

BY LAWS of GOULDSBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

I. Order of business

- a. meeting called to order
- b. reading, correcting, approving minutes
- c. treasurer's report
- d. reports of officers and standing committees
- e. reports of special committees
- f. old or unfinished business
- g. new business

II. Membership

- a. five Gouldsboro residents appointed by municipal officers in terms of five, four, three, two, one year
two alternates appointed by municipal officers each year to take place of regular members ~~xxxx~~ when absent, so designated by chairman.
Up to five associate casual members, appointed by commission
- b. only the five regular members or their alternate will vote
Officers will be elected from the five members
All members, alternates, associates will freely enter debate and discussion

c. membership will terminate under following conditions:

1. failure to attend three consecutive meetings except as waived by chairman.
2. voluntary withdrawal

III. Meetings

- a. Regular meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of each calendar month, at 7:30 p.m. at Town Office, or as so designated.
- b. special meetings at the authority of chairman

IV. Officers and committees

- a. Chairman shall preside at all meetings
He shall appoint all committees, he shall be ex officio member of all committees with right to participate and vote, he shall see that decisions of organization are carried out
- b. Vice-chairman acts as chairman in his absence
- c. Treasurer keeps records of all financial transactions and makes monthly accounting. He shall expend money only when approved by membership
- d. Secretary keeps minutes, including membership at meetings, and shall attend to correspondence as required and shall read all correspondence as might be directed at meetings
- e. Committees
 1. to be appointed as needed by chairman

V. Election of Officers

- a. Officers shall be informally elected by majority vote annually immediately after appointment of new members: chairman, vice-chairman financial secretary (treasurer) and recording secretary

VI. Voting. All issues may be decided by acclamation(aye or nay)
a. Chairman has right to vote on all issues and for all officers
b. a quorum of 50% must be present for transaction of business

VII. Parliamentary authority
a. authority for all rules of procedure shall be Roberts Rules

VIII. Amendments
a. These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by majority vote, provided written notice of intent to amend is sent each member one week prior to meeting.

ADDENDA

Suggested committees:

Planning - preparation and updating of natural resources inventories, open space, wetlands, conservation and passive recreation plan and coordination of plans with Planning Board

Land Acquisition

Information and Education

Land Management

Pollution Control

The Conservation Commission consists of five members appointed by the municipal officers in July 1973: Miriam Simpson, Miriam Colwell, Hildreth Urquhart, Hamilton Disston and Calvin Stinson, Jr., Chairman.

One of the functions of the Conservation Commission is to act as a watch dog against the downgrading and destruction of our natural resources and environment. Our shores, marshes, open spaces, hills and forests are an endangered heritage. They are the sources of income for many of us, lobster fishermen, clam diggers, sardine packers and woodsmen. They are the invaluable assets that if they can be preserved will continue to make Gouldsboro a superior place to live. Planning for their long term best use is our primary purpose, not for short term personal gain, but hopefully for the long term best interests of all.

The Conservation Commission acts as advisor and researcher for the Planning Board. An inventory of the natural resources of the town is being put together, which will show the soils and their suitability for various uses. This will be a very valuable aid to the Planning Board in assessing applications for changes in land use, especially subdivisions.

The Conservation Commission holds its meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, Prospect Harbor Town Office, 7:30 P.M. and not only welcomes but urges every citizen of Gouldsboro to come and to help in this community effort.

In asking the town to appropriate a budget of \$300.00 for its use, the Commission is looking ahead to being able to initiate such projects as cleaning up junk automobiles, acquiring conservation easements on areas needing protection and preservation, printing reports and newsletters for a well-informed community, acquiring publications of basic information for ourselves and the public, for material and services relating to the open space and natural resources inventory and seeking professional help if required. In the absence of any funding up to now, the members of the Commission have themselves paid travel expenses, considerable postage, many telephone calls, printing costs, and innumerable small outlays.

The time and energies of the Conservation Commission are directed solely toward benefiting the whole community by attempting to plan for the future, and to preserve from the past. We hope you will support and join our effort.