

**Town of Gouldsboro
December 5, 2023
Minutes of the Planning Board Meeting
Gouldsboro Town Office**

Board Members present:

Ray Jones, Chairman
Jeff Grant, Vice-Chairman
Deirdre McArdle, Secretary
AJ Higgins
Shepsi Eaton
Deb Bisson, Alternate
Jed West, Alternate (present on Zoom)

Board Members absent:

0

CEO:

Mike Conners was absent

Number of Guests:

0-2

ZOOM Guests:

1

1. Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023, meeting was made by Shepsi Eaton and seconded by A.J. Higgins. The motion was approved unanimously
[] Approved [X] Approved as amended:

2. Approval of Bills:

There are no bills currently.

3. CEO Report

Mike Conners issued the following four building permits as per the Town Newsletter:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SHORELAND</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
11/14/23	Rand Beattie	286 Main St.	no	shed addition
11/14/23	Andrew Ray	259 Shark Cove Rd.	yes	house demo
11/14/23	Jacob Knowles	30 Charles La.	yes	cabin demo/construction
11/14/23	John Bernardin	22 Route One	no	solar assembly on roof

Chairman Ray Jones stated that he had discussed a permit granted by the CEO to John Bernardin at 220 Route One for the installation of a solar panel on the roof was unnecessary and issued in error. Mr. Bernardin will have the permit fee refunded.

Old Business:

a.) Finfish Licensing Ordinance

A conversation among members of the Planning Board took place regarding whether the legal critiques of the existing Finfish Licensing Ordinance from Drummond Woodsum, the National Parks Conservation Association legal department and the Conservation Law Foundation paid for by Frenchman Bay United and submitted to the Planning Board by Jed West, Alternate member, needed to be addressed. He stated that he had spoken with the Town Manager and that she said that \$30,000 is available in the legal fund and he proposed to engage a different attorney with these funds. Discussion ensued as to whether the concerns expressed by the three attorneys should be taken into consideration before moving forward with current council. A majority of the Planning Board expressed interest in prohibiting industrial scale Finfish Aquaculture entirely. Chairman Ray Jones said that he would ask the attorney. Vice-Chair, Jeff Grant, suggested that rather than just asking about Finfish that he ask about a general prohibition on all industrial scale business. The point was made that the attorney would need to come up with a clear definition of industrial scale.

b.) Comp Plan

The Comprehensive Plan Committee Chair, Deb Bisson, gave a brief update. She said that the committee did not meet during November and that she is working on updating the data.

c.) Misc.

Annie Sokoloski from the MSLT Seafood/Lobster Trap explained the abutters list and said that though there are some confusing individuals she thought it should be acceptable. The answers to the questions on the application form were submitted in a neatly typed list format which was accepted by the CEO. The consensus was that as this was a misunderstanding of the form instructions, was clear and understandable that she would not be asked to go through inputting information into the form. A suggestion was made that fillable forms should be made available on the Town website. A question was asked about lighting and Annie Sokoloski said that the lights in their Steuben facility are motion sensor. She went on to say that they are sensitive to light pollution and do not anticipate adding lighting. No bait will be processed so no fresh water will be needed. Catch will be purchased from the boats on the wharf and taken to Steuben. The pier size will not change but the pilings are damaged, and they will need to be repaired. A public hearing for the Lobster Trap site plan application was set for January 2, 2024, at 6 PM at the Town Office.

There will be a Special Town Meeting at the Gouldsboro Town Office on Tuesday, December 12 for the amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

Next Planning Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 19th

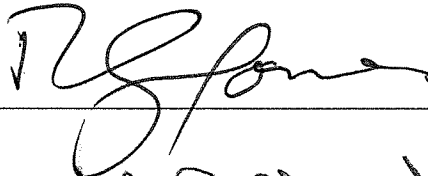
A motion was made by Jeff Grant to adjourn, was seconded by Shepsi Eaton, and passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:30 p.m.

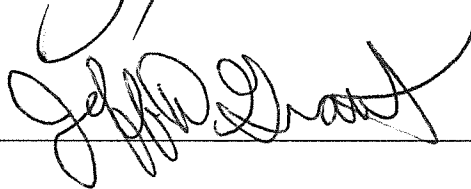


Respectfully submitted: Deirdre McArdle, Secretary

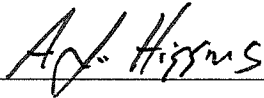
Chairman, Ray Jones



Vice chairman, Jeff Grant



A.J. Higgins



Steven Shepsi Eaton



Alternate, Deb Bisson

Alternate, Jed West

