

Town of Gouldsboro Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2011

Members present: Chuck Davis, Mary Ann Higgins, Ray Jones, Janet Michaud, Phil Reidy, Andy Sankey, Thoma Watson

Members not present: Michelle Joy, Dwight Rodgers

Alternates present: Fred Cook, Amy Davis, Mel Jackson

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the January 11th minutes.

The committee reviewed the first draft budget requests from the following departments:

Constable – presented by Glenn Grant

The total amount requested is \$169,772 as compared to last year's budget of \$161,502. Notable changes include a 3% increase in salaries, a 15% increase in health insurance and a \$3,500 increase in fuel. Glenn also requested \$5,000 to add to the Cruiser Reserve account

Fire Department – presented by Bob Harmon

The total amount requested is \$78,966 as compared to last year's budget of \$49,425. Notable changes include a new pay for calls expense of \$10,000, an increase of \$4,500 in stipends, a \$5,100 increase in special equipment (not including a grant request of \$24,000) and an increase of \$2,000 for fuel. Bob also requested \$25,000 to add to the Equipment Reserve account. In addition, Bob presented a Medical Transport proposal, contingent on receiving a 5 year SAFER grant, which might be submitted to the Board of Selectmen as a stand alone warrant article.

Public Works – presented by Jim Watson

The total amount requested still needs to include bids for plowing, sanding, recycling, solid waste pickup and operation of the transfer station which have been submitted to but not yet chosen by the Board of Selectmen. Notable changes include an increase of \$12,000 for paving, an increase of \$26,000 for brushing, a decrease in solid waste disposal from \$47,450 to \$33,030, and a decrease in Coastal Recycling dues from \$19,014 to \$14,668. Jim also requested \$65,000 to add to the paving reserve.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30th to review the first draft of the rest of the departments' budget requests.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Michaud, Secretary