

MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2024
GOULDSBORO SELECT BOARD MEETING

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 801 872 7702

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Present: Dana Rice Sr, Danny Mitchell Jr., Jackie Weaver, Peter McKenzie, Robert Harmon (Zoom)
Staff: Josh McIntyre, Town Manager, Rachel Hudson, Deputy Town Clerk
Audience: Nine (9) - Five (5)

Meeting held at the Gouldsboro Town Office.

Mr. Rice called the meeting to order at 5:03PM



Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2024

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of March 13, 2024; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2024

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2024; 2nd by Ms. Weaver. Passed 4/0

PAYROLL WARRANT #38

Mr. Mitchell moved to approve Payroll Warrant #38 in the amount of \$35,750.16; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0

A/P WARRANT #39

Mr. Mitchell moved to approve A/P Warrant #39 in the amount of \$70,271.45; 2nd by Ms. Weaver. Passed 4/0

REPORTS

Mr. Rice: Nothing at this time.

Mr. Mitchell: Nothing at this time.

Mr. Harmon: Nothing at this time.

Mr. McKenzie: Thank You to Bill Zoellick for all he does for the Town of Gouldsboro.

Ms. Weaver: Jackie reporting she read a report from the Southwest Harbor Selectboard that the National Park Service will not be fixing the Seawall for the foreseeable future.

Treasurer: See attached

COMMITTEES

Coastal Resilience-

Bill Zoellick here to report the Letter of Intent is ready for submission to the State of Maine. This specific funding is for harbors with public infrastructure, within the Town of Gouldsboro. The committee is projecting to have meetings over the next year, conducting and gathering information gathered from the study of the harbors, and look into the future of the harbors.

Mr. McKenzie made a motion for the submission of the Letter of Intent; 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. Passed 4/0

The Coastal Resilience Committee has been working for the past two months on the Corea Causeway issue. Their complete proposal is to spend 12 months hearing concerns, and what they think may happen in the future. The committee wants to build support for this, so they will know what to do, how to do it, and the amount of funding that will be needed, for submission of the application to the State.

Mr. McKenzie made a motion to allocate \$55,096 of ARPA reserve funds to match funding from the State of Maine, contingent on the State's response to this application; 2nd by Ms. Weaver. Passed 4:0

Planning Board-

Ray Jones reports the Public Hearing was held on March 26th, for modification of the Land Use Ordinance for Fin Fish Farming. Ray states the Moratorium runs up in May, and he is looking to get this done before it runs up. Dwight Rodgers will be Moderator for the meeting. Ray is looking for a motion from the board for the date for the Special Town Meeting to be held on April 23rd, 2024-location at the Town Office.

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to set the date of April 23rd, 2024 for the Special Town Meeting to take place at the Gouldsboro Town Office, starting at 6PM; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0

Emergency Management-

Jackie Johnston here to report for Emergency Management. Jackie met with Versant Power to identify Critical Infrastructure in town to be top priority restoration (**see attached**). Jackie is asking for board approval on the list she has generated. General census from the board, the chart covers all Critical Infrastructure. Jackie plans to submit on 3/29/2024. Preliminary request for a grant opportunity for the January 13th, 2024 storm was submitted Tuesday to FEMA. Report for March 10th, 2024 storm submitted. This report included the repairs to the Crowley Island Road causeway and other Emergency Response costs. This report included about \$7,000 in Municipal Investment. The Hancock County Extreme Temp Survey was submitted the week of March 17th, 2024. The report had very broad questions regarding what support services or processes exist within the community (municipal or other organizations) and barriers we see to providing citizen support. 2 weeks ago, Jackie participated in public webinar on the school family reunification process. Josh and Jackie will have follow-up communications with Peninsula school staff about their existing plans in place. Town report for Emergency Management was submitted to Brianna. The reports speaks to the greater support system beyond the core Emergency Management Team. To illustrate that, it would be great to have a photo of this expanded team – all those who have a hand in providing assistance during events that impact the

community. All emergency responders, and essentially all town office staff and appointed officials whose actions impact the delivery of assistance. Our emergency management team's partner Schoodic Food Pantry, area church leaders, Neighbor helping Neighbor program members.

Budget Committee-

Dwight Rodgers would like to bring an alternate to the Board of Selectmen for the Budget Committee. Brenda Clough had expressed interest last year.

Mr. McKenzie made a motion to appoint Brenda Clough as a Budget Committee Alternate; 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. Passed 4/0

Dwight also reports we have 77 streetlights in town, and switching them over to LED will save the town money in the long run. Dwight suggests we should start looking into this matter, and considering the switch over soon.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - See attached.

Adam Brackett would like to Thank everyone who helped in any way with the search on Grand Marsh Bay last week.

FIRE DEPARTMENT / EMS - See attached

Ken Monroe would like to echo what Adam said about the help with the search last week. Ken also reports that the Public Safety Trailer is in service, just waiting on shelves for organization. Due to the amount of rain, the Fire Department has done some basement pump-outs over the last couple of weeks. EMS is staying steady.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – See attached

ROAD COMMISSIONER– Wally Moore reports mid-April, the roads should be unposted. This matter will be on the agenda for the next Board of Selectmen Meeting. Wally reports that the DOT will be working on the Corea Road soon, as well as the Town fixing the Nahum Jones Road Culvert issue.

RSU#24 REPRESENTATIVE- Not present.

TOWN MANAGER– See attached

OLD BUSINESS:

Police Department Watchguard- See Attached.

Adam here for a callback on the Watchguard System. At this time, Adam reports this is a need and not a want to keep Officers safe while on duty. Adam priced out three different systems, and the Watchguard came back with the best price, for the system they are in need of. Dwight Rodgers questioned about the cruiser cameras, Adam replied the cruiser cameras are needed because the body cameras don't capture what

happens within the cruiser. Dwight also asked about a 5 Year rotation instead of a lump sum at once. Adam replied that this was a bundle price for the units. Peter McKenzie expresses concerns that he would like to have the new Chief (once we have one) be part of this decision. This matter has been tabled until the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

Joy Road Repair Invoice-

Josh has received a more detailed invoice from Jamie Hayward for the Joy Road repair, which a copy was included in the Selectmen Packets. Josh is asking for the board to make a motion to pay this bill with the updated invoice, with the breakdown of labor and material. Bob Harmon asked what material was used for 20 yards @ \$50 a yard. Wally Moore responded that it was a stone dust material due to posted roads, a smaller truck was needed for transportation of the material.

Mr. McKenzie made a motion pay the updated Joy Road Repair Invoice; 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. Passed 4/0

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Possible action related to proposed Aquaculture Ordinance-

This matter was touched on, and a motion was made during Committee Reports.

Town Facebook Page-

Josh would like to consider the Town Facebook Page to be reactivated. After the last couple of storms, and events in town, it might be a better way to get the word out on important information or updates to the residents. The comments would be turned off, an informational page only. General consensus of the board is they are all in favor of it. Josh will work on initiating the Facebook Page.

Suggest Public Hearing Date for Bunker's Seafood and Spirits Liquor License-

Brianna has made a suggested date of April 11, 2024 for the Public Hearing for the Liquor License for Bunker's Seafood and Spirits.

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to set the Public Hearing date for April 11th, 2024 for Bunker's Seafood and Spirits Liquor License; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: MRSA Title 1, sec 405, Sub 6A – *Personnel Matters*

Motion by Mr. Mitchell to enter into executive session at 6:24PM; 2nd by Ms. Weaver. Passed 4/0

Motion by Mr. McKenzie to exit executive session at 8:58PM; 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. Passed 4/0

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Mr. Mitchell to adjourn the meeting at 9:00PM; 2nd by Ms. Weaver. Passed 4/0

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Hudson, 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 for March 28, 2024, Minutes of March 14, 2024, Minutes of March 21, 2024, Payroll Warrant #38, A/P Warrant #39, Treasurers Report, Community Resilience Partnership Correspondent, Community Action Grant Correspondent, Copy of the Letter of Intent, Versant Chart for High Priority, Acadia National Park Yearly Report, Police Dept. Report, Police Dept, April Schedule, Houlton Police Dept Eclipse Detail, Fire/EMS Report, CEO Report, Town Manager Report, Watchguard Evidence System Information Packet, Police Dept. Proposed Budget, Copy of Hayward Joy Road Invoice, FEMA March 26th, 2024 News Release, U.S. Small Business Disaster Field Operations Center East News Release, Disaster Loans for Homeowners and Renters.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of March 28, 2024 and Approval on April 11,2024

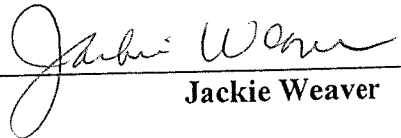


Dana Rice

Robert Harmon



Danny Mitchell, Jr.



Jackie Weaver



Peter McKenzie

