

**TOWN OF GOULDSBORO**  
**2022 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**Hancock County**

**State of Maine**

To: Patrick McNulty, Police Chief, 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 fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) day of June, A. D. 2022 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 Peninsula School Gym on Route 186, Prospect Harbor on Wednesday, the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of June, A. D. 2022 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:

**Town Clerk, Yvonne Wilkinson, opened the Annual Town Meeting and read the greeting and Article 1.**

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

**Nomination of Tim Pease by V. Rae, second by B. Claussen. No other nominations. Three ballots cast. Tim Pease elected as moderator. Cindy Lowe appointed as deputy and sworn in. Cindy read Article 2 to open the polls at 8:00AM.**

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

Two Selectmen – Three Year Terms (expires June 2025)

Two Planning Board Members – Three Year Terms (expires June 2025)

One Planning Board Member – One Year Term (expires June 2023)

**Polls declared closed by C. Lowe at 8:00PM. Results as follows: 493 Votes Cast**

**Selectman: 3 Year Term**

**Peter McKenzie 185**

**Walter Moore 123**

**Paul Shoemaker 158**

**Jackie Weaver 285**

**Chris Urquhart 158**

**Planning Board: 3 Year Term**

**Raymond Jones 340**

**Jeff Grant 394**

**Planning Board: 1 Year Term**

**Deb Bisson 365**

**Moderator Tim Pease was sworn in by Town Clerk, Yvonne Wilkinson and opened the Annual Town Meeting at 6PM. 98 Registered voters attending (121 Total).**

**Dana Rice and Adam Brackett recognized Alden Tracy for sixty years of service to the Town of Gouldsboro Fire Department. They presented a certificate and token gift.**

**Dana Rice and Becky O'Keefe unveiled a painting of late Bill Thayer that was gifted to the town by Hugo Diaz, Sullivan, ME.**

## MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE ELECTION:

**ARTICLE 3.** To choose the following members of the Budget Committee for 3-year terms to expire June 2025.

Fred Cook

Becky Follette

Dwight Rodgers

**Motion to nominate Fred Cook, Becky Follette and Dwight Rodgers to the Budget Committee; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Ashmall. Approved.**

## MUNICIPAL GENERAL FUND WARRANT ARTICLES:

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$440,652** for the **General Administration Department** of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Jones. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$129,505** for the **Services and Committees Department** of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Jones. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$133,466** for the **Town Property Department** of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Ashmall. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$666,266** for the **Public Safety Department** of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Jones. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$715,858** for **Public Works Department** of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Ashmall. Approved.**

## OTHER MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL WARRANT ARTICLES:

**ARTICLE 9.** 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Ashmall. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,500 for the Historical Society request.

*The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Bisson. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$2,500 to become a member town of the YMCA.

*The Board of Selectmen recommend approval and the Budget Committee does not recommend approval.*

**Motion by B. Bowen; 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Harmon. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for the Gouldsboro Food Pantry.

*The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by R. Bowen; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Rodgers. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the Paving Reserve.

*Estimated balance in the Paving Reserve as of April 2022 is \$73,937.*

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Jones. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the Transfer Station Reserve.

*Estimated balance in the Transfer Station Reserve as of April 2022 is \$15,571.*

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Jones. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectboard to enter into a lease agreement for the lease of a vehicle for the Shellfish Department, for a term up to five years and on such terms as the selectboard deems in the best interest of the town and to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the 2022 lease payment.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Bisson. Approved.**

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

*Estimated balance in the Public Works Reserve as of April 2022 is \$4,538.*

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Jones. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the Community Cemetery Reserve.

*Estimated balance in the Community Cemetery Reserve as of April 2022 is \$1,700*

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Ashmall. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,500 for the Cruiser and Academy Training Reserve.

*Estimated balance in the Cruiser and Academy Training Reserve as of April 2022 is \$3,205*

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Jones. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the Legal and Executive Search Reserve.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Ashmall. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the Buildings and Grounds Reserve. (\$10,000 earmarked for a 4-year plan of fire station roof replacements).

*Estimated balance in the Buildings and Grounds Reserve as of April 2022 is \$21,009*

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Jones. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to retain \$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 in the EMS Reserve as of April 2022 is \$124,878*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Ashmall; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Rodgers. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from the Harbor Reserve to offset taxes, if necessary.

*Estimated balance in the Harbor Reserve as of April 2022 is \$50,208*

*The Board of Selectmen approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Ashmall. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from the Jones Pond Reserve to offset taxes, if necessary.

*Estimated balance in the Jones Pond Reserve as of April 2022 is \$44,540.*

*The Board of Selectmen approval*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Jones. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a maximum of \$150,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance (surplus) to offset taxes, if necessary and available.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Jones. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 25.** 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 D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Bisson. Approved.**

### **THIRD PARTY AND OUTSIDE AGENCY WARRANT ARTICLES**

The following organizations requested contributions from the Town of Gouldsboro for Fiscal Year 2022/2023: Community Health and Counseling \$400, Downeast Community Partners \$11,490, Downeast Transportation, Inc. \$600, Eastern Area Agency on Aging \$400, Ellsworth Free Medical Clinic (not specified), Ellsworth Public Library \$5,211, Emmaus Homeless Shelter \$1,500, Families First Community Center \$500, Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County \$1,000, The Lifeline Foundation \$869, Lifeline Food Pantry \$3,000, Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry \$500, Maine Public Radio \$100, Sunrise Little League \$1,000, WIC Nutrition Program \$1,050, YMCA \$2,500.

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,700 for the following organizations:

- The sum of \$300 for Community Health and Counseling
- The sum of \$300 for Downeast Community Partners
- The sum of \$300 for Eastern Area Agency on Aging
- The sum of \$300 for Emmaus Homeless Shelter
- The sum of \$300 for Families First Community Center
- The sum of \$300 for Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County
- The sum of \$300 for The Life Flight Foundation
- The sum of \$300 for WIC Program

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers to amend to add \$300 for Loaves and Fishes to total sum of \$2,700; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Ashmall. Approved.**

**Motion by D. Rodgers to approved original article with amendment; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Ashmall. Approved.**

## OTHER WARRANT ARTICLES

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to have the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 taxes due in two installments: half to be due on or before October 31, 2022 and the other half to be due on or before March 31, 2023 and to have interest charged at the annual rate of 4% on any taxes unpaid after the due dates.

*The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Bisson. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the select board to enter into multi-year contracts for public services.

*The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Ashmall. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 29.** 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Ashmall. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will approve amendments to the Ambulance Ordinance.

*The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Jones. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will approve amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

*The Board of Selectmen and Planning Board recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Guest. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will approve amendments to the Solid Waste Ordinance.

*The Board of Selectmen and Solid Waste Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Jones. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will vote to establish an Ordinance entitled Noise Ordinance.

*The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Ashmall. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 34.** 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 D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Jones. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the Property Tax Levy Limit established by State Law, in the event that the municipal budget approved at this town meeting results in a tax commitment in excess of the maximum property tax levy otherwise applicable, such that the increased maximum property tax levy hereby established will equal the amount committed.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Jones. Approved.**

**ARTICLE 36.** To see if the Town will vote to set the next Town Meeting as the second Tuesday in June 2023, to start at 8AM.

**Motion by D. Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Jones. Approved.**

**Motion by D. Rodgers to adjourn at 8:20PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Jones. Approved.**

*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 14, 2022, and at 6PM at the Peninsula School on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of registered voters.*

**Duly signed and accepted by:**

**Dana Rice, Ernest West, Robert Harmon and Danny Mitchell, Jr.**

**Walter Moore, Absent**

Attest: *Avonne P. Wilkinson*  
*Avonne P. Wilkinson, Town Clerk*  
*Town of Gouldsboro*