

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2025
GOULDSBORO SELECT BOARD MEETING
AND BUDGET KICKOFF WORKSHOP

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 801 872 7702

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Present: Robert Harmon, Danny Mitchell Jr., Peter McKenzie, Jackie Weaver

Absent: Dana Rice Sr.

Staff: Joshua McIntyre, Town Manager
Brianna L. Mitchell, Town Clerk
Micheal Connors, Code Enforcement Officer
Officer in Charge James Malloy
Fire Chief Ken Monroe

Audience: 14 (Fourteen)

Zoom: 3 (Three)

Meeting held at the Gouldsboro Town Office.

Mr. Harmon called the meeting to order at 5PM



Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 30, 2025

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of January 30, 2025; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF WARRANTS FROM FEBRUARY 13, 2025

• PAYROLL WARRANT #33

Mr. Mitchell moved to approve Payroll Warrant #33 in the amount of \$30,386.84; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0.

• A/P WARRANT #34

Mr. Mitchell moved to approve A/P Warrant #34 in the amount of \$454,408.28; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 3 / Mr. Harmon abstained.

PAYROLL WARRANT #35

Mr. Mitchell moved to approve Payroll Warrant #35 in the amount of \$28,662.28; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0.

A/P WARRANT #36

Mr. Mitchell moved to approve A/P Warrant #36 in the amount of \$39,196.44; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0.

SELECT BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Weaver – Jackie thanked Brianna for providing great info in the March newsletter. Jackie also recognized that Town Manager Joshua McIntyre has been with the town for a year and has been a wonderful addition.

Josh mentioned he will be in touch with Consolidated Communications to find out more information about the new fiber lines that are being installed around town.

Mr. Harmon – *Nothing at this time.*

Mr. Mitchell – *Nothing at this time.*

Mr. Rice – *Absent from meeting.*

Mr. McKenzie – *Nothing at this time.*

TREASURER- See attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nothing at this time.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer in Charge Jim Malloy reported there was an incident that happened today, an open syringe was placed in trash collection. Jim is looking into getting a sharps container for residents to be able to bring their sharps to dispose properly. The incident was taken care of.

FIRE DEPARTMENT / EMS

Chief Monroe reported things have been easy going lately, not much going on. Chief Monroe would like to warn people to drive careful during weather storms.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – See Attached

CEO Mike Connors reported:

- He has issued 7 permits.
- Sand/Salt – limited quantities currently available. Recently purchased 2 additional loads of salt. Mike plans to mix it in with the small remaining pile of sand. He will closely monitor salt/sand usage for the rest of the winter season and recommend additional purchases if required.
- Street Lights – Mike has observed the lights of concern on the Shore Road. May need to shield a couple of the lights and Mike recommends reducing the output on the mounted flood light by the town ramp.
- Street Sweeping – Mike is acquiring an estimate to have roads swept and sand removed. Removing sand will reduce buildup along the road that hinders proper drainage. Looks as though it hasn't been removed in several years.

RSU#24 REPRESENTATIVE – Absent

TOWN MANAGER

RJD Appraisal Contract

Josh reported RJD Appraisal is unloading quite a few towns and we were going to be one of them. Josh spoke to RJD Appraisal about keeping our contract. RJD Appraisal is willing to keep the Town as an assessing customer.

Special Public Hearing for posting town roads

There will be a public hearing on March 4, 2025 starting at 5PM to post the town roads.

Town Park plans

Tom Towle spoke to Josh about any future plans with the Town Park. Tom would like to bring this forward for discussion with Schoodic Byway about possible future ideas. The Select Board unanimously agreed.

Purchase of Cheerleading uniforms for Rec use

Megan Moshier contacted Josh about the Town of Gouldsboro possibly contributing \$2,000 to cheering uniforms for Rec use. Megan mentioned 20 uniforms cost around \$4,000. The Rec cheering team is made up of both Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor kids. By consensus, the Select Board agrees to go ahead and split the cost.

Old Business-

Streetlights

Sarah Redmond, Resident on Shore Road, voiced her concern of the streetlights on Shore Road. CEO Mike Connors recommends shielding the light at the intersection of Factory Road to alleviate any light splash. Does the Town need the old pound street light? Mike recommends we decrease the wattage of the flood light at the boat ramp. Chief Monroe said we cannot remove the light as a ramp used for an emergency boat access.

Dwight Rodgers mentioned there is a light at the intersection of Crowley Island Road near the Corea Post Office that does not work. Dwight also mentioned of a few other street lights that may need to be addressed.

Update on sale / retention of tax-acquired properties

Whytne Crabtree was present to represent her grandmother Rita Cole's property at 77 West Bay Road that was foreclosed on. She asked if the Town would be willing to allow her to pay the outstanding taxes to keep the property.

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to allow the taxes be paid in full lump sum and allow the owners to keep ownership of 77 West Bay Road; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0.

Wayne Jordan was present to discuss about his four properties that were foreclosed on located on Guzzle Road. Wayne asked if the Town would sell back the property and allow him to pay the outstanding taxes in full to keep these properties.

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

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to sell back the 4 properties and allow the resident to pay the taxes in full lump sum including any legal fees and any other fees the Town will incur by March 31, 2025; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0.

Sign warrant for Special Town Meeting for donation of old police cruiser and interdepartmental transfer of funds for FY2025

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the warrant; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0.

Approval of revision to Streamworks LLC contract for Corea grant work

Bill Zoellick, Chair of Coastal Resilience, reported this is a revision to the contract revising to shift the scope of work where it would be more beneficial to the Town.

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to accept the revised Streamworks contract and allow the Town Manager Joshua McIntyre to execute the contract on behalf of the Town; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0.

Approval of FB Environmental contract for Three Harbors grant work

Bill Zoellick reported this is to implement the contract for the Three Harbors Grant.

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to accept FB Environmental contract to implement the Three Harbors Grant and allow the Town Manager Joshua McIntyre to execute the contract on behalf of the Town; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0.

New Business

Consideration of solid waste contract with Eagle Point Energy Center

The Select Board would like to revisit this down the road as it's not a contract that needs action on right now. Mr. Harmon would like the gentleman from EPEC to attend a future Select Board meeting to give the Town an update.

Consideration of contracting with new vendor for EMS billing

Town Manager Joshua McIntyre presented two quotes and information for Medical Reimbursement Services out of Windham ME and, the second from Central Maine Cost Recovery out of Fairfield ME. Josh mentioned our current EMS Biller is a 1.5-person operation and recommends we find a business that is equipped to handle a larger amount of call volume. Our Town Treasurer Aleta Fusco liked the idea of CMCR better as they offer a portal she can utilize for audit purposes, and the invoice sent to residents lists out what was provided for services. Josh also mentioned there is a 30-day period we can exit the contract with CMCR if needed.

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to terminate our current EMS Biller and enter into a contract with Central Maine Cost Recovery and allow the Town Manager Joshua McIntyre to execute the contract on behalf of the Town; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Yvonne Wilkinson mentioned she is currently taking Spirit of America award nominations to present at the upcoming Annual Town Meeting. Josh mentioned Brianna has a nomination to submit.

FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET WORKSHOP – Capital Improvement Plan; Reserves

Town Manager Joshua McIntyre started the Budget meeting off with explaining the process of the budget meetings this season. He then went into detail to explain the Capital Improvement Plans and Reserves. These are items Josh worked into an excel spreadsheet showing what year the item will be

purchased and how much money needs to be allocated each fiscal year for the next ten years in order to have enough money in that reserve to purchase the item.

There was discussion about a workshop and storage area for Code Enforcement Officer Mike Connors. The back of Station #3 was brought up for a possibility, along with the green building that sits at the DOT Lot.

The preservation of the Prospect Harbor Women's Club and the Jones Pond Cabin was brought up. After much discussion, the Board would like to see the assessment of both properties ASAP. This building was gifted to the Town many years ago by the Women's Club. May need to examine the deed to see what it specifies.

Josh mentioned the cruiser allocated for the upcoming FY2026 can be moved to FY2027 per Chief Malloy.

There was discussion about the purchase of a playground to place the Jones Pond. After much discussion, it was decided it's not feasible for how much they cost. This was removed from the ten-year plan. The Rec Committee had once talked about fundraising for the playground. The \$40,000 contribution for FY2026 has also been removed.

Under the Transfer Station Reserve, Ray Jones mentioned the scales is not feasible and realistic for our community. The Scales Installation has been removed from the ten-year plan. Ray mentioned there is ongoing revenue from transfer station passes and punch cards, so there is no need for contribution to this reserve account.

The Coastal Response Reserve is a new reserve that will need to be voted on at Town Meeting. This reserve is to cover expenses for Coastal Resilience projects around town that need repair due to storms; emergency backup repairs, permanent repair of Crowley Island Road, Cranberry Point junction repair, Raise approach road to Bunkers Harbor. These are unknown at this moment and this fund would be to help meet future needs.

ADJOURN: Mr. Harmon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50PM; 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. Passed 4/0.

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.

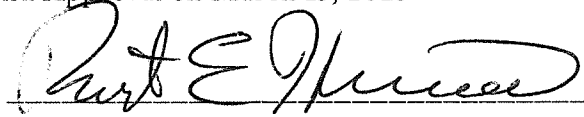
Enclosures: Agenda, Minutes of 01.31.2025, Payroll Warrant #33, A/P Warrant #34, Payroll Warrant #35, A/P Warrant #36, Treasurer's Report, Schoodic EMS March 2025 schedule, Fire/EMS Calls Report, CEO Report, Eagle Point Energy Center Update Letter and Contract Letter of Intent, Gouldsboro Streetlights List, Special Town Meeting Warrant 03.13.25, Streamworks Contract, FB Environmental Contract, Central Maine Cost Recovery EMS Billing Agreement, Medical Reimbursement Services EMS Billing Information, Maine Community Foundation Donation Letter, FY26 Budget Documents.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Minutes of February 27, 2025 and Approval on March 13, 2025

Absent.

Dana Rice, Sr.



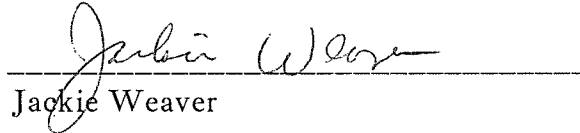
Robert Harmon



Danny Mitchell, Jr.



Peter McKenzie



Jackie Weaver