

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2024**  
**GOULDSBORO BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING THREE YEAR PLANS WITH BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Zoom Meeting

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Present: Dana Rice, Sr., Jackie Weaver, Danny Mitchell Jr (Zoom), Peter McKenzie, Robert Harmon  
Staff: Eve Wilkinson, Town Manager and Rachel Hudson, Deputy Town Clerk  
Audience: Four (4) –One (1) Virtual Zoom

Meeting held at the Gouldsboro Town Office, Prospect Harbor, ME.  
Mr. Rice opened the meeting at 5:02PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT THREE YEAR PLAN:** Adam Brackett here to present his three-year plan.

- Adam has revised his three-year plan from the original one dated 12/7/2023.
- Added Construction of a Firearms Range. Adam reports currently they go to the Ellsworth Range for Training, if the town had one, they could train anytime. Adam also reports they have an officer in town to certify. Adam reports he would volunteer his time to build the range, and he has had people reach out about donating materials for it, Mr. Mitchell reports that Winter Harbor has approved a Firearms Range, and that Gouldsboro would be welcome to use it.
- Adam has it in his three-year plan to replace a cruiser every 5 years, and to backline the next to oldest vehicle in the fleet at the point of purchase. Mr. Harmon asks Adam why every Officer needs their own cruiser? Adam explains that each officer is assigned a cruiser, as well as the K9 having his own dedicated cruiser. Adam reports he has been looking at Dodge Durango's, and is wanting to purchase in 2024/2025, and then a new one in 2027/2028. Mr. Mitchell states that in order to have a 5-year rotation, \$35,000 to \$40,000 dollars would have to be put away a year for a 5-year rotation to work. Adam reports they put 28,000 to 32,000 per year, for an average of 126,000 miles on a cruiser at the point of new cruiser purchase.
- Adam has brought the Board and Budget Committee a packet of information on PERS Retirement. Cost averages around \$15,000 a year per employee.
- Adam has put in his 5-year plan to have 5 Fulltime Employees by the year 2028. General consensus of the board is to have Adam relook at the staffing portion of his plan again. There is a concern of going to the townspeople about having 5 fulltime officers,
- Adam has it in his plan for new armor every five years. Ms. Wilkinson states there is a budget line for body armor. Mr. Mitchell states there is a company named Patrick that will do a 50% match on armor.

- Adam reported that their dash and body cameras warranty is up, and the program they currently use doesn't allow new program updating. Adam reports if a new camera were added, it would not be able sync up with the current in-car cameras. Adam reports on Watchguard Evidence Library. The initial cost would run around \$30,000 for start-up costs, and then 5-year instalments after. Mr. Harmon would like Adam to bring a tutorial/demonstration of the Watchguard Program. Ms. Wilkinson suggest a warrant article for the Programming.
- The Board and Budget Committee have asked Adam to rewrite his plans with numbers and gather some information on the Watchguard, and return for callbacks on 3/14/2024.

**HARBORMASTER THREE YEAR PLAN:** Michael Pinkham here to present his three-year plan.

- Mike reports that some of the boat ramps in town were going to need some work, although he states he is not requesting money for it due to having funds in the reserve. The amount in the Reserve is revenue from Boat Excise tax, which is around \$10,000-\$12,000.00 yearly. Mike reports down the road looking into a grant proposal. All grant money will be used for repairs from the previous storms.
- Mr. Rice makes a suggestion to look at the ramps and the damages to see if we could come up with a monetary value of the damages, as well as a potential warrant article for Emergency Town/Dock Fund yearly, in the amount of \$10,000.00. Mr. Rice states it would help build up the reserve for catastrophic repairs if needed in the future, as well as the amount it will cost to repair the current damages from the last two catastrophic storms.

**SHELLFISH THREE YEAR PLAN:** Michael Pinkham here to present his three-year plan.

- Mike reports the generator at the lab will be the biggest expense. Due to the last storm, water was half way up the generator. Mike is reporting the cost of a new generator will be right around \$6,000.00. The next generator will be built at a higher level than the current generator.
- Ms. Weaver asked Mike about a lead on volunteers for the lab. Mike states he has been working with Sumner to find student volunteers from the Pathways Program.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE THREE YEAR PLAN:** Rachel Hudson here to present her three-year plan.

- Rachel reports her three-year plan would consist of a playground, a walking path at Jones Pond, and new soccer goals for the Rec. Center. She reports a playground she's looking for \$20,000.00. the soccer goals right around \$2500.00. Mr. Harmon states he doesn't think that \$20,000.00 would get the Rec. Committee far in a playground project. Mr. Harmon states he was going to send Rachel a link of a company we should look into. Rachel reports she will do some research to supply the Board and Budget Committee with a monetary plan for call back on 3/14/2024.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURN:**

Mr. Harmon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 5/0.

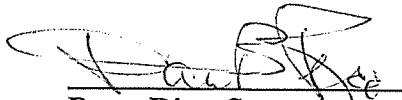
Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Hudson, Deputy Town Clerk

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**Enclosures:** Agenda for February 22, 2024, Police Department Revised 3 Year Plan, Police Department 3 Year Plan, Maine PERS Information Packet

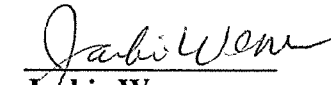
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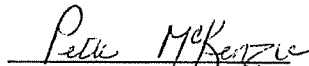
**Minutes of February 22, 2024 and Approval on March 14, 2024**

  
Dana Rice, Sr.

  
Robert Harmon

  
Danny Mitchell, Jr.

  
Jackie Weaver

  
Peter McKenzie

