

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2024
GOULDSBORO SELECT BOARD MEETING

Zoom Meeting

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Present: Dana Rice Sr., Robert Harmon, Danny Mitchell Jr., Peter McKenzie, Jackie Weaver
Staff: Joshua McIntyre, Town Manager, Brianna L. Mitchell, Town Clerk
Audience: 6 (Six) – Zoom (2)

Meeting held at the Gouldsboro Town Office.

Mr. Rice called the meeting to order at 5PM



Pledge of Allegiance

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – *Please see warrant*

Entered into Special Town Meeting at 5PM. Meeting adjourned at 5:05PM.

**Update from Eagle Point Energy Center Manager, Roy Donnelly – on Zoom*

Roy Donnelly updated the Select Board with the current status of EPEC. The trash fire has been extinguished but unfortunately, this has pushed off the current process with trying to get the plant up and running to burn trash for energy. This will take some time to upgrade, remodel and purchase machinery to be able to do so. Not sure when they will be able to be set up to burn but Roy will be sure to keep the Select Board updated as they go along.

PUBLIC HEARING – *GENERAL ASSISTANCE MAXIMUMS*

Mr. Rice opened the public hearing at 5:23PM.

Mr. Rice closed the public hearing at 5:23PM.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve of the 2024 General Assistance Maximums; 2nd by Mr. Harmon. Passed 5/0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of September 26, 2024; 2nd by Mr. Harmon. Passed 5/0.

PAYROLL WARRANT #15

Mr. Harmon moved to approve Payroll Warrant #15 in the amount of \$43,408.50; 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. Passed 5/0.

A/P WARRANT #16

Mr. Mitchell moved to approve A/P Warrant #16 in the amount of \$405,259.72; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Mr. Harmon asked EMS Chief Ken Monroe why we are paying a Pleasant River Ambulance bill on this warrant? Ken responded a paramedic had to come in to assist with an ALS

call. Mr. Harmon asked the chief if we bill the agencies if our paramedic is toned to assist them? Ken responded yes, we do. **Passed 4 / Mr. Harmon abstained.**

SELECT BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Rice: *Nothing at this time.*

Mr. Mitchell: *Nothing at this time.*

Mr. Harmon: Mr. Harmon wanted to report on behalf of the Schoodic Food Pantry, they are handing out about 3,000 pounds of food a week. There are about 38 new families since the summer. The Food Pantry will also be preparing Thanksgiving Dinners this year to hand out to families as well.

Mr. McKenzie: *Nothing at this time.*

Ms. Weaver: *Nothing at this time.*

TREASURER- **See attached**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Emergency Management- Jackie Johnston reported FEMA updates for moving forward on repairs around town. Mr. Harmon made a motion to allow staff to draft specs for work on Crowley Island Road for mitigation purposes. This would include raising the road, adding rip rap, and geogrid fiber. The specs are to be included in a notice on the town's website and Facebook page announcing the work, and the Road Commissioner will alert interested contractors of the availability of the work. Bids will be available for consideration at the next Select Board meeting on 10/24/24.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Mitchell reported on behalf of Officer in Charge Jim Malloy, the new cruiser is almost complete. The lettering looks great. Sargeant Robbins took the Ram Truck Cruiser to be sized for lettering. The cruisers will be visible again and all cruisers will be completely lettered once the truck is finished.

FIRE DEPARTMENT / EMS – See Attached

Chief Ken Monroe reported all fire truck pumps have passed pump testing. Chief Monroe submitted a quote for a new LifePak 15 to purchase with the grant funds the town received. The cost is \$20,000 for a used LifePak with certification. The current LifePak 12 needs to be replaced and upgraded with newer version. Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the purchase of the new LifePak 15 for \$20,000 with the grant money the town received; 2nd by Mr. Harmon. Passed 5/0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – See Attached

CEO Mike Connors was absent from meeting.

- He has issued 3 permits since the last meeting.
- Mike is getting numbers together for Francis Pound Road repair, should be around \$25,000 to remove 135' of failing asphalt, raise the lowest section of the road and pave.
- Mike is also looking to repair a section of Nahum Jones Road this fall.
- There have been several road signs gone missing in addition to Guzzle Road. A stop sign Mike recently installed and post was removed from the Easterly intersection of Old Route One and Route One and is missing. Mike will contact Maine DOT to have some vegetation removed to the East of the intersection to improve visibility.

RSU#24 REPRESENTATIVE- **Absent**

TOWN MANAGER- See Attached

Town Manager Joshua McIntyre mentioned to the Select Board he would like to close the Town Office at 2PM on October 29, 2024 as we are required to have some training for the new implementation of TRIO Web software. Mr. Harmon made a motion to close the Town Office at 2PM on October 29, 2024 for new software training; 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. Passed 5/0.

The Acadia Community Woman's Club is working with Sumner High School to plant tulips around the area in support of youth mental health awareness. As part of the project, they are asking permission to plant 100 yellow tulip bulbs at the Town Park at the corner of the Pond Road and Main Street. They would provide the bulbs, dirt, and maintenance, in addition to planting. By consensus, the Select Board approves to allow the ACWC to plant the yellow tulip bulbs at the Town Park for the Yellow Tulip Project.

The Town has received the annual documents from the State with the proposed 2025 valuation. As of now, the value will be \$706million, an increase of 19.1% from the 2024 valuation of \$592.8million. Josh has forwarded the documents to our Assessor, Zeb Pike, to review, but he assumes the proposed valuation will be what is certified by the State in January. The Select Board would like to know what surrounding towns valuations are and the percentage increase of their valuations. Town Manager Josh McIntyre will look into this.

Josh reported that approximately 60 people have not paid their mooring fees. Harbor Master Mike Pinkham has been working hard to remind people and have them come pay them. It's possible to take to small claims court for the ones who have not paid these fees yet? Chair Dana Rice thinks that would be the best way to do so as there are many who probably won't come to pay them. Josh will research more into this matter.

The Coast Guard contacted Josh about the bell buoy that washed up on our shores back from the January storms. In order for the Municipality to obtain the buoy, it is to be for display purposes only and may require a small fee. More information to come regarding this matter.

Old Business-

Converting streetlights to LED – update

Brianna included an email from Robert Clark from Versant Power about updating all our streetlights from mercury/sodium to LED lights that will be dark sky compliant. Brianna reported this will be no cost to the Town to convert and will actually save us money on our bill. By consensus, the Select Board would like to move forward with converting to LED.

New Business-

Update from Eagle Point Energy Center Manager, Roy Donnelly

*Please see page one.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN: Mr. Harmon moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:07PM; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 5/0.


Respectfully submitted,
Brianna L. Mitchell, Town Clerk

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


Enclosures: Agenda, Special Town Meeting Warrant, Land Use Ordinance Amendments, EPEC Community Update email, Minutes of 09.26.24, Payroll Warrant #15, A/P Warrant #16, General Assistance Maximums Ordinance, Treasurer's Report, Schoodic EMS & Gouldsboro Fire calls report, CEO Report, Town Managers Report, Proposed 2025 State Valuation letter, Preliminary 2025 State Valuation letter, Municipal Clerks Shayna Bellows letter, Custom Budget Report, Updated Gouldsboro Street lights list, Versant Power LED Street lights info, PERC waste disposal email, Town of Orrington, ME letter.

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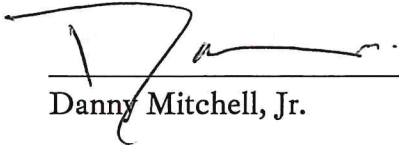
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Dana Rice, Sr.



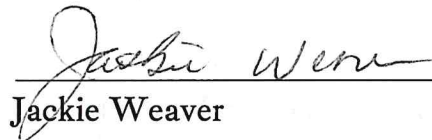
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