

MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2024
GOULDSBORO SELECT BOARD MEETING

Zoom Meeting

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Present: Dana Rice Sr., Robert Harmon, Danny Mitchell Jr., Jackie Weaver, Peter McKenzie
Staff: Yvonne Wilkinson, Town Manager, Magen Merchant, Deputy Town Clerk
Audience: Eleven (11) - Four (4)

Meeting held at the Gouldsboro Town Office.

Mr. Rice called the meeting to order at 5PM



Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2023

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of November 21, 2023; 2nd by Mr. Harmon. Passed 5/0

PAYROLL WARRANT #26

Mr. Harmon moved to approve Payroll Warrant #22 in the amount of \$35,008.55; 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. Passed 5/0

A/P WARRANT #27

Mr. Mitchell moved to approve A/P Warrant #23 in the amount of \$359,336.25; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/1 (Mr. Harmon abstained)

REPORTS

Mr. Rice: Nothing at this time.

Mr. Mitchell: Nothing at this time.

Mr. Harmon: Question about the pot holes near the DOT drive way. Eve will discuss the situation with Wally to see about fixing with some cold patch. Mr. Harmon also mentioned that the Schoodic Food Pantry has served in the last six months, 174 households, and is now serving 290 households. They went from 395 people to 706 people, not including the 22 new family's that have signed up. A lot of people come in needing use of the bathroom and shower. I didn't know but maybe there is a place to let them shower and use the bathroom. Eve mentioned the Rec Center having showers, but is unsure if they are working. Mr. Harmon recommended stopping by Monday or Friday mornings to fully see how busy and what takes place in morning preparing and serving these families. Bob did talk to PERC Solid waste and they are still behind. Everything is being buried in the State of Maine currently.

Mr. McKenzie: A big thank you to Adam for a nice job putting together the Christmas parade and to any others associated with this event to make it happen.

Ms. Weaver: Nothing at this time.

Treasurer: See attached

Eve states all the departments are still doing well. Eve let the selectman know the audit is complete and have a copy in their packets. Would like to recognize the great work from the ladies in the office especially Aleta for getting all the information for the auditor, she is an outstanding leader.

COMMITTEES

Coastal Resilience-

Bill Zoellick thanks Dwight Rodgers for taking the photos of the culverts off Corea Road right as it turns into Cranberry Point Road back on December 18th. He presented plans to apply for two state funds from two state programs in the upcoming months to fix this issue.

MDOT Infrastructure Adaptation Fund

- We will request funding from MDOT for project scoping and preliminary design work to reduce the risk of flooding and road failure on Corea Road where it passes Sand Cove Beach at the intersections with Grand Marsh Bay Road.
- We are working with FB Environmental (hydrologists) and Streamworks PLLC (engineering on the application).
- The applications are due February 2.
- The maximum amount available for scoping and design work is \$50,000
- MDOT will require a minimum 5% cash match in addition to any in-kind match.
- Bill Zoellick asked if there are funds that can match \$2,500, he can use.

Community Resilience Partnership Community Action Grant Program

- We can request up to \$50,000. If what we want to do is on their list of priority items, no local match required. It is likely, but not certain, that what we plan to do will fit one of the categories on their list. If a match is required, it will be 10%. An in-kind match or mix of cash and in-kind is allowed.
- The application is due on March 29th. The award will be announced in Mid-May.
- We have been told that we should know whether we have received the MDOT funding by early March.
- If we fail to get the MDOT funding, we will ask the CRP for the same thing.
- If we do get the MDOT funding, we have a choice:
- Additional money for the Corea Road/ Sand Cove Beach design work, enabling us to go further with the design.
- Support for scoping and design for work at the intersection where Corea Road splits into Cranberry Point Road and Francis Pound Road.

Mr. Rice made a motion to approve the matching funding from public works; 2nd by Mr. Harmon. Passed 5/0.

Planning Board – Nothing at this time

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Dwight Rodgers expresses we're half way through the year and would like to get a sixth month custom expense report. Eve has the six-month expense report done just needs to make one adjustment and will get Dwight copy. Dwight states he'd like to go back to the original version budget guidelines that the Select Board and Budget Committee agreed on November 15, 2023. The Select Board will bring the guidelines to the next Select Board meeting to further discuss.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - See attached

On December 28, 2023, the Gouldsboro Public Safety responded to a two- vehicle crash at the intersection of West Bay and Route 1 where one person sustained serious injuries. Adam Brackett thanked Bob Harmon and his crew for their quick actions and willingness to assist at the scene. Their efforts allowed responders to focus on the injured.

The agency was awarded the Mother Against Drunk Driving Award. (MADD) New England is pleased to be honoring members of the law enforcement community from across the state of Maine for their exceptional DUI efforts to make our streets and highway safe through effective enforcement of the drunk, drugged driving laws, education, community involvement, training and/or volunteering with MADD in 2023. During 2023, this agency had four convicted OUI's. Both officers will receive a certificate and pin for their continued efforts.

FIRE DEPARTMENT / EMS - See attached

Chief Monroe apologized for not noticing Bob Harmon and this crew helping direct traffic during the accident on Route One. Monroe knew traffic was taken care of so that was one less thing on his plate. As you all know day time, they are shorthanded. We did have one of our EMT's put in her resignation. Now looking to hiring more people. For Fire we are maintained and trying to figure out how to move forward.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER -Absent

RSU#24 REPRESENTATIVE- Mary reported getting ready to go into budget season. She is on the budget committee and will keep everyone updated on how the budget is looking. They did vote on not having to finance the cistern project so we were able implement that into the 2024 budget which will help keep them from evaluating the tax situation. They have quite a few openings for bus drivers and various positions in teachers. They are looking to ramp up their staff. In December's meeting minutes, Mr. Greene did a great presentation explaining the behaviors that have been reported about the high school. People have reported about outburst behaviors specifically with the middle school students. Mr. Greene did a really great job with braking down and helping to highlight it's really just a handful of the middle school students that are causing these outbursts. It outlines their plan as well and how they are going to mitigate that, make sure staff and students are safe, and continue to foster a learning education environment for the students without all the disruptions from the few students that are not being the most participatory in their lesson. There has been someone attending the meetings regularly who has been questioning the materials and asked for a walk through of the library. Superintendent Eastman is going to help accommodate that. Any help with attendance at the board meetings would be great. Would be helpful if more people were present to be there for the finance report, policy report, and hearing more of the ins and outs.

TOWN MANAGER – See attached

In December we were asked by David Myrick and Jeffery Alley Sr. to split the bill for resurfacing the Prospect Harbor parking lot. This is usually an expense of \$1,000 every couple of years and our donation is typically \$500. David Myrick and Jeffery Alley Sr. didn't realize the price would increase to \$2,000 this year and asked if the town would consider splitting the cost in half. **Mr. Harmon made a motion to pay \$1,000 from the Harbor Reserve to resurface the Prospect Harbor parking lot; 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. Passed 5/0.**

Old Business -None at this time.

New Business-

CEO Appointment

Eve made a recommendation to reappoint Mike Connors as the Gouldsboro CEO. **Mr. Harmon made a motion to accept Mike Connors as the Gouldsboro Code Enforcement Officer; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 5/0.**

Upcoming Alewife Season Bids/Specs

The Select Board will discuss this at the next Select Board meeting.

LPI Appointment

Eve recommended to reappoint Millard Billings as the Gouldsboro Plumbing Inspector. **Mr. Harmon made a motion to accept Millard Billings as Gouldsboro licensed plumbing inspector; 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. Passed 5/0.**

Small Animal Contract See attached

Mr. Harmon made a motion to accept the Small Animal Contract; 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. Passed 5/0.

Tax/Foreclosure Payment

Eve states we have one property that foreclosed on December 30, 2023. The payment was received on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 and asks the board to accept this payment and release the foreclosure. **Mr. Mitchell made a motion to accept; 2nd by Mr. Harmon. Passed 5/0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: MRSA Title 1, sec 405, Sub 6A – *Town Manager Search*
Police Department
Spirit of America Nomination

Motion by Mr. Mitchell to enter into executive session at 5:55PM; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 5/0

Motion by Mr. Mitchell to exit executive session at 7PM; 2nd by Mr. Harmon. Passed 5/0

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

ADJOURN: Mr. Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7PM; 2nd by Mr. Harmon. Passed 5/0

Respectfully submitted,
Magen Merchant, Deputy 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 December 7, 2023, P/R Warrant #26, A/P Warrant #27, Treasurer's Report, Expense Summary Report, Town Manager's Report, Police Dept Report, Schoodic EMS report, Bill Zoellick Coastal Resilience Committee, Benefit Spaghetti Dinner, Death Annual Report, Spirit of American Holiday Greetings & 2024 Tribute, Alewives Harvesting Permit, Small Animal Contract, Tax/foreclosure, Email Regarding Final Report, Planning for Change Along Gouldsboro's Shore, Email regarding Sunrise Trail MOT Grant, New Housing Project in Portland to include Affordable Units and First-Of-Its Kind 'Co-Op' Units, Commissions Regular Meeting Agenda, Commissions Regular Meeting 12.5.23, Charter Communications 12.22.23 Charter Communications 12.28.23.

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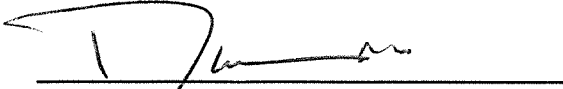
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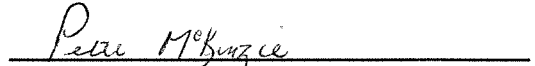
Dana Rice Sr.



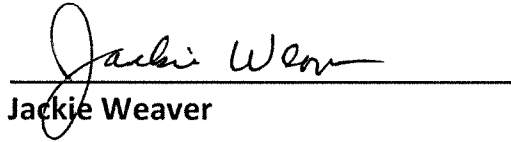
Robert Harmon



Danny Mitchell, Jr.



Peter McKenzie



Jackie Weaver

