

TOWN OF GOULDSBORO
2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

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Hancock County

State of Maine

To: Eve Wilkinson, Resident, Town of Gouldsboro

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Gouldsboro in said County of Hancock, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Gouldsboro Community Center on Route 195, Pond Road, Gouldsboro on Tuesday, the eighth (8th) day of June, A. D. 2021 at Eight O'clock (8:00 AM) in the forenoon, then and there to act on Articles numbered 1 and 2.

You are also to notify and warn said voters to meet at the Gouldsboro Community Center on Route 195, Pond Road, Gouldsboro on Wednesday, the ninth (9th) day of June, A. D. 2021 at Seven O'clock (7:00 PM) in the evening, then and there to act on Articles numbered 3 through 36, all of said Articles being set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Yvonne Wilkinson read the greeting and opened nominations for Moderator. Nomination and second for Cindy Lowe. Cindy Lowe was sworn in as Moderator and appointed Gary Hunt as Deputy Moderator. Cindy Lowe read Article 2 to open the polls. Deputy Moderator, Gary Hunt was sworn for the open meeting on Wednesday evening.

ARTICLE 2. To elect the following Town Officials by secret ballot:

Three-year terms: Two Selectmen

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Three-year term: One RSU #24 School Board Representative

Results Selectmen: Robert Harmon 159, Danny Mitchell 217

Results Planning Board: Arthur J. Higgins (not recorded)

Results RSU# 24: Susan Dickson Smith 205

MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE ELECTION:

ARTICLE 3. To choose the following members of the Budget Committee for 3-year terms:

Roger Dean (Expires Town Meeting 2024)

Raymond Jones (Expires Town Meeting 2024)

Larry Peterson (Expires Town Meeting 2024)

Motion made by David Pickard; 2nd by Cookie Church to nominate Sarah Liscom. Elected to Budget Committee for 3-year terms – Roger Dean, Raymond Jones and Larry Peterson.

MUNICIPAL GENERAL FUND WARRANT ARTICLES:

141 Registered Voters Attending

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$363,800 for the **General Administration Department** of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by D. Rodgers, 2nd by R. Jones: Approved

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$94,744 for the **Services and Committees Department** of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by D. Rodgers, 2nd by R. Jones: Approved

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$117,722 for the **Town Property Department** of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by D. Rodgers, 2nd by R. Jones: Approved

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$572,859 for the **Public Safety Department** of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by D. Rodgers, 2nd by R. Jones. Motion by D. Mitchell; 2nd G. Pennartz to amend to reduce the Public Safety Budget by \$40,000 (new total \$532,859): Approved 71/59. Voters recommended the \$40,000 be deducted specifically from the Police Department Budget.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$620,213 for **Public Works Department** of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by D. Rodgers, 2nd by R. Jones: Approved

OTHER MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL WARRANT ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the **Buildings and Grounds Reserve**. (\$10,000 earmarked for a 4-year plan of fire station roof replacements).

Estimated balance of the Buildings and Grounds Reserve as of April 2021 is \$25,553.84

The Board of Selectmen, Fire Department, and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by D. Bisson, 2nd by R. Jones: Approved

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the **Community Cemetery Reserve**.

Estimated balance of the Community Cemetery Reserve as of April 2021 is \$1,200.32.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by D. Bisson, 2nd by R. Jones: Approved

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the **Cruiser and Academy Training Reserve**.

Estimated balance of the Cruiser and Academy Training Reserve as of April 2021 is \$7,967.23.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by D. Bisson, 2nd by K. Bahm: Approved

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,400 for the Legal Reserve.

Estimated balance of the Legal Reserve as of April 2021 is \$7,565.75

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by R. Jones; 2nd by D. Rodgers: Approved

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to rename the Legal Reserve to Legal and Executive Search Reserve.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by D. Rodgers, 2nd by D. Bisson: Approved

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 for the Paving Reserve.

Estimated balance of the Paving Reserve as of April 2021 is \$133,801.67.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by D. Rodgers, 2nd by K. Bahn: Approved

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the Public Works Reserve.

Estimated balance of the Public Works Reserve as of April 2021 is \$1,473.65.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by D. Rodgers, 2nd by D. Bisson: Approved

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the Transfer Station Reserve.

Estimated balance of the Transfer Station Reserve as of April 2021 is \$6,039.77.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by D. Bisson, 2nd by D. Rodgers: Approved

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$10,000 from the EMS Reserve and transfer the remaining balance from EMS reserve to the general fund to offset medical/ambulance services.

Estimated balance of the Ambulance Reserve as of April 2021 is \$5,000.43.

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The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Motion by D. Bisson, 2nd D. Rodgers – Motion by D. Rodgers to amend to “transfer \$10,000 to the EMS”; 2nd by D. Bisson: Approved

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional and up to a maximum of \$20,000 (to include relevant FICA, Medicare, and retirement contributions) for the Town Manager salary, if necessary.

The General Administration Department consists of up to \$80,000 allocated for the Town Manager position within the salary line not including FICA, Medicare and retirement.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

FICA	\$1,240
Medicare	\$290
Retirement	\$600
Remaining Pay	\$17,870

Motion by D. Rodgers; 2nd by D. Bisson – 58 in favor/62 opposed: Article fails.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to a maximum of \$100,000 from Land Purchasing Reserve to offset taxes, if necessary and available.

Estimated balance of the Land Purchase reserve as of April 2021 is \$106,165.11

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by D. Rodgers, 2nd by J. Watson: Approved

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to a maximum of \$100,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance (surplus) to offset taxes, if necessary and available.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by D. Bisson, 2nd by K. Bahm: Approved

THIRD PARTY AND OUTSIDE AGENCY WARRANT ARTICLES:

The following organizations requested contributions from the Town of Gouldsboro for Fiscal Year 2021/2022: American Red Cross (unspecified amount), Community Health & Counseling (\$400), Downeast Community Partners (\$14,107), Downeast Transportation, Inc (\$600), Eastern Agency on Aging (\$250), Eleanor Widener Dixon Clinic- Northern Light Health "Gouldsboro Clinic" (\$375), Ellsworth Public Library (\$5,211), Emmaus Homeless Shelter (\$1,500), Families First Community Center (\$500), Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County (\$1,000), The LifeFlight Foundation (\$869), Maine Coast Hospital- Northern Light Health (\$375) Maine Public (\$100), Sunrise Little League (\$1,000), WIC Nutrition Program (\$1,350).

Total Requested Amount: \$27,637.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the following organizations:

- The sum of \$375 for Community Health & Counseling
- The sum of \$375 for Downeast Community Partners
- The sum of \$375 for Eastern Area Agency on Aging
- The sum of \$375 for Emmaus Center
- The sum of \$375 for Families First Community Center
- The sum of \$375 for Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County
- The sum of \$375 for The LifeFlight Foundation
- The sum of \$375 for WIC Nutrition Program

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by D. Rodgers, 2nd by D. Bisson: Approved

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise general funds to donate to tax-exempt organizations (charities) during the next budget cycle.

Motion by T. Watson, 2nd by J. Watson: Approved

OTHER WARRANT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to have the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 taxes due in two installments: half to be due on or before October 31, 2021 and the other half to be due on or before March 31, 2022 and to have interest charged at the annual rate of 6% on any taxes unpaid after the due dates.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Motion by D. Rodgers, 2nd by D. Bisson: Approved

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to retain the right to control the harvesting of alewives.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval

Motion by D. Rodgers, 2nd by K. Bahm: Approved

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will approve an ordinance entitled Emergency Medical Services for Billing and Collections.

*Reviewed by our Town Attorney and the Town's contracted billing agency.
The Board of Selectmen, Fire Department and Schoodic EMS recommend approval.*

Motion by D. Rodgers, 2nd by D. Bisson: Approved

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will approve amendments to the ordinance entitled Recreation Committee.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Motion by D. Rodgers, 2nd by D. Bisson: Approved

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to establish a noise ordinance to be presented at the 2022 Town Meeting.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Motion by D. Rodgers, 2nd by W. Bell: Approved

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Select Board to have the option of contracting with Hancock County Sheriff's Office for police protection.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Motion by D. Rodgers, 2nd by B. Binns – Motion by M. Church; 2nd by J. McLean to take Article 29 first (out of order): Approved (to take #29 out of order).

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to disband the Gouldsboro Police Department.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Motion by D. Rodgers, 2nd by R. Jones: Article Failed

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Select Board to have the option of contracting with Hancock County Sheriff's Office for police protection.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Motion by D. Rodgers; 2nd by B. Binns: Article Failed

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any snowmobile refunds from the State of Maine to the Airline Riders Snowmobile Club.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Motion by D. Bisson; 2nd by K. Bahm: Approved

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to accept donations by the Ray Scholarship Fund for the benefit of Gouldsboro students at Sumner High School.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Motion by G. Pennartz; 2nd by D. Rodgers: Approved

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for the Dorcas Library request.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by D. Rodgers; 2nd by R. Jones: Approved

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for the Historical Society request.

The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by J. Watson; 2nd by D. Rodgers: Approved

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for the Town the Gouldsboro Food Pantry.

The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by D. Rodgers; 2nd by D. Bisson: Approved

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to increase the Property Tax Levy Limit permanently (\$1,168,480.31) to match and equal the limit that was exceeded by \$177,675.42 to total \$1,346,155.73.

Last year the town voted to exceed the tax levy limit by \$28,189 and an estimated amount of \$77,000 from surplus was additionally used to stay within the revised tax levy limit.

Motion by D. Bisson; 2nd by D. Rodgers: Approved

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to set the next Town Meeting as the second Tuesday in June 2022, to start at 8AM.

Motion by D. Rodgers; 2nd by R. Jones: Approved

Motion to adjourn by D. Rodgers; 2nd by R. Jones: Approved 10:21 pm.

The Registrar of Voters, or Deputy, hereby gives notice that she will be in session at the Community Center on the Pond Road from 8AM until 8PM on the day of the election, Tuesday, June 8, 2021, for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of registered voters.

Dana Rice, Ernest West, Walter Moore, Cheri Robinson and Christopher Urquhart

Yvonne P. Wilkinson
Attest: 8/24/21
Yvonne P. Wilkinson, Town Clerk
Town of Gouldsboro