

MINUTES MAY 19, 2016
GOULDSBORO BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Present: Bill Thayer (Vice Chair), Sue Bagley, James McLean and Roger Bowen
Absent: Dana Rice (Chair)
Staff: Bryan Kaenrath, Town Manager and Rodie Kaiser, Deputy Town Clerk
Audience: 14

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2016

Mr. McLean moved to approve the minutes; Ms. Bagley 2nd; passed 4/0.

WARRANT #54

Ms. Bagley moved to approve the warrant in the amount of \$44,600.21; Mr. McLean 2nd; passed 4/0.

PAYROLL WARRANT #53

Ms. Bagley moved to approve the payroll warrant in the amount of \$12,053.31; Mr. McLean 2nd; passed 4/0.

REPORTS:

Selectmen: Mr. Bowen: [1] The *Schoodic Community Fund 2015 Annual Report* is dedicated to the very generous Jeremy Strater; thus, his gift advancing the fund a year ahead, totaling \$500,000 by December 2016, two years ahead of schedule. [2] Bryan Wood, Principal of *Palom Aquaculture*, reported that his partner returned from Sri Lanka, and received a major investment from a private equity firm interested in the Salmon farm in Corea. This is a huge boost and they closed on the land. [3] Ed Robinson, Head of *Acadia Harvest* (Yellowtail farm in Corea), reported that Kim Kenway's solar project is not going forward; the bill that the Governor vetoed and legislature sustained has done in his business. *Acadia Harvest* will exercise an option on that property to move forward for the solar farm. [4] The Consulate Generalé of Canada returned to Gouldsboro and we set up meeting with Director of SERC, Mark Berry. He brought his attaché who is in charge of academics and economic development. An understanding was reached that maritime universities be solicited for establishing collaborative relationships with *Schoodic Institute* which should attract more Canadians to our area and boost *Schoodic Institute*. The Curator from the *Canadian Museum of History* will be speaking in Gouldsboro about his bell research and the Consulate Generalé promised to return in Summer 2017 for the Tall Ships event when he picks up the bell replica from Dick Fisher for Ottawa's 150th celebration. [5] The Winter Harbor Police Chief, Mike Walsh, is stepping down at the end of June 2016. Police Chief, Tyler Dunbar, is doing an admirable job but he's understaffed. With two ferries operating this year and anticipated increased traffic on the peninsula, this will be a challenge. Our local police in both towns should begin discussions to collaborate on discussing a possible merger. Gouldsboro is understaffed and we've not received an adequate amount of applications for the openings. Mr. Kaenrath recommended we reach out to other sources for increased advertising for more police help. There is no police coverage for eight hours per day, and with Chief Dunbar's leadership, this is an opportune time more than ever to help Winter Harbor; not necessarily a cost savings but will allow full-time coverage. Chief Tyler Dunbar said that Danny Mitchell is the only certified officer in Winter Harbor and their other officers work part-time. We should have a peninsula-wide Police Department but a merger could pose a challenge. Mr. Kaenrath spoke with Winter Harbor's Town Manager, Cathy Carruthers, who will discuss this at her next board meeting on May 31st. Cathy will engage the Board's interest and advise Mr. Kaenrath if they would like to pursue initial discussion. Mr. Bowen suggested we merge police departments for a one-year trial period.

Ms. Bagley: The South Gouldsboro Pier is in need of repairs.

Mr. Thayer: Nothing

Mr. McLean: Nothing

Treasurer: See Attached.

Committees: Road Committee: Mr. Watson mentioned the old DOT site on Route 1 now has power and it needs to be tied in to the building.

Code Enforcement Officer: [1] Mr. Brackett returned from FEMA training and recommended we move ahead with FEMA's Community Rating System that could bring a potential 5% savings to 20 citizens. An additional 20 citizens are now required to have flood insurance. This program could allow the town to tap into FEMA funds for improvements. FEMA would require the CEO to maintain these improvement records that are kept private and the town would achieve "points" for maintaining these records. **Mr. McLean moved to approve the Town of Gouldsboro be CRS status (Community Rating System); Mr. Bowen 2nd; Passed 4/0.**

[2] Flowage is backed up onto East Schoodic Drive due to beaver dams on five private properties. These septic systems are endangered by flooding. The site was inspected by the DEP and Inland Fisheries & Wildlife; all parties agreed this needs to be resolved with special permission to remove the dams.

Town Manager: See Attached.

Police Chief: See Attached. The police cruiser will be ready the 1st or 2nd week in June. The Reserve Officer is working too many hours. We have an applicant pending who did a "ride-along" with no application yet.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

FY 2016-2017 Budget: The Budget Committee has completed its review of the budget. The school budget increased by \$76,000; \$73,000 RSU and \$3,000 town contribution. The town could take \$57,000 from the Educational Reserve account and up to \$150,000 from Unappropriated Surplus.

RSU Budget Validation Vote:

The vote will be on the same day as the Town and District Voting on June 14th, 2016. Deb Bisson (audience) spoke with David Brigham at RSU. Jim Watson (audience) encouraged the town to get together to discuss the RSU increase at their meeting on June 1st to hold them accountable and have a voice. Mr. Kaenrath mentioned there will be no Educational Reserve next year.

Ida Ray Scholarship Award Amount:

Mr. Kaenrath said the total award amount of this endowed fund has in the past year been approximately \$16,000; \$1,500 for Freshmen and \$1,000 for Alumni. **Mr. Bowen motioned the total award be \$16,000; Mr. McLean 2nd; Passed 4/0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Mr. Thayer moved to adjourn at 7:15pm; Mr. Bowen 2nd; passed 4/0.

Mr. Thayer adjourned the meeting at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodie Kaiser, 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.*

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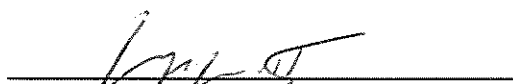


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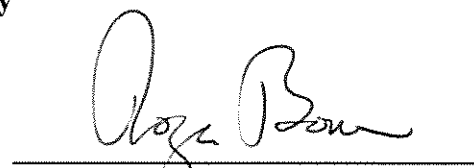


William Thayer

Susan Bagley



James McLean



Roger Bowen