

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 29, 2024
GOULDSBORO SELECT BOARD MEETING

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 801 872 7702

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Present: Dana Rice Sr., Robert Harmon, Danny Mitchell Jr., Jackie Weaver, Peter McKenzie
Staff: Yvonne Wilkinson, Town Manager, Joshua McIntyre, newly hired Town Manager,
Brianna L. Mitchell, Senior Deputy Town Clerk
Audience: Ten (10) - Zoom (3)

Meeting held at the Gouldsboro Town Office.

Mr. Rice called the meeting to order at 5PM



Pledge of Allegiance

INTRODUCTION: Chair Dana Rice welcomed the newly hired Town Manager, Joshua McIntyre.

PUBLIC HEARING: ROAD POSTINGS

Mr. Rice opened the public hearing at 5:01PM.

Road Commissioner Wally Moore reported to the Select Board a big issue present on Joy Road. The road gave out and disintegrated when, what seems to be large truck, drove over the road this past night into morning. No one witnessed it happen but he received a phone call about the issue. Wally mentioned Jamie Hayward will be temporarily repairing the issue until it can be paved. Wally is requesting making an "emergency road posting" effective tomorrow morning (Friday, March 1, 2024) to avoid more issues like this.

Mr. Rice closed the public hearing at 5:03PM.

Mr. Harmon made a motion to post an emergency road posting effective March 1, 2024; 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. Passed 5/0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF February 15, 2024

Mr. Harmon made a motion to approve the minutes of February 15, 2024; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 5/0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF February 21, 2024

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of February 21, 2024; 2nd by Mr. Harmon. Passed 5/0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF February 22, 2024

Mr. Harmon made a motion to approve the minutes of February 22, 2024; 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. Passed 5/0

PAYROLL WARRANT #34

Mr. Mitchell moved to approve Payroll Warrant #34 in the amount of \$36,499.21 2nd by Mr. Harmon. Passed 5/0

A/P WARRANT #35

Mr. Mitchell moved to approve A/P Warrant #35 in the amount of \$359,957.08; 2nd by Ms. Weaver. Passed 4/0/1 – Bob Harmon (abstained)

REPORTS

Mr. Rice: Welcome Josh. Thank you Eve for serving all these years and coming back and helping us when we needed it. We are thankful.

Mr. Mitchell: Welcome Josh to the Town of Gouldsboro and look forward to working with you. Thank you, Eve, for all the years of support to the Town of Gouldsboro.

Mr. Harmon: It's hard to say goodbye to Eve, we wish you well, thank you.

Mr. McKenzie: I agree with all of my board mates, welcome aboard Josh. Thank you very much Eve.

Ms. Weaver: Thank you, Eve.

Treasurer: **See attached**

Eve reported there was a few things that were questioned on the summary expense report at the previous meeting, she has since corrected these issues and should look correct now.

COMMITTEES

Planning Board- Planning Board Chair Ray Jones reported Bill Zoellick has stepped up to help on a grant the committee is looking to apply for from the state.

Ray also reported the Planning Board has been working with the attorney to revise the moratorium. They will be extending this at a future Planning Board meeting. Ray mentioned the current moratorium expires May 15, 2024.

Coastal Resilience- Bill Zoellick reported he heard back from Maine DOT and they declined to fund the work for Sand Cove and Corea Road. Bill will be getting in touch with them to discuss why they declined. James Boyd noted that they have so many other cases that are urgent matters and Bill thinks it could be that our issue isn't urgent rather than something that will eventually fall apart. There may be other opportunities to apply for funding.

Bill also updated the board with a proposal they will be submitting at the end of March. This proposal focuses on the causeway in Corea and other objectives. Brett Binns, a Coastal Resilience board member, has been using a drone to create a 3D digital model of where Corea Road ends and the start of Cranberry Point Road.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - See attached

Deputy Brackett reported;

- The Gouldsboro Police Department would like to thank Eve for her service to the Town of Gouldsboro and continued support to this agency.
- Last week the Department hosted an ALERRT (active shooter) training instructed by the FBI. 15 students attended the two-day training.
- Speed is becoming a concern around Town, especially in the 25 mph zones. We ask that all motorists please obey the speed limit signs. Enforcement will be increased.
- On the Watchguard system discussion from the last meeting, would the Board like Adam to add that (\$30,564) to his proposed budget or keep it as a special request? There is a one-time purchase cost of \$30,000 and then a 4-year installment for a total of 5 years. Each year it will cost \$12,100. At the end of the 5 years, the department owns the technology. In order to use this license fee, they send you new tech and it's almost like a "reset." Current cameras are not communicating with in-car cameras and can't be updated anymore.

FIRE DEPARTMENT / EMS - See attached

Chief Monroe reported the department has been uneventful lately. Fire Academy will be starting March 16th with Adam Brackett helping as well. There are roughly 10-12 people signed up and this will run year-round. There will be instructors coming from all over to help instruct.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Absent from meeting

RSU#24 REPRESENTATIVE- Absent from meeting

TOWN MANAGER – See attached

Eve had a Camoin zoom meeting with Jackie to discuss what they have put together for a housing study survey. This will be updated and will be available soon for people to respond on paper or online. Eve mentioned we will put an ad in the newspaper that so that it's available when the time comes. Late March-April.

Eve mentioned to the Select Board she offered to help the new town manager per diem at her current rate of pay (\$42.34) and to consider continuing her cafeteria plan through the period she helps. **Mr. Harmon made a motion to pay at her rate of pay \$42.34 per diem and continue the cafeteria plan through the period; 2nd by Ms. Weaver. Passed 5/0**

Old Business

Budget Process

Dwight Rodgers, Budget Committee Chair, spoke his concerns about the procedures of the budget process. Dwight read a letter he had written to the Select Board.

Alewife Harvesting Bids

Two bids were opened during this time.

- Gary Moore submitted \$25.00 for each bushel.
- Tomi Colson submitted \$26.50 for each bushel. She also wrote in her bid "I would like to limit the amount we take our for the first year to allow the stock to build."

Chair Dana Rice mentioned there are state regulations that need to be followed regarding this. A question arose "How does the town know these individuals are going by state regulations?" Chair Dana Rice responded we go by word of contractor and Marine Resources oversees the brook as well. He also mentioned it takes 5-7 years for reproduction to come back up stream. These contracts are 3-year terms. The person in charge of the Alewife's brook is the one who maintains the regulation of fish and the dam. **Ms. Weaver made a motion to award the 3-year alewife contract to Tomi Colson; 2nd by Mr. Harmon. Passed 5/0**

New Business

Town Manager Contract

The Select Board signed the new town manager contract for Joshua McIntyre. **Mr. Mitchell made a motion to sign the contract for the newly hired town manager, Joshua McIntyre; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 5/0**

Paper Talks

Mark Pierce with Paper Talks has been coming in front of the Gouldsboro Select Board for 22 years. Mark mentioned Sumner Memorial graduates will be on the front cover of this year's issue. There will also be Winter Harbor Grammar School pictures and such inside. He would like to know if there is interest and support from the Select Board to continue the subscription. **Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the Paper Talks subscription for 1/18th of a page at \$268; 2nd by Mr. Harmon. Passed 5/0**

Housing Grant – HCPC

Eve gave the Select Board information regarding the Housing Grant from HCPC. The grant offer from the state is for \$50,000 for one community and if two come together, the grant would be offered at \$125,000 (50k for each and a bonus of 25k). Eve met with Averi from HCPC and Ray, Sullivan manager, to talk about applying for the grant for both of our communities. Sullivan currently is interested in developing housing and they would like to have Gouldsboro partner w them in the grant application. Individual communities would have access to support for several issues. The grant was offered a couple weeks ago and the deadline is March 7th. HCPC is asking for a letter of support from our community. Ms. Weaver wants to stay away from low-income housing and only stay with workforce housing. Ray Jones, Chair of Planning Board, mentioned he was asked by HCPC to join in on this process. **Mr. Harmon made a motion to follow through with the letter of intent for support; 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. Passed 5/0**

Per Diem Employment

Eve discussed this in the Town Managers report. Please see above.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Nothing at this time.

ADJOURN: Mr. Harmon moved to adjourn the meeting at 6PM; 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. Passed 5/0

Respectfully submitted,
Brianna L. Mitchell, Senior Deputy Town Clerk

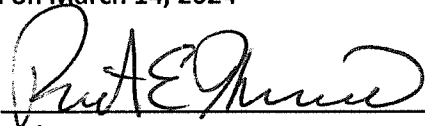
Please note: These minutes are not verbatim. A tape recording of the meeting is available at the Town Office during regular business hours.

Enclosures: Agenda, Road Posting/Restriction Ordinance, Minutes of February 15, 2024, Minutes of February 21, 2024, Minutes of February 22, 2024, P/R Warrant #34, A/P Warrant #35, Dwight Rodgers Letter, Treasurers Report, January Expense Summary Report, Gouldsboro Police Department Report, Gouldsboro PD March 2024 Schedule, Schoodic Ambulance Call Volumes, Schoodic Ambulance March 2024 Schedule, Town Manager Report, EMS Salaries & Stipends, Machias Banking Proposal, John Shively Letter, Paper Talks information, PERC Contract Assignment Email, Public Notice Nomination Paper Ad, Joy Road Pictures, Schoodic Food Pantry Numbers, RSU #24 BOD Meeting February 6, 2024, Commissioners Special Meeting February 21, 2024, Schoodic National Scenic Byway Committee Meeting January 16, 2024.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of February 29, 2024 and Approval on March 14, 2024

Dana Rice Sr.



Robert Harmon



Danny Mitchell, Jr.



Peter McKenzie



Jackie Weaver