

MINUTES OF JANUARY 30, 2025
GOULDSBORO SELECT BOARD MEETING

Present: Dana Rice Sr., Robert Harmon, Danny Mitchell Jr., Peter McKenzie, Jackie Weaver
Staff: Joshua McIntyre, Town Manager, Brianna L. Mitchell, Town Clerk
Audience: 12 (Twelve)

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



Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2025

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to amend the minutes to reflect Dana Rice Sr. as absent at the top of the meeting minutes of January 16, 2025; 2nd by Mr. Harmon. Passed 5/0 as amended.

PAYROLL WARRANT #31

Mr. Mitchell moved to approve Payroll Warrant #31 in the amount of \$31,801.43; 2nd by Mr. Harmon. Passed 5/0.

A/P WARRANT #32

Mr. Harmon moved to approve A/P Warrant #32 in the amount of \$88,847.62; 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. Passed 5/0.

SELECT BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Weaver – *Nothing at this time.*

Mr. Harmon – *Nothing at this time.*

Mr. Mitchell – *Nothing at this time.*

Mr. Rice – *Nothing at this time.*

Mr. McKenzie – *Nothing at this time.*

TREASURER- See attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Costal Resilience – Bill Zoellick reported there is a meeting on February 11, 2025 starting at 5PM at the Charles M. Sumner Learning Campus for vital community conversations to enhance our response, preparedness and resilience in the face of increasing storm events. Bill will be speaking at this meeting and encourages any and all to attend.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer in Charge Jim Malloy mentioned there hasn't been a whole lot going on. Town Manager Joshua McIntyre mentioned he got direction on how to proceed with the donation of the old cruiser

to the Schoodic Food Pantry. We will have to hold a special town meeting to vote on this matter. By consensus, the Select Board would like to sign the warrant at the next Select Board meeting to hold the Special Town Meeting the night of 2/27 Select Board meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT / EMS

Chief Monroe reported there have been 4 structure fires in our area of Hancock County within the past few weeks. The structure fire that occurred in Gouldsboro on the Pond Road, 8 Fire Departments responded to assist. Three of the recent Fire Academy graduates were able to go in and fight the fire. Chief Monroe mentioned a siren box and a spanner wrench broke during the call.

Town Manager Josh mentioned about Governor Janet Mills proposal of 6% Ambulance Service Tax. This is something the Select Board and Town Manager are not in favor of. By consensus, the Select Board would like Josh to write a letter to legislators expressing the Town's concerns and express the Town is not in favor of this proposal.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – See Attached

CEO Mike Connors reported:

- He has issued 2 permits since the last Select Board meeting
- Mike reported several larger municipalities have experienced scammers sending emails to subdivision developers. The emails request payment for development fees.
- He received notification Downeast Aggregates will be blasting ledge on Tom's Meadow Road on February 4, 2025.

RSU#24 REPRESENTATIVE

RSU Rep Mary Cowperthwaite reported budget season has started. The RSU is suspecting an increase since there will be less funding from the State this year. They are awaiting response from the State to report precise numbers to the Select Board.

The behaviors are getting better from children now that the phone policy has been in place. Mary also mentioned policies are still continuing and being looked at. Enrollments have decreased since the last school year. They had about 240 enrolled for high school and is now down to about 200. Some kids have moved away, being homeschooled or are going to Ellsworth High School.

Mary also reported the State is looking to add 3-year-olds to Pre-K. This will be a terrible idea. It's possible the state may mandate this by 2028.

TOWN MANAGER – See Attached

New proposed Office operating hours

The new proposed schedule presented is Monday – Thursday 7:30AM – 5PM. Many municipalities have changed schedules to Fridays off. We offer most of our services online for residents. After discussion, Chair Dana Rice would like to bring this back up at the next Select Board meeting.

Old Business.

None.

New Business

Discussion about monthly newsletter for FY2026 Budget

Three of the five Select Board members do not want to print the newsletters for the upcoming budget. The projected cost for this would be about \$7,000 and increases each year due to postage costs. They would like to continue having copies digital on our website, our Facebook page, here at the Town Office, the Schoodic Food Pantry and the Gouldsboro Clinic. The Select Board would like to offer the newsletters at stores in town as well.

Possible action to remove/relocate streetlight at 93 Old Route One

After much discussion, Mr. Harmon moved to approve to relocate the streetlight at 93 Old Route One down a pole near Ozzy's Way; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 5/0.

Discussion of request by Lake Stewards of Maine to use town facilities and Jones Pond on June 25 or June 26, 2025 for training in invasive aquatic plants

By consensus, the Select Board would like to allow Lake Stewards of Maine to use these facilities.

Approval of FY26 Budget Schedule

Town Manager Joshua McIntyre brought forward a budget schedule for this season, to include; February 27, March 13, March 27, April 10, April 24, May 8.

Mr. Harmon moved to approve the budget schedule attached; 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. Passed 5/0.

Consideration of action on tax-acquired properties

The 2022 tax properties that were foreclosed on are listed below.

2458	COLE, PETER	77	WEST BAY ROAD	005-015
1720	JORDAN, WAYNE		GUZZLE ROAD	022-025-C
1721	JORDAN, WAYNE	438	GUZZLE ROAD	022-025-G
1722	JORDAN, WAYNE		GUZZLE ROAD	022-025-D
1723	JORDAN, WAYNE		GUZZLE ROAD	022-025-A
2042	YOUNG, IDA MAY	7	AM ROAD	043-037

Town Manager Joshua McIntyre mentioned to the Select Board we recently approved a payment plan with Ida May Young so we cannot further move with this property at this time.

The Select Board would like Josh to look into the Town keeping the foreclosed properties owned by Wayne Jordan 022-025-A, 022-025-C, 022-025-D and 022-025-G on the Guzzle Road.

The Select Board would like to sell the foreclosed property owned by Peter Cole at 77 West Bay Road, map 005 lot 015. Mr. Mitchell made a motion to go through the sale process for this property 005-015; 2nd by Mr. Harmon. Passed 5/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURN: Mr. Harmon moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:05PM; 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. Passed 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Brianna L. Mitchell, Town Clerk

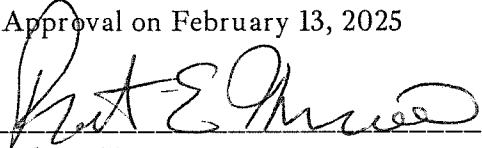
Please note: These minutes are not verbatim. A tape recording of the meeting is available at the Town Office during regular business hours.

Enclosures: Agenda, Minutes of 01/16/2025, Payroll Warrant #31, A/P Warrant #32, Treasurer's Report, Police Department February 2025 Schedule, Schoodic EMS / GB Fire Calls Report, Schoodic EMS February 2025 Schedule, Ambulance Tax proposed email, CEO Report, Town Managers Report, Town Office Operating Hours proposed schedule, Office of Management and Budget memorandum 01/27/2025, Street Light email, Lake Stewards of Maine email for Jones Pond, Proposed Budget Schedule, 2022 Tax Acquired Property list, DM&J Waste Increase Notification.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of January 30, 2025 and Approval on February 13, 2025

Dana Rice, Sr.



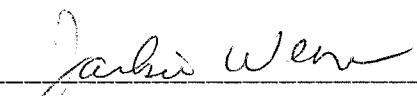
Robert Harmon



Danny Mitchell, Jr.



Peter McKenzie



Jackie Weaver