

TOWN OF GOULDSBORO
2024 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Hancock County

State of Maine

To: Adam Brackett, Deputy Police Chief, Town of Gouldsboro

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Gouldsboro in said County of Hancock, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Gouldsboro Community Center on Route 195, Pond Road, Gouldsboro on Tuesday, the eleventh (11th) day of June, A. D. 2024 at Eight O'clock (8:00 AM) in the forenoon, then and there to act on Articles numbered 1 and 2.

You are also to notify and warn said voters to meet at the Peninsula School Gym on Main Street, Prospect Harbor on Wednesday, the twelfth (12th) day of June, A. D. 2024 at Seven O'clock (7:00 PM) in the evening, then and there to act on Articles numbered 3 through 34, all of said Articles being set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Town Manager/Town Clerk Josh McIntyre read the greeting and Article 1.

Motion by Frank Minutillo to nominate Cheryl Brackett as Moderator; 2nd by Thomasina Watson.

Motion by Rachel Hudson to close nominations; 2nd by Martha Metzler.

Moderator election passed 3/0 by secret ballot.

Josh McIntyre administered the oath of office to Cheryl Brackett. The Moderator opened the polls at 8AM.

ARTICLE 2. To elect the following Town Officials by secret ballot:

Two Selectmen	3 Year Terms – Expires June 2027
One Planning Board member	3 Year Term – Expires June 2027
One RSU #24 Representative	3 Year Term – Expires June 2027

Polls declared closed at 8PM by Moderator Cheryl Brackett. 468 total votes cast.

Results of Select Board election: (two 3-yr terms)

*Robert Harmon	272
*Danny Mitchell Jr.	308
Katharine Shoemaker	151
Morris Young	101
Write Ins	8
Blank	84

Results of RSU #24 Rep election: (3-yr term)

Eugenio Bertin	179
*Mary Cowperthwaite	250
Write Ins	3
Blank	31

Results of Planning Board election: (3-yr term)

*Arthur Higgins	385
Write Ins	5
Blank	73

TOWN MEETING June 12, 2024 started at 7PM

Deputy Moderator Stu Marckoon was sworn in by Moderator Cheryl Brackett and opened Annual Town Meeting at 7PM. 100 registered voters attended. (121 total attended)

Bill Zoellick and Donna Harmon were awarded the Spirit of America Award and presented a certificate.

Susan Burke was awarded the Acadian Community Women's Club award for helping pets and families in need on the Peninsula by starting Hardy's Friends 15 years ago.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE ELECTION:

ARTICLE 3. To choose the following members of the Budget Committee:

Roger Dean	3 Year Term – Expires June 2027
Ray Jones	3 Year Term – Expires June 2027
Larry Peterson	3 Year Term – Expires June 2027
Brenda Clough	1 Year Term – Expires June 2025

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Arthur Higgins. Passed as written.

MUNICIPAL GENERAL FUND WARRANT ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$449,678 for the General Administration Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$132,473 for the Services and Committees Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$144,289 for the Town Property Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Margaret Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,055,933 for the Public Safety Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Elizabeth Mathewson. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$814,526 for the Public Works Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

OTHER MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL WARRANT ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for the Dorcas Library request.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for the Historical Society request.

The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend approval.
Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Dana Rice. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,300 for the Schoodic Food Pantry.

The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend approval.
Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Margaret Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for the Paving Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Paving Reserve as of April 2024 is \$336,193.
The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.
Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Margaret Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Public Works Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Public Works Reserve as of April 2024 is \$29,571.
The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.
Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for the Fire Equipment Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Fire Equipment Reserve as of April 2024 is \$98,203.
The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.
Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Elizabeth Mathewson. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer any remaining balance on June 30, 2024 from the Fire Department Division of the Public Safety Department to the Fire Department Equipment Reserve.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.
Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Edward Evelyn. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the Community Cemetery Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Community Cemetery Reserve as of April 2024 is \$2,759
The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.
Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Cruiser and Academy Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Cruiser and Academy Reserve as of April 2024 is \$52,781
The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.
Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Rick Henion. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer any remaining balance on June 30, 2024 from the Police Department Division of the Public Safety Department to the Police Cruiser and Academy Reserve.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.
Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,000 for the Buildings and Grounds Reserve. (\$12,000 earmarked for a new generator; \$10,000 earmarked for fire station roof replacement).

*Estimated balance in the Buildings and Grounds Reserve as of April 2024 is \$64,308
(\$20,000 earmarked for fire station roof replacement).*

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to retain \$10,000 from the EMS Reserve and transfer the remaining balance from EMS Reserve to the general fund to offset medical/ambulance services.

Estimated balance in the EMS Reserve as of April 2024 is \$206,812

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers to amend and reduce the article to \$5,000; no second.

Voters recommend keeping the \$10,000 as written.

Amendment failed.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers to keep article at \$10,000; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the Ambulance Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Ambulance Reserve as of April 2024 is \$35,315.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Barbara Bricker. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Harbor Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Harbor Reserve as of April 2024 is \$40,698.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to allocate mooring fees for Fiscal Years 2023, 2024, and 2025 to the Harbor Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Harbor Reserve as of April 2024 is \$40,698

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a maximum of \$150,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance (surplus) to offset taxes, if necessary and available.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

THIRD PARTY AND OUTSIDE AGENCY WARRANT ARTICLES

The following organizations requested contributions from the Town of Gouldsboro for Fiscal Year 2025:

Red Cross \$190; Community Health and Counseling \$100; Downeast Community Partners \$12,279; Downeast Transportation \$600; Eastern Area Agency on Aging \$600; Ellsworth Public Library \$5,109; Emmaus Homeless Shelter \$1,500; Families First Community Center \$700; Hospice Hancock County \$1,000; The Lifeflight Foundation \$852; Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry \$575; Maine Public Radio \$100; Northern Light Home Care & Hospice \$300, Schoodic National Scenic Byway \$1,500; Sunrise Little League \$1,000; SPCA \$400; WIC Nutrition Program \$1,050.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,700 for the following organizations:

- The sum of \$300 for Community Health and Counseling
- The sum of \$300 for Downeast Community Partners
- The sum of \$300 for Eastern Area Agency on Aging
- The sum of \$300 for Emmaus Homeless Shelter
- The sum of \$300 for Families First Community Center
- The sum of \$300 for Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County
- The sum of \$300 for The Life Flight Foundation
- The sum of \$300 for WIC Program
- The sum of \$300 for Northern Light Home Care & Hospice Foundation

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Margaret Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise general funds to donate to tax-exempt organizations (charities) during the next budget cycle.

Motion by Rick Henion; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

OTHER WARRANT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to have the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 taxes due in two installments: half to be due on or before October 31, 2024 and the other half to be due on or before March 31, 2025 and to have interest charged at the annual rate of 8% on any taxes unpaid after the due dates.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the select board to enter into multi-year contracts for public services.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Rick Henion. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to retain the right to control the harvesting of alewives.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Margaret Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will approve amendments to the Harbor Ordinance.

The Board of Selectmen and Harbor Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Margaret Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will approve amendments to the Land Use Ordinance.

The Board of Selectmen and Planning Board recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to accept donations by the Ray Scholarship Fund for the benefit of Gouldsboro students at Sumner High School.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Elizabeth Mathewson. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to increase the Property Tax Levy Limit established by State Law, in the event that the municipal budget approved at this town meeting results in a tax commitment in

excess of the maximum property tax levy otherwise applicable, such that the increased maximum property tax levy hereby established will equal the amount committed.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Margaret Jones. Passed as written.

83 Yes / 3 No (raise of hands)

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to set the next Town Meeting as the second Tuesday in June 2025, to start at 8AM.

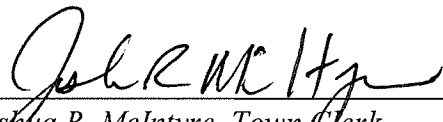
Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

The Registrar of Voters, or Deputy, hereby gives notice that she will be in session at the Community Center on the Pond Road from 8AM until 8PM on the day of the election, Tuesday, June 11, 2024, and at 7PM at the Peninsula School on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of registered voters.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers to adjourn at 7:46PM; 2nd by Ray Jones.

Warrant signed by Dana Rice Sr., Robert Harmon, Danny Mitchell Jr., Peter McKenzie and Jacqueline Weaver.

Attest:



Joshua R. McIntyre, Town Clerk
Town of Gouldsboro