state six years ago and that is still not up and running. Third, there is a clause that would allow them to say we shouldn't compost. MRC has a vested interest in Fiberite. We need to be very careful and compare the two companies and what they offer.

**Mr. Thayer:** Nothing

**Mr. Rice :** Nothing-but he did want to say that we did need to be very careful about our waste disposal options.

**Mrs. Bagley:** Nothing

**Mr. McLean:** Nothing

**Treasurer:** See Attached.

**Committees:**

**Solid Waste Committee:** Mr. Ray Jones said that we now have 24 recycling bins and lids for public purchase. The bins are \$8.50 each and the lids are \$8.50 each. He also stated that the committee is very carefully following what is happening with PERC and MRC. This is going to be voted on at town meeting. They should have more information by the first of May and by then we will know how many towns might be going with the new company.

**Town Manager Report :** See Attached

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Lily Pond Biologist Update- Danny Mitchell-** Mr. Mitchell was not at the meeting. This was postponed until another time.

**New Office Staff Health Plans-** Mrs. Robinson, the office supervisor, suggested that in the future new employees be offered the second choice in our health insurance options that offers the same benefits to the insured, but with a \$250 deductible instead of no deductible, as is currently being offered. This would create a savings of about \$4000 this coming budget season with new employees that need to be hired. Mr. Bowen made a motion to accept the second choice as the offering to new employees. There was no second.

**Expiring Contracts:** Mr. Kaenrath brought up four expiring contracts: Assessor, Sand, Trash Collection and Transfer station. Mr. Rice said extending the contracts would work for all but the sand. Mr. Robert Harmon, who has the contract for the trash and the transfer station said he would be willing to accept an extension.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Rice called for public comment. The board was going into executive session and he invited comments at this time-telling people they could wait until the executive session was over if they wanted to.

Mr. Ernest West brought up the subject of the firing of the police chief and wanted to know what had happened to try to prevent rumors. Mr. Rice said that the board could not comment on this. Mr. Robert Johnston said his wife commented that if the board was unanimous in their decision, they must have had a good reason. Mr. Johnston said that he supported the board in their actions. Mrs. Cathy Dunbar wanted to know if there was going to be anyone else hired and was concerned with her son's safety as one of the only two deputies currently working in Gouldsboro. Mr. Kaenrath assured her that we are working on getting a new police chief as soon as possible. In the meantime, Hancock County Sheriffs Department is covering our area when we need them. Mr. Johnston commented that he had seen them on the road coming to the meeting. Mr. James Maren asked if the former police chief had any recourse and once again Mr. Rice said they could not comment. He did want to reassure everyone that the board was acting in the best interest of the town. Mr. Kaenrath stated that he felt things were under control and going well.

**Mr. McLean moved to adjourn go into executive session; Mrs. Bagley 2<sup>nd</sup>; passed 5/0.** The board went in to executive session at 6:30pm.

**Mr. Bowen moved to leave executive session at 6:43; Mr. Thayer 2<sup>nd</sup>; passed 5/0.**

Public Comment: Mrs. Higgins encouraged the board to act on a decision regarding the new employee health plans as quickly as possible.

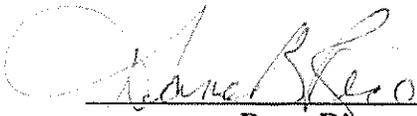
**Mr. Bowen moved to adjourn; Mrs. Bagley 2<sup>nd</sup>; passed 5/0.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Roni Saul, Deputy Town Clerk and Acting Secretary

*\*Please note: These minutes are not verbatim. A tape recording of the meeting is available at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.*

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Minutes of February 11, 2016-Approval February 25, 2016**



Dana Rice



William Thayer



Susan Bagley



James McLean



Roger Bowen



## **Manager's Report**

**February 11, 2016**

### **Strater Committee Meeting**

The first meeting of the Jeremy Strater Committee will take place on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm. All members should be in attendance. The funds have been deposited in BHBT and a specific new reserve account has been established.

### **Transfer Station Report**

We recently had a DEP site inspection of our transfer station and overall received a positive review. A few minor items were identified for clean up or improvement. The full report is included for your review. We will also be working to file previous reports from 2013 that were never completed and still being requested at this time.

### **Budget Process**

The next meeting of the budget committee will be held next week, February 17<sup>th</sup> where the current budget year will be reviewed by the committee. Department presentations will be held in mid March following the BOS review of the draft budget.

### **Chief Position Advertisement**

The police chief position is being advertised for two weeks in the Ellsworth American and with MMA. We may also advertise in the BDN and other online outlets depending on costs.

### **SS Queen Victoria Bell and Model Ship**

We continue to receive positive feedback on the new placements of the bell and model ship. They are drawing quite a bit of attention from many of those who visit the town office.