MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2024 GOULDSBORO SELECT BOARD MEETING

Present:

Dana Rice Sr., Robert Harmon, Peter McKenzie, Jackie Weaver

Zoom:

Danny Mitchell Jr.

Staff:

Joshua McIntyre, Town Manager, Brianna L. Mitchell, Town Clerk

Audience:

9 (Nine)

Meeting held at the Gouldsboro Town Office. Mr. Rice called the meeting to order at 5PM



APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2024

Mr. Harmon made a motion to approve the minutes of November 7, 2024; 2nd by Ms. Weaver. Passed 5/0.

PAYROLL WARRANT #21

Mr. Harmon moved to approve Payroll Warrant #21 in the amount of \$34,326.78; 2nd by Ms. Weaver. Passed 5/0.

A/P WARRANT #22

Mr. Harmon moved to approve A/P Warrant #22 in the amount of \$144,442.59; 2nd by Ms. Weaver. Passed 5/0.

SELECT BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Weaver: Jackie reported she went to the Food Pantry on Tuesday and mentioned it was very well put together and very impressive.

Mr. Harmon: There was a great article in the Ellsworth American about the Food Pantry and shows how great of a community Gouldsboro is to come together to help those in need.

Mr. Mitchell: Danny echoed what Bob and Jackie said, the Food Pantry is a great setup and managed very well by Donna and the members.

Mr. Rice: Nothing at this time.

Mr. McKenzie: Nothing at this time.

TREASURER- See attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Coastal Resilience- Bill Zoellick reported they had their meeting on Saturday and went well, 25 Gouldsboro residents attended and 7 online participants. Still under much discussion about the causeway.

Planning Board- Chair Ray Jones reported the board has received a Subdivision application, the first one in 5 years, to be looked at. There will be 3 lots to sell off within the subdivision. It is located on the Pond Road named "Pond Road Woods".

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nothing at this time.

FIRE DEPARTMENT / EMS – See Attached

Chief Ken Monroe reported he dropped off the equipment to Sugarloaf Ambulance to be placed in the new ambulance that will be arriving December/January.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - See Attached

CEO Mike Connors reported:

- He has issued 5 permits since the last Select Board meeting.
- The road work and paving on Francis Pound Road has been completed.
- Mike spoke with the homeowner at 725 Paul Bunyan Road today, no change in the regard to land purchase from an abutter. There are some issues with septic location.
- Mike will generate one report for Planning Board and Select Board meetings.
- There was a fuel tank on a private wharf on the Shore Road that has been emptied and secured/sealed. Mike spoke with a state official and mentioned it as fine where it is until it can be removed in the near future.
- Mike will provide the property owner on Lucinda's Lane with subdivision application and explain what is needed for the pre-application meeting.

RSU#24 REPRESENTATIVE - Absent

TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Josh gave the select board a document including information regarding the remaining funds from the ARPA money. The possibilities were discussed of what to purchase, some items including, Generators for the Rec Center and the Town Office/Fire Station #1, Satellite phones, Starlink equipment, etc. Josh will bring items to vote on to the next Select Board meeting.

Old Gusiness-None.

New Business-

Approval of lease agreement for Dana Rice, Jr. for use of building at former DOT Lot

This is a continuing contract for Dana Rice Jr. to use the green warehouse building at the former DOT Lot. This concludes providing the Town, annually, a copy of liability certificate indemnifying the town of any liability in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000). The lessee agrees to pay seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) per month rent for the above property. Payment will be due the first of every month from November 1st through May 1st. The lease will be valid for one year and may be renewed annually by a majority vote of the Select Board. Mr. McKenzie made a motion to approve the contract valid for a year at \$750 a month starting November 1 through May 1; 2nd by Mr. Harmon. Passed 5/0.

Approval for town office to be closed at 12PM on Christmas Eve

Mr. McKenzie agrees to allow the town office staff to close the office at 12PM on Christmas Eve but would also like to allow them to take the day after Christmas off as they work very hard. Mr. McKenzie made a motion to close the Town Office at 12PM on December 24 and close the whole day on December 26; 2nd by Mr. Harmon. Passed 5/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

<u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u> To discuss personnel matters in accordance with MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405, Paragraph 6A (personnel issue)

Motion by Mr. Harmon to enter into executive session at 5:43PM; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 5/0.

Motion by Mr. Harmon to exit executive session at 6:08PM; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 5/0

No actions were taken.

<u>ADJOURN</u>: Mr. Harmon moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:09PM; 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.

<u>Enclosures</u>: Agenda, Minutes of 11.07.24, Payroll Warrant #21, A/P Warrant #22, Treasurer's Report, Schoodic EMS / GB Fire Calls Report, Coastal Resilience report, CEO Report, Town Manager's Report, ARPA funds excel, EPEC update letter, Eastern Area Agency on Aging thank you letter.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of November 21, 2024 and Approval on December 5, 2024

Dana Rice, Sr.

Robert Harmon

Danny Mitchell, Jr.

Peter McKenzie

Jackie Weaver