

MINUTES OF MARCH 14 ,2024
GOULDSBORO SELECT BOARD MEETING

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 801 872 7702

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Present: Robert Harmon, Danny Mitchell Jr., Jackie Weaver, Peter McKenzie
Staff: Joshua McIntyre, Town Manager, Magen Merchant, Deputy Town Clerk
Audience: Thirteen (13) - Five (5)

Meeting held at the Gouldsboro Town Office.

Mr. Harmon called the meeting to order at 5PM



Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 29, 2024

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of February 29, 2024; 2nd by Mr. Harmon.
Passed 3/0/1 (Ms. Weaver abstained).

PAYROLL WARRANT #36

Mr. Mitchell moved to approve Payroll Warrant #36 in the amount of \$37,428.76; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0.

A/P WARRANT #37

Mr. Mitchell moved to approve A/P Warrant #37 in the amount of \$28,732.32; 2nd by Ms. Weaver. Passed 4/0.

REPORTS

Mr. Rice: **Absent from meeting**

Mr. Mitchell: Nothing at this time

Mr. Harmon: Had a resident contact him about the disposal of the gravel screen. Will bring back to the next Select Board meeting.

Mr. McKenzie: Nothing at this time

Ms. Weaver: Introduced new Town Manager, Joshua McIntyre to the Audience.

Treasurer: **See attached**

COMMITTEES

Planning Board-

Ray Jones reports having a public hearing on March 26th regarding the Land Use Ordinance Draft Amendments Prohibiting Finfish/Aquafarm. A special town meeting will be held on April 23rd for the amendments for the ordinance. Tim Pease will be attending both meetings. Mr. Jones

informed the board he will be the moderator for the special town meeting. He also informed the Board that the add went in the Ellsworth American for the March Public hearing.

Harbor Committee-

Harbor Master Mike Pinkham reports Dana Rice and himself spoke to A.R. Whitten & J. E. Tracy's & Son for specs on the repairs of the South Gouldsboro ramp and the Gouldsboro Point Road ramp. South Gouldsboro ramp needs 10 new planks, giving a 6-plank extension. A.R. Whitten spec of \$7,280, J.E. Tracy's & Son spec of \$6,500. Pinkham states the South Gouldsboro ramp needs fill brought back under the planks, adjust the rift waft five feet down and out allowing the top row of the rift raft be higher than the ramp. A.R. Whitten's specs \$820. J. E. Tracy's & Son specs \$2,000. Harbor Master Mike Pinkham brings to the Select Board an estimate of \$125,000 from Jason Tracy to fix the South Gouldsboro Parking lot. The Select Board decides to hold on this repair. **Mr. McKenzie made a motion to approve J.E. Tracy's & Sons from to make the repairs from Harbor Reserve 2nd; by Mr. Mitchell. Passed 4/0.**

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Absent from meeting, See attached

FIRE DEPARTMENT / EMS - See attached

Chief Monroe reported was busy with March 10th storm, trees came down on powerlines causing the powerlines down across the road. 15 fire calls & 10 EMS calls. Road closed signs arrived the day after the storm.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - Mike Connors reports issued 3 E911 numbers. Been working with storm damage and directing residents to Department of Environmental Protection. A resident's house on Paul Bunyan Road foundation is vulnerable due to the storm damage. DEP has been very responsive and allowed an emergency approval to get the foundation repaired. Mike lets the Select Board know he will be meeting with the residents on Route One to discuss the clear-cutting that happened late fall. He also lets the board know there is an issue on Paul Bunyan Road with a contractor and property owner, the house was built 6ft off the property line. The land owner is requesting a work stop order.

RSU#24 REPRESENTATIVE- Mary Cowperthwaite reported;

- The Budget Committee still meeting twice a month.
- The committee suggested the administration has gone up a 3% increase and asked the administration to revise the budget to lower some numbers.
- The budget could seem high due to pending grants.
- Let the Select Board know she is running again this year for RSU#24 Representative 3-year term.

TOWN MANAGER – See attached

Old Business-

Joy Road Repair

The Select Board wants a more detailed invoice.

New Business-

Stinson Plant

Timmy Ring and Josh Trundy thanks everyone, the Select Board and the Planning Board for working with them to make the adjustments to the site plan to allow Wyman's to store product. Ray Jones states blueberry boxes can't be stored until issued an application over site plan.

Recommitment of taxes-

Mr. McIntyre presents to the Select Board, to change the commitment of taxes from former town manager, Eve Wilkinson, to him. ***Mr. Mitchell made a motion to sign the recommitment of taxes to Mr. McIntyre from Ms. Wilkinson, 2nd by Mr. Weaver. Passed 4/0.***

Bar Harbor Bank & Trust account access

Mr. McIntyre presents to the Select Board the approval to access the Bar Harbor Bank & Trust account. ***Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve Joshua McIntyre as signatory on the accounts of the Town of Gouldsboro and remove Yvonne Wilkinson 2nd; by Ms. Weaver. Passed 4/0.***

Road line painting

Mr. McIntyre spoke to Karen Ott about line painting and sweeping of the roads and parking lots. He is going to gather more information from Karen about the painting of the lines.

New road signs

Mr. McIntyre suggests to the Select Board about getting few more road closed signs after March 10th storm to help with possible road issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Cowperthwaite lets the audience and Select Board aware of the legislation being considered in Augusta that can affect our schools. This Document is called LDD 27 a 21-page document allowing sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds to have access to an on-scene school doctor and receive medical treatment without parent consent. March 5th Augusta held a rally in regards to this.

Dwight Rodgers states based on a request from Josh the budget committee and the Select Board to go over the Administration, EMS, and fire to hear their wish list and three-year plans.

Eugenio expresses a concern about not having a meeting schedule on our website and recommends to have a tab available showing all meetings and times.

Eve Wilkinson states the first and second meeting of the Select Board and Budget Committee were for wish list. Then after the second meeting the department heads would bring to the budget committee their individual item budgets.

Dwight Rodgers expresses to the Select Board to revise the guidelines, phase one meeting with department heads will come in front of the Select Board to present their vision and plans for approval by the Select Board.

BRIANNA MITCHELL PRESENTS HER ADMINISTRATION THREE-YEAR PLAN

- Brianna lets the Select Board and Budget Committee know Eve has added some items on the budget.
- Brianna has in her three-year plan to have 3 new clerk chairs 2 In rotation and a U shape desk for replacement every year rotation.
- Bob asked Brianna about the vault upgrade on her budget. Brianna lets the Board know the office is running out of room in the vault. Bob suggested we make the foot print bigger. Brianna mentions not having enough space to be able to make the foot print bigger. The Select Board told Brianna to price out some storage units made specially for a vault.
- Bob questioned the cost of full-time employee's dental insurance. Eves lets the Board know its \$45 a month per employee. \$550 a year per person and \$1,650 for all full-time employees.
- Brianna has brought to the Select Board and Budget Committee a new meeting room conference table and 7 new chairs. Dwight's states his concern about the diameters of the table.
- Eve presents a 2% increase in the retirement. \$2,400 for the front office staff plus the other departments that would be eligible. Danny mentions many places offer Maine State Retirement ME Pers for retirement and worth looking into for an option.
- The Select Board and Budget Committee have asked Brianna to price out storage sheds for a vault.

FIRE CHIEF KEN MONROE PRESENT HIS THREE-YEAR PLAN

- Ken presents to the Select Board and Budget Committee a grant writer in mind for a new class A Pumper Tanker through EAMA grant (National Company). The Board asked Ken to look into this cost. Dwight asked Ken if there is more than one grant writer? Asked Ken to get an idea of what's available.
- Ken states he wants to start a rotation to replace the 7 trucks each year. Dwight asked Ken how many trucks do they actually need. Ken mentions being able to get rid of two trucks giving them a truck big enough size tanker pumper for the crews need. Ken states he wants to replace the plan pumper with a pumper tanker and get rid of a pumper and a tanker at the same time.
- Ken had omitted a few items on his budget.
- Ken presents turn out gear on his three-year plan. 2 internal and 3-line one gear. \$4,050 per person

- Jackie question air packs on Kens 3-year plan. He states \$2,000 each and wants to start a rotation due to expiring out.

CHIEF MONROE PRESENTS EMS 3 THREE PLAN

- Ken presents a pay increase for the EMS drivers, EMT B, EMT A, and Paramedic, 2 new full-time employees at 48 hours by pulling from the current staff. Bobs has a concern with crews' hours and stipend. Ken states taken employees already on the payroll, move them to full time. Increase would come from benefits. Bob requested at another meeting would like to talk about stipend.
- Ken has on his 3 plan to purchase a new ambulance and add \$25,000 a year to start a fund to replace ambulances. The Board states have already discussed about starting this yearly. Eve lets the board know never had a year not going over budget to allow the funds. Bob has been in contact with Susan Collins Office and recommends to contact Senator Collins and apply for the replacement ambulance.
- Ken would like to see an ambulance crew quarter made up at fire station 3, would be a quiet place to go after a long shift. If this is approved, Ken lets the board know the station will need internet & phonelines.
- Ken presents a new cardiac monitor at \$49,614 the crews newest one is currently 15 years old. The Board suggest to Ken to apply for some grants.
- Ken has brought to the Board, a replace in rotation for the 10-town owned Auto Matic Defibrillator. \$1,655 each with a life span about 8 years.
- Ken had omitted a few items on his budget.
- Dwight stated the meeting has gone great. The Select Board and Budget Committee come to conclusion they all need to agree, and keeping a positive attitude moving forward. Jackie suggested for the crew to look into grants.
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ADJOURN: Mr. Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05PM; 2nd by Mr. Harmon. Passed 4/0

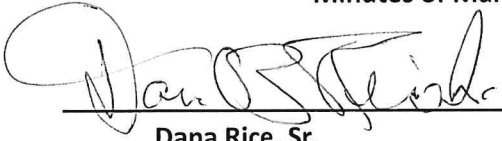
Respectfully submitted,
Magen Merchant, Deputy Town Clerk

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 February 29, 2024, AP Warrant #37, Payroll Warrant #36, Treasurer's Report, Town Managers Report, Schoodic Ambulance report, Police Department Report, Bar Harbor Bank & Trust Signatory to Joshua McIntyre, Certificate of Recommitment, Hayward's Property Maintenance LLC invoice.


BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of March 14, 2024 and Approval on March 28, 2024

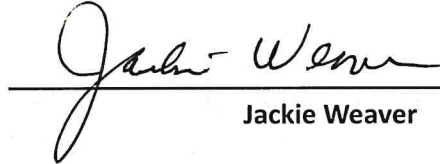


Dana Rice, Sr.

Robert Harmon



Danny Mitchell, Jr.



Jackie Weaver



Peter McKenzie