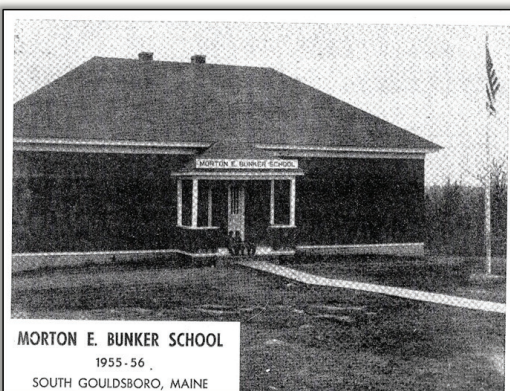


**GOULDSBORO ANNUAL VOTING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 11  
AT THE RECREATION CENTER  
FROM 8AM - 8PM**



The Morton E. Bunker School was a 2-room schoolhouse of uncertain date. Though former students recall attending there as late as 1929-30. It was named Morton E. Bunker School after a summer resident who donated boots, oranges, and other items for students. It closed in 1956 when the new consolidated school opened on the Pond Road. This building still stands, now as an apartment building.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12  
AT THE PENINSULA SCHOOL  
STARTING AT 7PM**

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# *Town of Gouldsboro*



**ANNUAL TOWN REPORT  
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# Cleaves Hotel, Prospect Harbor



(Picture showing on the front cover)

The Cleaves Hotel stood opposite of the Town Post Office and Deasy & Handy General Store.

The hotel was operated by Edwin W. Cleaves, a former Blacksmith and Mason. It offered a cosmopolitan touch to the village from the 1890s to the 1920s as a "drummer's hotel" for visiting vendors, politicians, and businessmen. Mr. Cleaves himself was a patron of social events, serving as manager of the Prospect Harbor Dramatic Club's productions of such staples as "Uncle Tom's Cabin" with a cast of largely local players.

Cleaves died at age 94 in the late 1920s as the hotel's clientele was declining; better vehicles and roads were making overnight stays less necessary for area salesmen, and area tourism had not yet picked up. The house is now a residence.

# Lobster Buoy Project



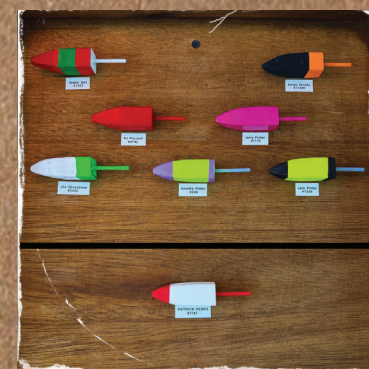
**BUNKERS HARBOR**



**COREA HARBOR**



**PROSPECT HARBOR**



**SOUTH GOULDSBORO & JOY BAY**

Around the 1980s-90s our local boy scouts troop took upon to create the Lobster Buoy boxes that hang here in the Town Office. The boys compiled lobster buoy colors and license numbers.

Come in and view the newly updated project containing current lobster fishermen buoys completed by our Senior Deputy Town Clerk, Brianna Mitchell.

Updating this project consisted of removing and saving all the old buoys, tracking down all lobster fishermen buoy colors who fish in Gouldsboro waters, new mini wooden buoys were made by Duane Urquhart, gave fishermen buoys to paint their colors on, sanded and stained the inside of the boxes, glued the buoys alphabetically in the correct harbors, and gathered all names and buoy license numbers to provide underneath the buoys.



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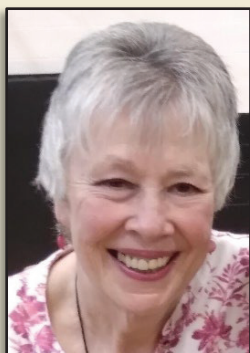


*Fiscal Year & Audit for the Year Ending  
June 30, 2023*

# DEDICATION

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**Ronda K. (Sistrunk) Saul, August 28, 1949 – December 9, 2023**



This year the Town of Gouldsboro dedicates the Annual Town Report to Roni Saul, a longtime resident. Before settling here in our lovely community, Roni lived and was stationed in many places all over the world as her father was a Naval Officer.

She was a big part of this community! Roni worked the front counter at the Town Office as a Deputy Town Clerk for many years. She always greeted people with her willingness to assist others. Once she “retired”, we would often ask her to come help with projects, fill in when needed, and she would even stop in to visit us.

Roni’s work ethic did not lack the slightest. She trained and assisted many employees with learning the deputy clerk position. Something Roni frequently said, “there is ALWAYS something to do in here”. Roni’s guidance, patience, and encouragement played a pivotal role in this office. She is greatly missed by the Town staff.

In addition, Roni also volunteered her time helping coordinate the Mitten Tree event that took place at the Peninsula School with Nancy Hill. She would donate wonderfully knitted mittens for kids in need. Roni had an immense passion for crochet and knitting, making large blankets, and getting together with her friends to chat and craft. She also really enjoyed being social with a group of ladies in town that would get together every month to play bunco.

She also served as a volunteer at the Dorcas Library. Roni helped work the front desk and also knew most of the patrons that came in and out so she had the ability to help with patron list maintenance. Roni also helped the Gouldsboro Historical Society in many ways, one being assisting with GHS Bean Suppers. Another volunteer job Roni enjoyed was helping the Vets’ Committee coordinate the Veteran’s Dinners each year. Helping cook, clean and volunteer her time to make sure our Veterans got a special dinner on Veterans’ Day.

Roni was a very dear friend to many; and family meant everything to her. She will be remembered as a knowledgeable employee and resident who always had a story to tell!



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## IN LOVING MEMORY

**Frederic Anthony Cook**, 85, of Gouldsboro passed away on Christmas Day, 2023, after a brief illness.

Originally from New York, Fred retired from AT&T in 1990, where he was a National Account Manager.

He and his wife Jeanie, moved to Gouldsboro in 1991. Together they opened and ran their herb shop, Chickadee Creek Stillroom, for 15 years.



Taking a civic interest in the community, Fred served on the Town of Gouldsboro Budget Committee and was active with the Schoodic Area Chamber of Commerce.

With Down East Resource Conservation and Development council, he served as a council member representing DownEast Area Regional Tourism (DART). In addition, it gave him great joy to serve as a board member and eventually Executive Director of DART.

Fred also enjoyed his weekly breakfast outings with the ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) at various locations in our area.

It was his dream to live out his life on the coast of Maine and he was passionate about making a positive difference in the area. He felt strongly about preserving and sharing the natural beauty of Down East Maine. It was important to him to see this unique region and its commerce thrive.

Fred is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jean, his daughter, Claudia (Jenifer) Isla, and three sons, Michael, Jeffrey and Eric. He is also survived by daughters-in-law Tammy Nephew and Lisa Burns, plus five grandchildren, Mackenzie, Spencer, Loren, Marisa, and Nicholas Anthony.



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# SELECT BOARD

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We are pleased to provide this town report to our residents and friends for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

We were reminded of how quickly things can change when we passed by Gull Cottage and lighthouse in Prospect Harbor early one summer morning 2022. The Cottage suffered intense damage and Thomas Morley, Community Planning Liaison Officer with the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, reported to the board that the property would be properly waterproofed and future discussions regarding repairs will be shared with the community when they are available.

Last year we created a Public Safety Director position and although it was not filled immediately, we later appointed our Police Chief. The purpose of the position is to oversee the administration, budget and delivery of services from the Police Department and Animal Control, Emergency Management Services and Fire Department.

Some American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds were used to purchase protective gear and safety equipment. We also disbursed additional funds in anticipation of school emergencies and lifesaving equipment. As a great bonus, we received a grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation to be used specifically to upgrade our worn fire equipment.

Schoodic Peninsula Broadband Committee successfully formed a joint venture between the communities of the Peninsula to expand high speed services. As a committee they reached out to both state and local authorities involved in building and maintenance of networks. Island Institute and State of Maine grants together contributed \$15k to begin the process of due diligence regarding availability vs. current needs. With results of the survey, they began the process of mapping current infrastructure in order to determine current and future needs.

We were proud to work alongside and in support of our Planning Board during this time to create a Finfish Ordinance. We held two special town meetings to ask voters to approve extending the Moratorium Ordinance to allow additional time to get professional guidance to offer our community a final draft of the ordinance to be voted on in the near future.

During this time, we also connected with the Budget Committee to create a Budget Guidelines booklet. The purpose is to offer the town



manager, department heads, town officials and community members a clear path of the workings of creating our annual budget. The document was carefully reviewed over several meetings and has been finalized.

We continue to experience great pride in our Schoodic National Scenic Byway. This byway is one of a kind featuring the KQ “Kid’s Quest” along all of the noted stops of the trail. It was chosen for the Governor’s Award in recognition of this project (KQ) that offers children the opportunity to learn about our culture. The last (or first) stop is in Prospect Harbor beside the Women’s Club hosting a small bridge and a replica lobster boat with interpretive signs.

Last, but certainly not least, we made a concentrated effort to explore possible development of work force housing in our area. We had public meetings and workshops with Maine Coast Heritage Trust, State agencies and other Hancock County towns that are currently involved in exploring housing options. Our commitment is to create housing that will enable people who work in Gouldsboro to be able to live in Gouldsboro (and including Winter Harbor). Our first step was to find outside funding (grants and donations) to be used for an independent study to assess our needs. We hired Camoin Associates, an economic development and consulting company. They will prepare necessary survey information to gather final reporting data to enable us to continue in the proper and most needed direction. We have also been considering a parcel of land here in our town that has been purchased by Maine Coast Heritage Trust. They expressed sincere willingness to work with our community to make it possible for us to consider a portion of this property for our housing project. More to be determined in future meetings.

As a reminder, we meet every other Thursday at 5PM at the Town Office in Prospect Harbor. If there is an issue or something you would like to share with us, please contact the Town Manager in advance if possible. Agendas are posted on our website and in our lobby on Wednesday afternoon. Public comment is also welcome at all meetings.

We have been honored to have served this community and our friends this past year and will continue to strive to provide the best service and support possible.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Dana Rice Sr., Robert Harmon, Danny Mitchell Jr., Jackie Weaver,  
Peter McKenzie**

# TOWN MANAGER

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As I retire, I share a tremendous amount of personal confidence with our community and express that I leave behind an amazing group of men and women (and k9!) They are part of the reason I was able to commit to helping out for a time while the select board took a great deal of time and energy to meet with several viable candidates. It was a very difficult decision but we are all confident that Josh McIntyre will be successful in supporting the staff and residents and leading Gouldsboro in a respectful and professional way.

We restructured the front office this past year and decided to try a different strategy. It was comprised of an office manager and two deputy clerks, along with our treasurer and assessing assistant. I promoted our six-year employee, Brianna Mitchell, to Senior Deputy Clerk (replacing office manager) and hired Magen Merchant to work with Rachel Hudson our seasoned Deputy Clerk. Our treasurer, Aleta Fusco, and I assumed some of the duties and shared others with the three clerks. It has worked out beautifully and I am very proud and thankful to all of them for their hard work and sticking together.

In the Public Works Department, we welcomed Mike Connors to serve in a part time position as Code Enforcement Officer. We all are confident he will serve the community well and assume other responsibilities of the infrastructure position in the future.

Congratulations to Landon Scott for successfully attending and completing Police Academy training in Vasselboro. We are all proud of his accomplishment and appreciate his dedication to our department. He is currently training K-9 Kenny and working full time as our patrol officer.

We appointed Mike Pinkham to the newly created position of Harbor Master. Last year voters updated the Harbor Ordinance and he has had the challenging project of implementing the new guidelines especially regarding “mooring fees”. Mike also serves as our Shellfish Warden and brings many hours to the Shellfish Lab in Bunker’s Harbor. The Lab grows clams that enable our commercial diggers to seed the flats. This



project has been ongoing for a couple of years and we appreciate all the volunteers who have also helped make it happen.

Pam Linscott completed her first year in the assessing office. We are fortunate to have her expertise and dedication to keeping tax data perfected and up to date.

Jones Pond area is a gem to our town that was donated to our community many years ago. This past year we hired a part time caretaker for the area. Tim Hollenback visited daily and kept care of the grounds. We replaced the entire boat dock by using reserve funds specific to Jones Pond. The Recreation Committee also received a grant to help install a new swim float.

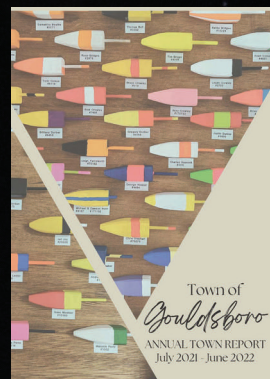
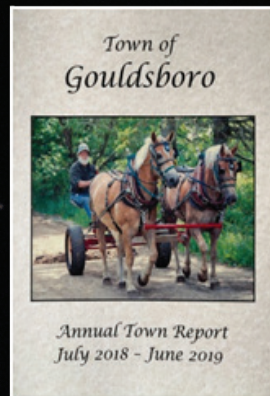
Our last town report was chosen as the third-place winner by Maine Municipal Association. We are proud and honored by this accomplishment since so much of it is done by our team and within the town office. It takes a tremendous amount of time for submissions, editing and layout.

I am happy to report our audit shows a healthy and sufficient surplus. Auditors expect to see at least two months of operating expenses and we successfully maintained that with a small amount extra. All departments were able to work this fiscal year within appropriated budgets. This was especially difficult to provide services with so many unexpected increases.

My heartfelt thanks to a wonderful group of employees, supportive select board and many other town officials, and amazing residents. I have enjoyed being able to help out for the past few years off and on and look forward to see the community grow and maintain our wonderful way of life.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**Yvonne (Eve) P. Wilkinson**

# Annual Town Report Winners!





# Town Officials + Boards

*All elected terms of office expire as of the Town Meeting in the year stated.*

## **SELECT BOARD**

Dana Rice Sr., <i>Chair</i>	Term expires 2026
Robert Harmon, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Term expires 2024
Danny Mitchell Jr.	Term expires 2024
Peter McKenzie	Term expires 2025
Jackie Weaver	Term expires 2025

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Dwight Rodgers, <i>Chair</i>	Term expires 2025
Larry Peterson, <i>Secretary</i>	Term expires 2024
Jay Bricker	Term expires 2026
AJ Higgins	Term expires 2026
Raymond Jones	Term expires 2024
Tim Smith	Term expires 2026
Paul Stewart	Term expires 2025
<i>Vacant</i>	Term expires 2024
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***Alternates:*** Vacant, Vacant

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Raymond Jones, <i>Chair</i>	Term expires 2025
Jeff Grant, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Term expires 2024
Deirdre McArdle, <i>Secretary</i>	Term expires 2026
Shepsi Eaton	Term expires 2026
A. Jay Higgins	Term expires 2024

***Alternates:*** Deb Bisson, Jed West

# Appointed + Elected Officials

## **ANIMAL CONTROL**

Adam Brackett

## **ASSESSOR**

Zeb Pike

Pamela Linscott, *Assistant*

## **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Barbara Bateman

Dale Church

Kate McCloud

## **CIVIL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DIRECTOR**

Jackie Johnston

## **COASTAL RESILIENCE COMMITTEE**

Bill Zoellick, *Chair*

Tim Fisher

Jonathan Renwick

Dwight Rodgers

Tom McKeag

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Michael Connors

## **COMMUNITY INTERVENTION OFFICER**

Bill Thomas

## **CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

*Vacant*

## **DEPUTY CLERKS & DEPUTY TAX COLLECTORS**

Brianna Mitchell, *Senior*

Rachel Hudson

Magen Merchant

## **E-911 COORDINATOR**

Michael Connors

## **EMERGENCY PLAN COORDINATOR**

Jackie Johnston

## **EMS SERVICES**

Chief Ken Monroe

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Ken Monroe

Gary Greenlaw, *Assistant*

Brianna Mitchell, *Secretary*

## **FREEDOM OF ACCESS**

Joshua McIntyre

## **HANCOCK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Raymond Jones

Deb Bisson

Deirdre McArdle, *Alt*

## **HARBOR COMMITTEE**

Michael Pinkham, *Master*

Michael Hunt, *Deputy*

John Chipman Sr.

Ben Follette

Patrick Presnell

Chris Urquhart

Patrick Weaver

## **HEALTH OFFICER**

Ken Monroe

## **JONES POND CARETAKER**

Tim Hollenback



**NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR**

Brianna Mitchell  
Magen Merchant, *Deputy*  
Joshua McIntyre, *Editor*

**PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Millard Billings, *Interim*

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Patrick McNulty  
Dep. Chief Adam Brackett  
K9 Handler Landan Scott

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Rachel Hudson  
Mariela Church  
*Vacant seat*

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

Rachel Hudson  
Brianna Mitchell, *Deputy*  
Magen Merchant, *Deputy*

**ROAD COMMISSIONER**

Walter Moore, *Interim*

**RSU #24 REPRESENTATIVE**

Mary Cowperthwaite

**SCHOODIC BYWAY COMMITTEE**

Tom Towle

**SCHOODIC PENINSULA**

**BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

Bob Bostinto  
Roy Gott  
Rhiannon Alley  
Sandy Fortin  
Mark Perka  
Mike Summerer  
Tom Towle

**SHELLFISH COMMITTEE**

Wayne Bishko  
Allan B. Church  
Allan N. Church  
Michael Cronin  
David Deniger

**SHELLFISH WARDEN**

Michael Pinkham

**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE**

Ray Jones, *Chair*  
David Hottle  
Jerry Kron  
Annetje Meyer  
Becky O'Keefe  
Patrick Weaver  
*Vacant*

**TOWN MANAGER,**

**TOWN CLERK,**

**TAX COLLECTOR,**

**OVERSEER OF THE POOR,**

**DEPUTY TREASURER**

Joshua McIntyre

**TOWN REPORT**

**COORDINATOR**

Brianna Mitchell

**TREASURER**

Aleta Fusco

**VETERANS' COMMITTEE**

James Guest, *Chair*  
Barbara Flaherty, *Secretary*

# *Statistics Report*

## **VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS**

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Registrations: 2,542

## **DOG LICENSES**

Total Dogs Registered: 329

## **RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**

ATV Registrations: 160

Boats: 302

Documented Vessels: 68

Snowmobile Registrations: 22

## **SPORTING LICENSES**

Hunting & Fishing Licenses: 241

## **REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTIES**

Unenrolled: 539

Republican: 618

Green Independent: 79

Democrat: 468

Libertarian: 2

## **SERVICES WE PROVIDE AT THE TOWN OFFICE**

- Building permit + Plumbing Permit Applications
- Copy/Fax Services
- Documented + State Boat Registrations
- Dog Licensing
- Genealogical Research
- General Assistance
- Hunting + Fishing Licenses
- Motor Vehicle Services
- Notary Public Services
- Real Estate Property Tax Collection
- Shellfish Clam Licenses
- Transfer Station Passes + Punch Cards
- Trash Stickers
- Vital Records (death, birth, marriage lic. + certs)
- Voter Registrations



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### **BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

Building permit applications are available at the Town Office or on our website at [www.gouldsborotown.com](http://www.gouldsborotown.com). Here are just a few things for which you need a permit for:

- Construction or alteration of any building or structure
- Demolition of a structure
- Buildings and structures moved into or within the Town of Gouldsboro – regardless of size

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Our Code Enforcement Officer is in and out of the office everyday between Monday and Friday. Please give Mike Connors a call at (207) 546-0940 or email [ceo@gouldsborotown.com](mailto:ceo@gouldsborotown.com) with any questions.

### **CURBSIDE TRASH PICKUP**

Every Thursday trash must be curbside by 7AM. Trash tags are required for pick up; a partial tag will NOT be accepted. Tags are \$1.25 each and available at Mc's Market, Young's Market and the Gouldsboro Town Office. DO NOT exceed 40lbs per bag. ***\*Garbage is always picked up on Thursday even if it falls on a holiday.***

### **DOCUMENTED BOAT REGISTRATIONS**

All boat registrations expire December 31<sup>st</sup>. The excise tax must be paid in the town where you live. To register a new boat, you will need to bring in the documentation with your information and the bill of sale. The bill of sale must include the hull identification number, year and make of the vessel, buyer/seller signature, purchase amount and date of sale. If this is a commercial lobster fishing vessel, bring in your tax-exempt certificate if applicable.

### **DOG REGISTRATIONS**

The State of Maine requires that all dogs be registered every year in your town of residence when the dog is six months and older. New dog tags are available for purchase starting October 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. Dogs must be registered by December 31<sup>st</sup>. A state mandated late fee starts February 1<sup>st</sup> if you have yet to do so. You are required to bring in the current rabies vaccine certificate and the spay/neuter certificate if applicable. Non-neutered/spayed is \$11 and \$6 for neutered/spayed. The Town of Gouldsboro also participates in the on-line program where you can register your canines online at [https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog\\_license/index.pl](https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl).

## **ELECTIONS**

You can obtain an absentee 3 ways: Order via website <https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>. Deliver or mail an absentee request form to the Town Office. Go to <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/upcoming/index.html> to print the form. Or, call the Town Office at (207) 963-5589 to request. Voters may visit Maine.gov and not only order their absentee ballot but also track every aspect of their ballot's path. If you would like to be added to the volunteer list as an election clerk for our elections, please call us to let us know!

## ***FIRE, POLICE, OR MEDICAL EMERGENCY: CALL 911***

Give your name, location, 911 street address and type of emergency. If we cannot locate you, we cannot help you. If possible, station someone by the road to assist emergency personnel in finding you. Your assistance with this request will result in a quicker response to your emergency. During normal business hours, for non-emergencies, please call (207) 667-8866.

## **GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH**

The Town Office provides genealogical research but requires an appointment be made to do so. Requested copies of vital records held here will be charged for a fee. Certified copies can be purchased for \$15 and will require you to provide correct documentation showing proof of relationship to persons listed on the vital record. There will be a fee associated if research takes longer than a half hour due to the time needed to research and locate such documents. Vital records are not to be publicly viewed.

## **GENERAL ASSISTANCE**

If you are needing to apply for General Assistance, the application can be picked up here at the Town Office in person during our business hours or on our website at [www.gouldsborotown.com](http://www.gouldsborotown.com) under the "office services" tab. Please ask to talk to the Overseer of the Poor.

## **HOMESTEAD & VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS**

Applications need to be turned into the Assessor's office by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year to be applied to the next tax bill. Check our website for applications under the "Assessor" tab or grab one at the Town Office.

## **INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE**

The Town of Gouldsboro is a registered agent for the State of Maine Inland Fisheries & Wildlife. Here's how you can obtain the following:

- Hunting/Fishing licenses; first time hunters will need to show proof of completing the hunter's safety course to purchase a hunting license. Completion of courses for crossbow and archery will need to be shown as well if purchasing these licenses.
- Register a snowmobile or ATV; please bring the bill of sale that includes the year, make and model, VIN/serial number, the buyer/seller signatures, date of sale and purchased amount.

### **MOORINGS**

All individuals who have a salt water mooring(s) in Gouldsboro waters, are required to be permitted. This includes boats, jet skis, rafts, floats, etc. The Harbor Ordinance reads mooring regulations if you would like to view this, please go to our website under the "*Ordinances*" tab. Please ensure you comply. For new and renewal moorings, you must submit a complete mooring application and pay the required fees.

### **MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS**

We are a full truck level agent town for the State of Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Here is what you will need to register:



- For a **new** or **used** vehicle from a dealership: we are required to see the Monroney Label (window sticker), proof of insurance, current mileage, bill of sale, and the certificate of title application.
- For a vehicle from a **private sale**: you need proof of insurance, bill of sale (dated and signed by seller and buyer), and the state title signed over to new buyer(s) if vehicle is 1995 + newer.
- If you are re-registering a vehicle, you will need to provide current proof of insurance (has to be valid on the date of registration), the most recent yellow registration of the vehicle and current mileage.
- If you are re-registering a vehicle that has never been registered in our town before, we **REQUIRE** a copy of the most recent registration, proof of insurance and current mileage.

If you would like to renew your registration online using Rapid Renewal, you will need your current registration (the data must be entered exactly as it shows on the registration), proof of insurance and current mileage on the vehicle. The website is <https://www1.maine.gov/online/bmv/rapid-renewal/>.

### **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

The deadline for newsletter submissions is the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month. Anything after that date may or may not make it into the newsletter,



depending on time and space. **Please submit all submissions to:**  
[bmitchell@gouldsborotown.com](mailto:bmitchell@gouldsborotown.com).

**SELECT BOARD MEETINGS**

Select Board meetings are held every other Thursday at 5PM. The public is encouraged to attend. Minutes are posted on our website at [www.gouldsborotown.com](http://www.gouldsborotown.com).

**TAX ASSESSOR**

Please call in advance to make an appointment with the Tax Assessor as he does not have a set schedule. The Tax Assessor’s assistant is in the office Tuesday and Wednesday 8AM – 4PM.

**TAX BILLS**

Tax bills are sent out ONCE a year with two coupons on the bottom; first half due October 31<sup>st</sup> and the second half due March 31<sup>st</sup>. Interest begins accruing November 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you pay after these dates, please call for a payoff amount. Please include address changes with your payment! You can now pay your tax bill online with a card, keep in mind there is a 2.5% charge fee. This is the same fee charged when payments are made in person with cards as well.  
<https://epayment.informe.org/payportonline/disclaimer/1502>.

**THE TOWN OFFICE IS CLOSED ON THESE HOLIDAYS**

New Year’s Day	Labor Day
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Indigenous Peoples Day
Presidents Day	Veterans’ Day
Patriots Day	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Thanksgiving Friday
Juneteenth Day	Christmas Day
Independence Day	

**TOWN BUILDING RENTALS**

The Prospect Harbor Woman’s Club and the Gouldsboro Community Center are available for private functions for a fee. Insurance is required for rental. The application with more information can be found on our website under the “Office Services” tab or call the Town Office at (207) 963-5589.

**VITAL RECORDS**

We issue Birth, Death and Marriage certificates. Please call before coming in to help expedite the process. Proof of relationship and ID MUST be provided to obtain certificates.

# Gouldsboro Transfer Station

**See the Transfer Station attendant  
for load inspection and direction.**

## ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Appliances (see fee schedule)
- Tires (see fee schedule)
- Furniture
- Brush (required as a punch)
- Metal
- Empty or dried paint cans

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- **\*CARDBOARD\***
- Household rubbish
- Batteries
- Tree stumps
- TVs / Computers
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Household rubbish
- Special hazardous waste

*The Town of Gouldsboro provides town wide curbside pickup for household rubbish on Thursday (must be curbside by 7AM.) Trash stickers can be purchased at the Town Office, Mc's Market and Young's Market.*

*For these items, please prepay at the Town Office during regular business hours listed below:*

**Monday + Wednesday  
8AM - 4PM**

**Tuesday                      Thursday  
8AM - 5PM                  8AM - 6PM**

**Friday  
8AM - 1PM**



## LOCATION

56 WALTERS ROAD, GOULDSBORO, ME

## HOURS OF OPERATION

FRIDAY	SUNDAY
12 - 4PM	10AM - 4PM

## NO LARGE LOADS AFTER 3:30PM

The Transfer Station pass costs \$1 and will also need to purchase a punch card for \$25. Each trip taken to the transfer station will equal one punch on the card. Once you've finished a punch card, if you need to take more to the Transfer Station, you will need to visit the Town Office to purchase another punch card. You cannot enter the facility without the pass and punch card.

**THE ANNUAL PASS IS  
REQUIRED ON YOUR VEHICLE  
WINDSHIELD FOR USE OF  
THIS FACILITY.**

## FEE STRUCTURES

- |                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| • Tires WITHOUT rim       | \$5  |
| • Tires WITH rim          | \$10 |
| • Truck tires WITHOUT rim | \$20 |
| • Truck tires WITH rim    | \$40 |
| • Propane tanks           | \$10 |
| • Freon units             | \$20 |
- (Fridges, AC units, dehumidifiers, etc.)

## CONTRACTOR LOADS - per load

**\*Pickup or small trailer**

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|--------------------------|------|
| • Construction debris    | \$60 |
| • Clean wood/Scrap metal | \$40 |

**Have questions? Call the Town Office at (207) 963-5589.**

# FAREWELL TO THESE GOULDSBORO RESIDENTS IN 2023

KATHERINE BALZARINI – 71 – JANUARY 1

BEATRICE RAMSDELL-SHAY – 81 – FEBRUARY 8

ROBERT WHITE – 68 – FEBRUARY 19

BONNIE YOUNG – 66 – FEBRUARY 23

MICHAEL COLSON – 70 – APRIL 16

PETER GOLDSTEIN – 70 – MAY 15

ALICE HAUGH – 62 – MAY 18

CHELSEA FIELD – 22 – MAY 20

DELORES KELLEY – 65 – JUNE 9

LEROY YOUNG JR. – 57 – JUNE 9

CRAIG SMITH – 62 – JUNE 17

LAURIE RICHARDS – 61 – JUNE 22

ALLEN RUSSELL – 69 – JUNE 23

EVA NEWENHAM – 95 – JULY 7

BRIAN MCAULIFFE – 56 – AUGUST 2

ETHAN TAYLOR – 32 – AUGUST 6

CHRIS BAGLEY – 57 – SEPTEMBER 14

MICHAEL DARIS – 61 – SEPTEMBER 19

EARLE COWPERTHWAITTE – 69 – OCTOBER 21

KENNETH KELLY – 92 – NOVEMBER 29

TRAVISSE STANLEY – 60 – DECEMBER 2

BESSIE SNYDER – 88 – DECEMBER 3

RONDA SAUL – 74 – DECEMBER 9

FREDERIC COOK – 85 – DECEMBER 25



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## MARRIAGES

JOHN MERCHANT + AMY DAVIS

SHAWN ARGUIN + MELANEE SAPIEL

JAMES O'DONNELL + CHELSEA BERRY

RANDOLPH COLLINS + MICHELE BROWN

WILLIAM BARKER + LINDA DUBOIS

ZAKARIAH LAFRANCE + COURTNEY PIKE

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## BIRTHS



THERE WERE **6** NEW BABIES BORN  
TO RESIDENTS OF GOULDSBORO!

## ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

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April 1<sup>st</sup> is the day property taxes are assessed every year. Property is assessed to the owner of record and new construction projects are assessed annually by the percent of completion as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. Tax maps are updated as of April 1<sup>st</sup> as well.

Applications for tax exemptions (Homestead, Veterans, etc) and current use programs (tree growth, etc) all must be filed with the Assessor on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The total valuation was increased by over \$3.2 million dollars and I would anticipate a similar trend going forward.

The last revaluation occurred in 2006. It is time to consider the cost of updating cost files. What's needed is at least an inspection of three years' worth of sales to produce a sales survey, and the manpower to visit and review each property.

I would recommend reaching out to RJD appraisal to get an idea of the cost of that overall project and to set aside  $\frac{1}{3}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  of that amount each year to pay for it.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Town for 2 years. I feel we are in a much better place from an assessing stand point than when I arrived in the Fall of 2021. The new assessor's assistant, Pam Linscott, has come up to speed very quickly and been a huge asset.

**Respectfully,**

**Everette "Zeb" Pike, CMA**

# Tax Year Rates

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>MIL RATE / \$1,000</i>	<i>COUNTY TAX</i>	<i>LOCAL EDUCATION APPROP.</i>	<i>MUNICIPAL APPROP.</i>
2022/2023	\$12.25	\$218,229	\$3,534,280	\$2,530,499
2021/2022	\$10.25	\$209,373	\$1,955,239	\$3,053,003
2020/2021	\$10.45	\$200,865	\$3,106,676	\$1,835,535
2019/2020	\$10.15	\$187,498	\$3,000,425	\$1,759,949
2018/2019	\$9.20	\$178,728	\$2,845,165	\$1,523,738
2017/2018	\$8.90	\$176,968	\$2,825,248	\$1,427,799
2016/2017	\$8.74	\$170,920	\$2,793,939	\$1,422,263
2015/2016	\$8.45	\$164,987	\$2,720,187	\$1,425,073
2014/2015	\$8.30	\$158,309	\$2,487,531	\$1,525,774
2013/2014	\$7.95	\$158,061	\$2,401,980	\$1,317,731
2012/2013	\$7.95	\$163,668	\$2,295,091	\$1,332,280
2011/2012	\$7.95	\$160,494	\$2,278,560	\$1,319,862
2010/2011	\$7.95	\$161,828	\$2,203,963	\$1,342,430
2009/2010	\$8.00	\$157,632	\$2,015,051	\$1,624,312
2008/2009	\$7.40	\$168,599	\$2,152,467	\$1,278,833
2007/2008	\$7.60	\$167,104	\$2,141,589	\$1,149,159
2006/2007	\$7.60	\$156,723	\$2,241,588	\$1,100,960
2005/2006	\$11.00	\$143,595	\$2,115,958	\$1,067,841
2004/2005	\$13.20	\$138,381	\$1,851,127	\$950,983
2003/2004	\$16.20	\$137,712	\$1,904,126	\$954,212
2002/2003	\$15.50	\$118,648	\$1,775,664	\$924,408
2001/2002	\$15.61	\$90,526	\$1,640,234	\$913,208
2000/2001	\$13.72	\$79,376	\$1,455,124	\$841,071
1999/2000	\$13.72	\$76,531	\$1,439,624	\$741,423
1998/1999	\$13.82	\$76,767	\$1,364,472	\$653,777
1997/1998	\$12.94	\$76,593	\$1,328,426	\$699,846
1996/1997	\$13.14	\$71,483	\$1,166,945	\$689,933



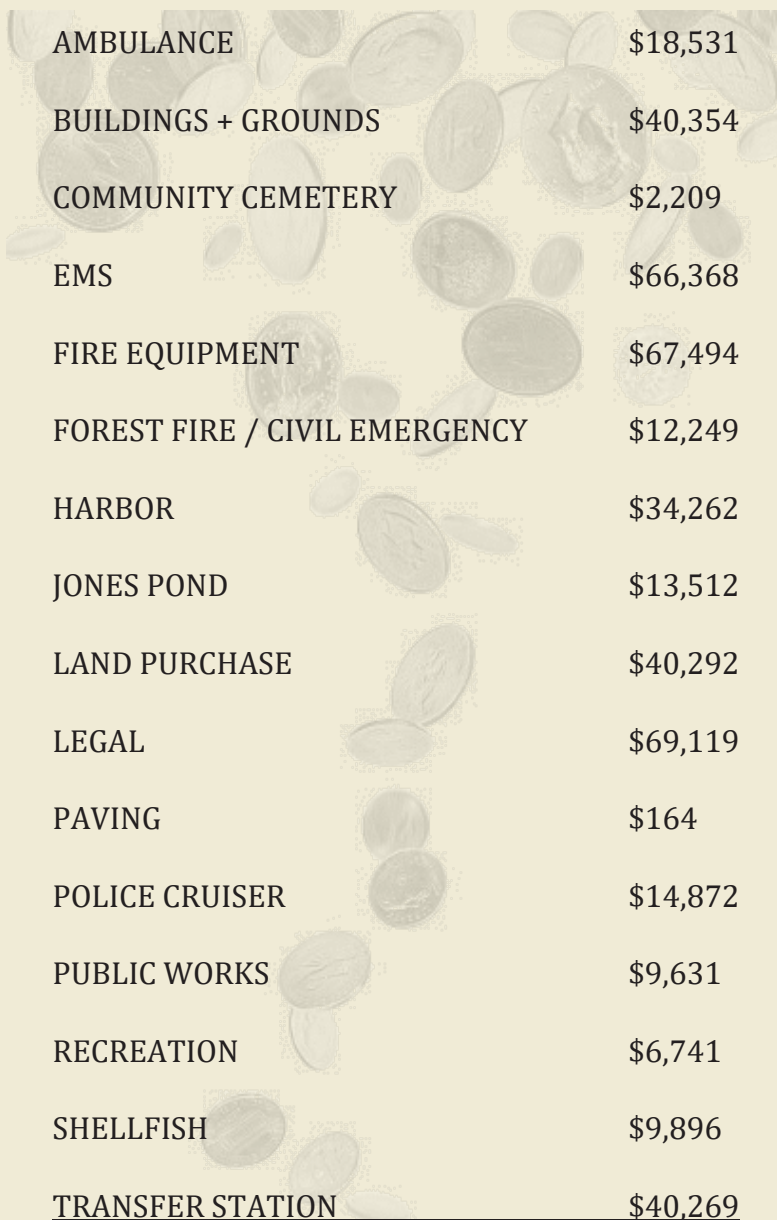
## 2022 UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES

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<u>Acct#</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Amount due</u>
1486	Bishop, Donald	\$1,347.75
198	Bradstreet, Arvid	\$1,103.11
268	Burge, Leola	\$369.41
401	Cole, Peter + Crabtree, Paula	\$2,958.71
2458	Cole, Peter + Rita	\$1,646.33
2606	Dammschroeder, Crystal J.	\$544.64
2485	Hall, Maureen P.	\$284.19
1689	Harward Maine Properties, LLC	\$64.07
1863	Hibbard, Marleine Jean	\$3,089.85
1720	Jordan, Wayne	\$1,269.26
1721	Jordan, Wayne	\$1,059.10
1722	Jordan, Wayne	\$182.33
1723	Jordan, Wayne	\$971.43
914	King, Elijah Everett	\$568.83
1599	King, Lori	\$938.60
1225	Morse, Lewis	\$228.76
2021	Phinney, Martha (Deceased)	\$754.01
2924	Poirer, Michael G.	\$285.48
2925	Poirer, Michael G.	\$588.48
1442	Rolfe, Scott	\$616.85
2907	Sebastian, Scott	\$304.81
1766	Soper, Susan	\$1,940.86
2526	Stanley, Lisa	\$143.65
1410	Valencia, Ramiro	\$258.76
787	Weiss, Sally	\$284.19
1619	Whitaker, Daniel	\$1,179.01
2042	Young, Ida May	\$2,001.99
2802	Young, Morris G.	\$335.76

**Totals as of 5/8/2024**

## AUDITED BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2023



AMBULANCE	\$18,531
BUILDINGS + GROUNDS	\$40,354
COMMUNITY CEMETERY	\$2,209
EMS	\$66,368
FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$67,494
FOREST FIRE / CIVIL EMERGENCY	\$12,249
HARBOR	\$34,262
JONES POND	\$13,512
LAND PURCHASE	\$40,292
LEGAL	\$69,119
PAVING	\$164
POLICE CRUISER	\$14,872
PUBLIC WORKS	\$9,631
RECREATION	\$6,741
SHELLFISH	\$9,896
<u>TRANSFER STATION</u>	<u>\$40,269</u>

**TOTAL RESERVE BALANCES = \$445,963**

# 2023 THIRD PARTY REQUESTS

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American Red Cross

Community Health + Counseling Services

Downeast Community Partners

Downeast Transportation, Inc

Eastern Area Agency on Aging

Ellsworth Free Medical Clinic

Ellsworth Public Library

Ellsworth YMCA

Emmaus Homeless Shelter

Families First Community Center

Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County

The LifeFlight Foundation

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

Maine Public

Narraguagus American Legion

Northern Light Home Care & Hospice Foundation

Schoodic National Scenic Byway

WIC Nutrition Program

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# TOWN INFRASTRUCTURE

During the FY July 2022 – June 2023, the Code Enforcement office continued to enforce and help educate our Town Ordinances to residents and contractors. Permits are required for several things including new house structures, sheds, home additions and more.

If you would like to view our town ordinances, they are listed on our website at <https://www.gouldsborotown.com/ordinances/>. Some of these include Land Use Ordinance, Shoreland Ordinance, Floodplain Ordinance and many more. These may come in handy if you are looking to build a house, and even put in a septic system.

We were able to accomplish many things and here are a few to list:

## **TOWN INFRASTRUCTURE/PROPERTY**

- In July of 2022, ditching at the town parking lot across from the Prospect Harbor Pier was completed. DOT replaced the culvert at this location to avoid the water running into the parking lot.
- A new front door was installed at the Town Office.
- We sold the town dump trailer and were able to purchase a new dump trailer with the funds from the sale.

## **ROADS**

- Roads were posted from March 17 – April 6.
- A roadside mowing bid was accepted and completed by Bosley's Outdoor Services.
- Town roads were swept in May 2023.
- A bid was accepted and completed for \$5,500 to fix 2 culverts and rip rap work on Williams Brook Road done by

Below are permits issued during July 2022 – June 2023:

19 New homes / camps, 9 Garage permits, 12 Home additions, 11 Deck/porches and 49 Other\*.

\*Other includes such things as sheds, floodplain, land use, shoreland stabilization, shoreland permits, permits issued by the Planning Board, demolition, driveways and signs.

I look forward to serving the Town of Gouldsboro as the Superintendent of Town Infrastructure.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Mike Connors**  
**Superintendent of Town Infrastructure**



# GOULDSBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ambulance Transports	251
Lift Assists / Non-Transports	47
Motor Vehicle Incidents	26
Structure Fire Incidents	3
Fire Alarm Incidents	31
Fire Incidents	40
Mutual Aid Incidents	23
Trees or Road Hazard Service Calls	34

During the FY July 2022 – June 2023, our department responded to 455 calls. We started the year off by installing dedication plaques on each of our Fire Stations!

- Fire Station #1 – Alden Tracy Jr.
- Fire Station #2 – Joe Stanley
- Fire Station #3 – Adin Reed

During this time, we are proud to recognize Roger Chipman for over 50 years of distinguished service, along with a deserved recognition to Alden Tracy Jr. for over 60 years committed service to our department. We thank you both for all that you’ve done and continuously do for us! Your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed.

Our members assisted with the annual Christmas town event held by Me & Bens Dairy Crème along with our neighbors the WH Fire Dept, WH Police Dept and Gouldsboro Police Dept. The town got together to enjoy tons of lights, hot cocoa, ice cream, and a photo booth! Even a special visit from Santa and the Grinch.

Spring cleaning took into effect and department members cleaned out the fire stations to organize our equipment. Our department kept up on annual and monthly trainings as usual. One of our trainings consisted of showing members how to fill up our tanker trucks and how to fill the Peninsula School Reserve Tank.

You can only obtain **FREE** burn permits online at <http://www.maine.gov/burningpermits/>. We no longer issue paper copies. This is all state regulated and allows us to view burn permits issued in Gouldsboro electronically.

Best wishes,

Brianna L. Mitchell, Secretary & Treasurer

Fiscal 2023 was a busy year for Schoodic EMS. During the year that ended June 30, 2023, our personnel responded to 398 medical-related calls. Of those calls:



- 229 were transported. Schoodic EMS has two ambulances which means that there was an average of 114.5 transports per vehicle, in line with the state median of 115.
- 179 required paramedic (Advanced Life Support) level of care
- 6 CPR calls
- 75 patient assist calls. These take various forms but some examples are lift assist, personal oxygen tanks not working correctly, mobility issues, etc.
- 88 ALS back-up responses to other ambulance services

In addition, EMS personnel responded to all calls to which Gouldsboro Fire responded.

Donations to the department are a significant source of funds for much-needed equipment. During the year, donations from the community enabled the department to purchase a power-load stretcher and lift for the second ambulance. Many thanks to all of residents of both Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor who contributed – it is much appreciated!

There have been some major changes this year in terms of staffing. We now have full-time Emergency Medical Technicians at the station in Prospect Harbor from 8AM to 4PM every day. We have paid call members on at night. What this means for the communities that we cover is that you now have well-trained ambulance crews and 24 hours a day service. I am grateful to all the members of Schoodic EMS who have been covering long shifts in all kinds of weather, participating in continuing education and training, helping with community events, and providing support for the warming shelter.

I want thank the entire community for all the support, guidance, and encouragement you have given me during my first year as EMS Chief. Hopefully, this will continue for many more years, and I'm looking forward to continuing to serve both communities. Please be safe.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Ken Monroe, EMS Chief**

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The Gouldsboro Police Department is proud to serve its community every day. Over the past two years, the department has been revamped into the organization it is today. Our staffing is small but our hearts are big.

Community Policing is the core of the Gouldsboro Police Department. Our officers truly try to connect and assist on a personal level. The support that we receive daily from the community is overwhelming and appreciated.

In 2023, the department established its first K-9 program. On August 22, 2023, Chief Patrick McNulty announced that Officer Landan Scott was chosen as the departments first K-9 handler. Through a rigorous research process, the department decided that a “dual purpose” K9 would best serve our department, citizens, and community as a whole. As a result, a 14-month-old Labrador Retriever named Kenny was purchased using ARPA funds. Kenny will have the following capabilities:

- **Tracking** - K9s are able to search for individuals, sometimes even hours later. They can be utilized in cases of missing children, adults, or dangerous subjects.
- **Evidence Location** - The K9 can locate items containing human scent that may have been dropped or discarded by subjects after committing a crime.
- **Narcotics Detection** - A K9 trained in the detection of narcotics is able to alert to the odor of several different illegal drugs and can help officers locate hidden drugs. With the assistance of a K9, potentially dangerous drugs can be kept off of the street.
- **Community Relations** - Dogs are often able to break down barriers that may exist between officers and citizens and

- often serve as an excellent conversation piece. The main way our K9 would make a positive impact would be serving as an ambassador for the department.

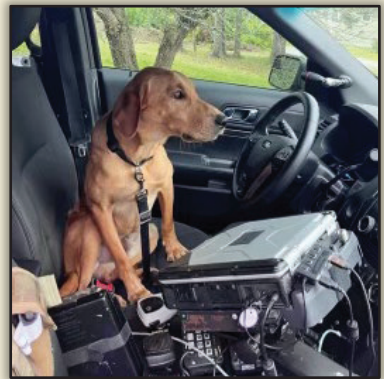
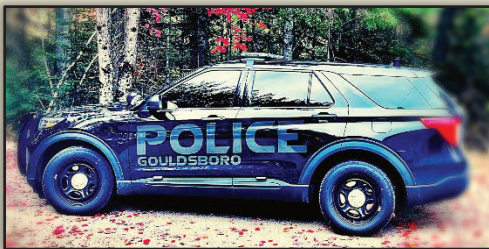
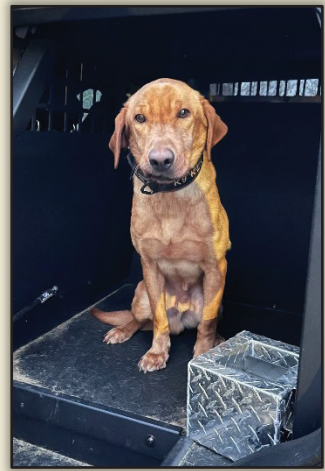
In 2023, a local program, Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) assisted dozens of citizens. This program is a pivotal component to community relations and longevity. From assisting with heating fuel, groceries, to repairing leaking roofs, to even providing a safe haven for someone in a dangerous situation, NHN and its members are the true heroes of this community. Their work does not go unnoticed and their love is felt Town-wide.

### ***Current Police Department members:***

- Chief Patrick McNulty
- Deputy Chief Adam Brackett
- K9 Handler Landan Scott
- K9 Kenny 🐾
- Bill Thomas, CIO

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Adam M. Brackett**  
**Deputy Chief**







# Gouldsboro Police Department

## Law Incident Total Report, by Observed Offense

<u>Observed Offense</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Number</u>
		232
1313	Simple Assault	1
1340	Crim. Threatening/Harassment	1
2011	Suspicious Undetermined Fire	1
2604	Fraud- Impersonation	1
2608	Fraud By Wire	1
2615	Theft of Services	2
2901	Criminal Mischief/Damage	1
3811	Violation of Protective Order	2
5309	Harassing Communication	5
5311	Disorderly Conduct	4
5320	Intoxication	1
5330	Terrorist Threat	1
5404	Driving Under Influence Liquor	1
5408	OAS-Infraction	1
5409	Parking Violation/Obstructing	1
5411	Traffic Offense Summons	3
5412	Traffic Offense-Arrest	1
5420	Traffic Stop/On View	1
5424	Citizen Traffic Complaint	30
5431	PI-Traffic Accident	11
5432	PD-Traffic Accident	37
5440	Detail	8
5707	Trespassing	10
6205	Littering/Illegal Dumping	2
6402	Stray cat or dog	1
6405	Stray Animals/Livestock/Horses	7
6407	Animal Emergency - response	9
6714	Assist - Fire Department	8
6718	Assist - Information and Educa	1
7303	Noise Disturbance	1
7602	Assist DHS	1
7603	Assist Federal Agency	2
7606	Assist Local Police Department	6
7607	Assist Marine Patrol	1
7608	Assist Sheriff's Department	2
7609	Assist Warden Service	1
7610	Assist Other Agency	13
7611	Other Police - In State	1
7631	Referred to Animal Control Off	4
7801	Lost Property	2
7802	Found Property	4
8016	Drug Intelligence Information	1
8201	Citizen Requested Assistance	11

<u>Observed Offense</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Number</u>
8203	Stranded Motorist	7
8301	Civil Problem	7
8304	Property Check Requested	108
8305	Suspicious Person/MV/Incident	10
8306	Abandoned Vehicle	2
8311	Fingerprint-Non Criminal	6
8313	Road Hazard	3
8910	Criminal Arrest Warrant	6
9001	Paper Service	17
9605	Speed Enforcement Detail	2
9609	Traffic Control Detail	1
9612	**DON'T USE***Domestic-Assault	2
9613	Domestic-no assault	1
9617	Bail Check-No Violation	4
9618	Records Check	6
9621	False Alarm	18
9625	Bar Check	1
9628	Directed Patrol	10
9629	Concealed Weapon Permit	16
9630	Medical Emergency	8
9633	False 911 call	59
9644	Ambulance Assistance	1
9645	Property Damage non-vandalism	3
9647	Information	51
9648	Mental Health Issues/Check	6
9649	Check wellbeing of person	16
9651	Overdose drugs/alcohol	1
9657	Sex Offender Registration	5
801	Suicide	1
802	Unattended Death	3
ANML	Animal Complaint	3
ASST	Agency Assist	2
ATM	Aid to Motorist	1
FRAU	Fraud	1
INFO	Information	1
SEC	Security Check	10
SPDT	Special Detail	1
TPOT	Theft, Property, Other	2
VAND	Vandalism	1

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Total reported: 838

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**Report Includes:**

All dates between '00:00:00 07/01/22' and '23:59:59 06/30/23', All agencies, All offenses observed, All offenses reported, All offense codes, All location codes matching '251'



## Gouldsboro Police Department

### Total Traffic Warning Report, by Violation

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<u>Violation</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total</u>
22	Inspection Sticker	1
29-A-2073.3	Speeding	14
29-A-2104	Attaching False Plates	1
29-A-351	Operating Unregistered Motor Vehicle >150 days	1

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**Report Totals:** 17



## Gouldsboro Police Department

### Total Traffic Citation Report, by Agency

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<b>Report Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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#### Report Includes:

All dates between '00:00:01 07/01/22' and '00:00:01 06/30/23', All agencies matching 'GBPD', All issuing officers, All areas, All violations

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## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



*Gouldsboro Emergency Management Team and extended Community Partners are represented above by members of the Fire Department, Police Department (including K9 Kenny), Emergency Medical Services, Local Emergency Management, Hancock County Emergency Management Agency, Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Town Office staff, Road Commissioner, Schoodic Food Pantry, Local Houses of Worship, Neighbor Helping Neighbor, and the Coastal Resilience Committee.*

Your core Emergency Management Team (EMT) includes Fire, Police, Emergency Medical Services, the Infrastructure Officer, and Emergency Management Director. In addition to responding to emergent situations affecting a large segment of the community, the team also focuses on preparedness, prevention, recovery, and mitigation. Our success in addressing adverse situations is often reliant on relationships with partners on and off the peninsula. When the need arises, we work side by side to aid citizens who may be impacted by any number of natural, technological, or human-caused emergencies.

This past year the team was engaged during several significant storms with high winds, drenching rain, and tidal flooding. During these weather events, we received valuable communications and resource coordination from the Hancock County Emergency Management Agency and other regional

agencies. When needed, we also combined efforts with neighboring public safety personnel on the peninsula. Gouldsboro emergency responders addressed trees and debris blocking public roads, downed power lines, and flooding in addition to their routine daily emergency responses. During the tropical storm in September (formerly Hurricane Lee), the team also activated supplemental non-911 phone lines to respond to local storm related questions or concerns. Throughout these difficult times, the team and our partner, Schoodic Food Pantry, were also standing by in the event the Lifeline Center at the Community Center required activation.

Our team also connected with local places of worship and the Peninsula School to encourage participation in state and federal agency led emergency preparedness related training workshops. We look forward to further educational opportunities and expanded community engagement in the coming year.

Lastly, the Board of Selectman voted to adopt the 2024 Hancock County Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is a multi-jurisdictional plan for the development of risk assessment and effective mitigation strategies for Gouldsboro and all other towns in our county.

The Town of Gouldsboro website includes telephone numbers to call for assistance. When in the midst or aftermath of a significant weather or other event, the site indicates if our Lifeline Center has been activated along with a reminder that calling 211 will inform you of all open assistance centers in the region. That said, if you feel your life or property is at risk, please dial 911.

When our community is affected by an extreme event, it is important to know there are accessible resources. Our EMT and extended partners are here for you. And, as you can see in the photo, those resources include your own friends, co-workers, and neighbors.

**Best Regards,**

**Jackie Johnston**

**Emergency Management Director**





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# COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

Gouldsboro's Comprehensive Plan Committee (The Comp Plan) is a 10-year blueprint to guide the vision and future growth of the town, striking a delicate balance between economic development, sustainability and quality of life.

It examines relevant information such as population projections, the pattern of existing development, the suitability of land for development, the capacity of public facilities to serve future development, and the town's financial capacity to make improvements to those facilities.

It guides official town policies toward land use and growth. It includes Future Land Use suggestions that regulates the general type of land use that is allowed (commercial, industrial, residential etc.) and the maximum density (living units per acre) or intensity (square feet of building area) of those areas.

Communities that adopt a consistent comprehensive plan can take advantage of certain state initiatives such as grants and funding opportunities. Once the committee was formed in early 2021, previous town goals from 2005 were reviewed, inventory & analysis was completed and a public survey was sent to residents. Public outreach events were organized, one on one conversations with key community stakeholders and town employees. Data and public comments were then compiled to create goals for each chapter within the plan to guide the town to achieve the community vision as follows:

Gouldsboro seeks to create and maintain a vibrant, sustainable and connected community that celebrates our working waterfront, rural heritage and history, protects and conserves our valuable natural resources, and provides a high quality of life for people of all ages and backgrounds.

A special Thank You to the following members who have been working countless hours since early 2021 through public outreach, surveys, community conversations and research to bring the updated plan to its final stages to be presented to the state for approval before bringing to the voters for town approval.

**Deb Bisson, Chair**

**Jim Guest, Vice-Chair**

*Committee members:* Barbara Bowen, Holly Duesenberry, Sandy Gerlock, John Korth, Lily Strater, Paul Stewart and previous member Colt Neidhardt

# GOULDSBORO SHORE

*Keeping Gouldsboro's Shore at the Center of the Community*



Gouldsboro's Community Resilience Workshop, May 21, 2023

The Gouldsboro Shore Project began in 2021 with funding from the Maine Coastal Program. Gouldsboro created the Project and applied for that funding to ensure that marine harvesters would continue to have access to the shore and to learn how and where the Town is vulnerable to the effects of Maine's changing climate.

During the 2023 fiscal year, Gouldsboro Shore worked with land trusts and others to protect shore access at several locations used by clam and worm harvesters. The Project also worked with FB Environmental Associates to complete a *Vulnerability Assessment and Action Plan* for Gouldsboro, available on the Gouldsboro Shore website ([www.gouldsboroshore.me](http://www.gouldsboroshore.me)). It identified areas around Corea Harbor, Corea Road at Sand Cove, Grand Marsh Bay Road, Bunker Pound Road at the tip of Bunkers Harbor, and areas along Main Street in Prospect Harbor as places vulnerable to sea level rise and storm surge. (The January storms damaged all those places.)

In May 2023, the Gouldsboro Shore Project organized a Community Resilience Workshop that brought more than 70 people together at the Peninsula School for a Sunday afternoon of thinking and conversing about the report's findings, along with other issues such as broadband access, food insecurity, workforce housing, and the future of the former Stinson Cannery (which was about to be sold at auction). All those issues impact the Town's future.

The Vulnerability Assessment and Action Plan is not just another report sitting on a shelf. Gouldsboro's new Coastal Resilience Committee has already submitted proposals to fund the report's recommendations. Go to the Gouldsboro Shore website to learn more.

-- **Bill Zoellick, Volunteer Program Manager**

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# HARBOR COMMITTEE

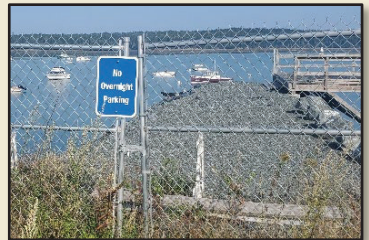
The Harbor Committee met throughout Spring of 2023 updating the Harbor Ordinance that was last updated in June of 2018. We spent meetings talking and making revisions to the ordinance. At the following meetings we would read over the changes to determine if the wording was what we wanted.

Here are some revisions the Committee made to the ordinance:

- Reword some of the definitions as they needed updating.
- Added a section on continuing education, as it is required that a Harbor Master attend training every 3 years.
- We added a section that requires a recreational boat to be removed from the water by December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- The biggest change was to update the index to easier navigate through the ordinance.
- The Committee discussed implementing a mooring fee and after much discussion, we decided to move forward in recommending a mooring fee to the Select Board.

Once these revisions were made, the rewritten ordinance was then submitted to the Town Manager to proof read. It was then presented to the Select Board for discussion and questions. A public hearing was held to allow the public to attend and ask any questions they may have had. The revised draft ordinance was then presented at the June 14, 2023 town meeting among the towns people to vote on and was approved 70 yes and 46 no's (raise of hands). The next step was to have a public hearing on the mooring fee. At the hearing, the Select Board approved each mooring needs a completed application and a \$50 fee per mooring.

We have had a few issues with people parking and leaving trailers overnight in front of the South Gouldsboro Pier gate. The Select Board agreed to place a "No Overnight Parking" sign on the gate to hopefully avoid these problems occurring.



For upcoming future plans, some planks at the Bunkers Harbor ramp need to be replaced. This is planned to be done in the coming Spring.

**Respectfully,**

**Michael A. Pinkham**  
**Harbor Master**

## PLANNING BOARD

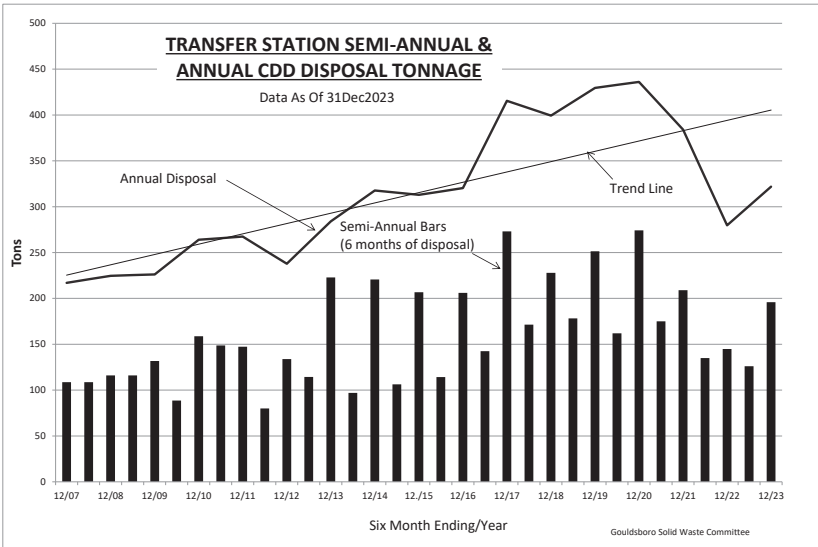
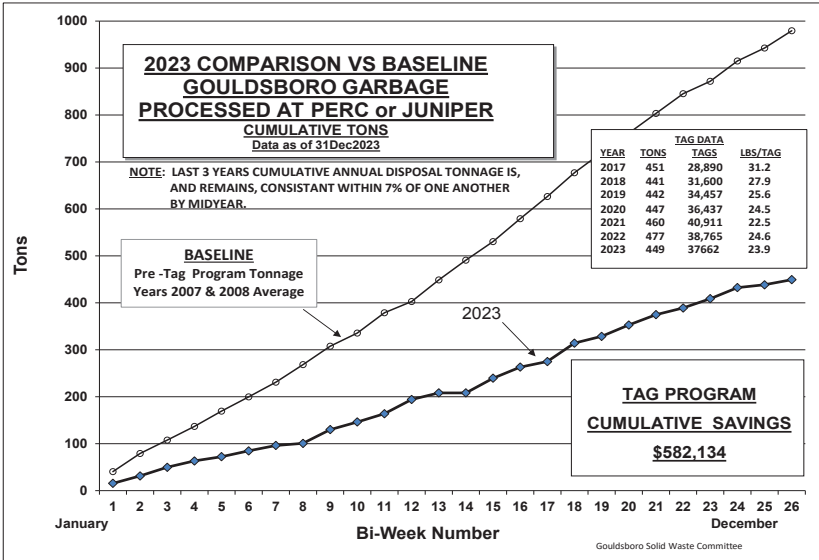
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As we reported in last year's town report, the Board continued working with the law firm of Rudman Winchell in efforts to write an ordinance prohibiting a large-scale Finfish Aquaculture Farm in Gouldsboro's waters or land. The first draft of the proposed ordinance, when distributed, brought a strong response from the state. The position taken was that we had no authority over the waters of Frenchman's Bay or any other water. Rather than fighting the state we had to rewrite and amend the draft. Again, the work on the "Fish Factory" consumed at least 75 % of the Board's work. However, work continued on the Comp Plan with the planned completion of early 2024. Several site plans were approved including one for a 13-acre solar farm. Other site plans approved included Harborside Cafe, a food Truck, and K&J Consignment business. Two subdivisions were also approved during this time.

## SOLID WASTE

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As we have reported every year, our mission is to keep our town green and clean as well as the 50 plus miles of shoreline. Schoodic Shines was created, combining with Winter Harbor to make the efforts peninsula wide. Every April, we have a month of roadside cleanup as well as shoreline efforts. Working with volunteers from the Maine Island Trail Association and The Rozalia Project, more than 500 traps, rope, buoys, and garbage was removed from Outer Bar Island in Corea. This will be an annual effort in future years. The Solid Waste Committee has declared April to annually be Cleanup Month.

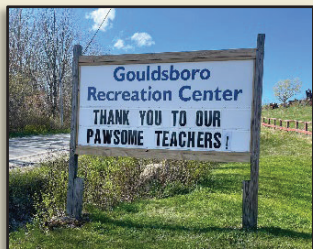




# RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee has had a very successful year! This report covers the time period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. To kick off the year, we were able to purchase a swim float for Jones Pond Recreation area. A huge thank you to Paul Shoemaker and Gary Greenlaw for volunteering their time to get it set up and ready for use!

August included a food tent, and a parade float at the Winter Harbor Lobster Festival, along with a Back to the Future movie night. A free Tai Chi class was also hosted by Healthy Acadia at the Town Park.



September, we held a 50+ spaghetti dinner and movie night of Grumpy Old Men. The committee was able to purchase a new sign for the Rec Center, with the help of James Bryant, who volunteered and installed the new sign for us!

Alyssa Benard facilitated students from Faith Bible College International to come and help clean up the Rec Center, along with rebuilding one of the dugouts. We appreciate them all for taking their time to come down and help us get our center looking good again!

October, was all about the spooky! A Spooktacular Haunted House was hosted at the Recreation Center, with the help of some students from Sumner Memorial High School. We also held a Trunk-or-Treat for those who don't like the spooky. What a great turn out!



Recreation Soccer for Peninsula students took place in the Fall of 2022, for all students in PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

In November and December, a Food Drive was held at the Peninsula School. The class who earned the Rec sponsored pizza party was Mrs. Parker's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class. Way to go Bulldogs!

The winter months were spent on Basketball and Cheering. We hosted many games at the Rec Center. It is so good to see our building being used regularly. The Rec closed out winter sports with a banquet for all teams. Pizza, medals, and certificates were awarded to all our winter sports players.

During the month of March, indoor soccer was played by our Peninsula Bulldogs.

April brought an indoor soccer banquet, as well as an Easter Egg Hunt. April and May were also dedicated to get our field ready for the Sunrise Little League Baseball and Softball season. Our field had no use in at least 7 years that we can figure. The Committee would like to thank all the volunteers that came out and helped get the field cleaned up and ready for ball!

In June, the Rec Committee hosted a 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotion for the Peninsula Bulldogs. We are proud of each and every one of them and wanted to congratulate them as they entered middle school at the Charles M. Sumner Learning Campus. Thank you to all who volunteered their time to make this possible for the kiddos!



An “Under the Sea” Father/Daughter(s) dance, was also hosted in June, always a crowd favorite. Adult pickleball also started in June of 2023.

The Committee looks forward to the future as we have some big plans! One thing we are looking into is getting a new playground for the recreation area on Jones Pond.

We are always taking suggestions for events. If you’d like to see a special event, let us know.

**Sincerely,  
Rachel Hudson  
Gouldsboro Recreation Committee**



# SHELLFISH COMMITTEE

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Commercial Clamming in 2022 - 2023 was difficult for two reasons, we had a lot of rainfall closure events. If we have over two inches of rain in a 24-hour period the flats close for several days until water tests show the fresh water level is back to normal. The second reason was the market; it seemed like dealers would buy clams the first part of the week at a high price. As the week progressed, the price seemed to drop and by end of the week, they may not buy at all.

Gouldsboro Shellfish had a very busy year with a lot happening. If it wasn't for the fantastic volunteers, a lot of the events wouldn't have been a success. In July of 2022, we had an event in conjunction with Schoodic Arts for All. Our event was called "*Meet Your Local Clam*". The Committee set up in the town park, had steamers, chowder and clam dip, and even had live music. We had informational posters, gave a talk about clamming in Gouldsboro and how important it is to the local economy.



Pauline Angione and Vicki Rea took the baby clams out of the clam lab in November and transported them to Downeast Institute to overwinter (hibernate). The water temperature got warm too quick and the clams didn't survive as they couldn't feed.

We hired a High School Student Intern, Ada Fisher, for the summer. She did a lot of updating of records and did much research regarding megaloppa sampling.

The Committee also interviewed and hired an intern, named John, from the University of New Haven. He is originally from Ghana Africa and has previous experience with aquaculture.

Sarah Hooper, the Middle School Science Teacher from the Charles M. Sumner Learning Campus, brought her science class down to Prospect Harbor flats to conduct a green crab survey. The flats were set in grids and each group of students measured and documented all the crabs they found in each grid. The students had a great time on the flats as some of them hadn't been out there before. Volunteers helped with this project as well.

Ada and John, along with Vicki, worked on a project in Bunkers Harbor

determining when green crab larvae showed up. The reason for the study was to help us try and figure out when it was best to put clams in nursery trays or on the flats.

It was a great help to have John as part of the team as we installed a new pump in the lab. The old one only pumped between 14 – 17 gallons of water per minute. The new pump pumps up to as much as 80 gallons of water per minute and can be adjusted down from there. It was a trying process to get the new one working properly. We had to relocate the pump three times for it to work properly. The saying “third time is a charm” was right in our case.



The clams were measured when they were placed in the tank and cleaned every day. Unfortunately, the clams didn’t grow enough to be put on the flats as it took us a bit to get the new pump up and running correctly.

The committee captured and killed a great number of green crabs in town, along with diggers and volunteers who trapped them as well. Green crabs eat like size clams, therefore the bigger the clam the better chance it has to survive. There was one volunteer who caught over 55 bushels of green crabs. We hope to see if killing many green crabs will have good effect on clam growth in that area, enough to allow the clams to grow big enough to survive.

We hosted many tours at the Shellfish Lab during this time. There were educators from across the country, groups interested in the environment, Colleges and home school groups as well.

In closing, I would like to thank all the volunteers for all the time they dedicated to Gouldsboro Shellfish. I also want to thank the Town Office staff for all the help throughout the year.

My final thought, I want to thank everyone who allowed the diggers access to the flats across their property, without you the diggers would have a harder time accessing certain flats safely to make a living.

**Respectfully,**

**Michael A. Pinkham**  
**Shellfish Warden**

# VETERANS' COMMITTEE

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The Committee continues to strive to follow our mission statement of raising the level of patriotism in our community and to always treating our veterans with the honor and dignity they deserve and remembering all those veterans who

have given their lives in service to our nation.

The committee members began the town fiscal year of July 2022 to June 2023 with our annual fundraiser in July. A quilt was handmade by local quilters and was awarded to the winner at the November Veterans' Dinner. We also offered reusable canvas totes for a donation as one of our fundraisers.

The annual Veterans' Dinner was resumed after a hiatus of two years due to COVID 19 restrictions. The meal was well attended and enjoyed by the veterans and family members.



New in December of 2022 was the addition of a Veterans' Angel Tree which was the idea of Cheryl & Brent Hurd, owners of Anderson Marine and Hardware to show their appreciation to the local veterans at the holidays. In conjunction with this committee, a request for veteran's names and needs was put to the community. A tree was placed at Andersons and the community could come and choose a tag from the tree. The gifts were wrapped and delivered before Christmas to many surprised and grateful veterans. Thank you to the Hurd's for this thoughtful idea!

The committee had their annual winter hiatus from January to April with meetings resuming in April 2023.

In May, we had help from the Peninsula School students to clean the town Veterans' Memorial area and plant flowers for the



Memorial Day program. A brief history lesson on the origin and purpose of Memorial Day was given to the students by chairman James Guest before the work began on the project. The committee appreciates the energetic help from the students. The Memorial Day program was very well attended by community members. Our speaker was Nichole Jordan, who started the Women Veterans' Glamping Initiative. Thank you to those who continue to show their support and remembrance of our fallen veterans by attending the annual program.



Spring brought the start of our annual fundraiser raffle. Once again, we were fortunate to have a quilter make and donate a patriotic quilt plus several other items were included in the raffle. We thank everyone who supported the committee as we raised funds to help our local veterans in need, especially during the winter months.

The committee continues to collect worn American flags at the boxes provided at the Town Office and the Gouldsboro Post Office. The flags are then given to the Ellsworth VFW for a proper retirement ceremony.

This committee remains a resource for veteran information and assistance. We welcome all community members who have an interest in helping veterans to attend our meetings. Please visit our Facebook page for veteran information, announcements and upcoming events.

Thank you to the community for supporting this committee and our local veterans.

**Respectfully,**  
**James Guest, Chairman**

## ACADIAN COMMUNITY WOMAN'S CLUB

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In 85 years, the Acadian Community Woman's Club has built a vibrant organization made up of more than forty women from Winter Harbor and Gouldsboro. One of our greatest efforts is to manage a Community Aid fund, helping residents who need financial support. In 2023 we spent more than \$13,000. on a variety of expenses including support for families who are battling illness or struggling with food insecurity. We have paid for heat, electricity, rent, childcare, auto repairs, cell phones, travel expenses, internet bills, Christmas gifts, and more. In recent years we have paid for basketball sneakers, backpacks, and eyeglasses. Over the last couple of years, we have also donated snacks to the guidance office at Sumner Middle School/High School. We open our eyes and ears, widely so that we can remain connected and help where there is a need to include supporting the Schoodic Food Pantry with cash donations and food and supplies drives throughout the year.

In 2023 we awarded six \$1,000 scholarships to residents who are pursuing post-secondary education as well as summer camp scholarships to several local youngsters. Anyone from Winter Harbor or Gouldsboro attending a college, community college, or trade school is eligible to apply for the ACWC scholarship; we encourage people of all ages to apply. Applications can be found in the guidance office at Sumner High School, the deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications for summer camp support can be found on our Facebook Page or at the office of the Peninsula School.

2024 scheduled fundraisers include THREE bake sales held in the parking lot at the Winter Harbor Provisions, we sell whole cakes and pies and sometimes some other surprises such as yeast rolls, pot pies, pickles and spaghetti sauce! 2024 sales will be on Saturdays, July 6, August 3, and September 7 beginning until the pies are gone, usually before 10!! We will also resume our bottle collection and encourage folks to donate their returnable cans and bottles so we can redeem them and use the money to fund our

scholarship fund. Of course, anyone can donate to the women's club at any time by mailing a check, payable to ACWC to the attention of our treasurer Holly Kritter, PO Box 95 Prospect Harbor, Maine 04669. We are tremendously appreciative of all the donations that help us help our neighbors.

In addition to our robust community giving, the Acadian Community Woman's Club purchased and maintains the flower planters by the post office in Winter Harbor as well as the Ann Joy Memorial Garden on Harbor Road in Winter Harbor and the planter surrounding the sign at the Peninsula School in Prospect Harbor. The ACWC assists in organizing the annual Memorial Day observance in Winter Harbor. Additionally, each year we support one Sumner sophomore who is selected to attend the Maine Youth Leadership Conference in Portland. In recent years we have also sent donations to the Schoodic Food Pantry, Hardy's Friends, Ellsworth's Community Closet, Next Step Domestic Violence Project, and Beth Wright Cancer Resource Center. We continue to seek new ideas and projects and we invite you to join us in our efforts. This is truly a remarkable group of women, who are doing their part to improve the quality of lives in our little corner of the world and we appreciate your help!

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Megan Alley Moshier, *Co-President***

**Sarah Alley Christensen, *Co-President***



## ACADIA NATIONAL PARK ADVISORY

The Acadia National Park (ANP) Advisory Commission includes representatives from towns abutting Park lands. Commission meetings provide an additional forum to bring the public's priorities and concerns to light related to Park management and development, as well as to inform the public as to what's happening in the Park. In this instance, the focus is primarily on the Schoodic District of Acadia.

There were 3.88 million visits to Acadia last year, which was 2.3% fewer than 2022. At Schoodic, visitation increased by 4.6% with a total of 338,000 visits. Schoodic Woods campground RV camping was up by 4% but tent camping decreased by 10%. This year, the campground is open from May 22<sup>nd</sup> through October 14<sup>th</sup>. Reservations for camping within Acadia can be made at [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).

General Park entrance fees are collected year-round. The reservation system (vehicle fee) for Cadillac Mountain is in effect from May 22<sup>nd</sup> through October 27<sup>th</sup> and the price remains \$6. Reservations can be made online at [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).

For those who venture over to Mount Desert Island, the Acadia Gateway Center is under construction with an anticipated opening of May 2025. The visitor information center and transportation hub, located in Trenton, will be operated by the Maine Tourism Association (under the Maine office of Tourism) and the National Park Service and will initially be open from May to October.

Overall Island Explorer ridership for Acadia increased to 451,000 in 2023. However, Schoodic ridership decreased from 12,000 in 2022 to 8,127 last year. This season the two Island Explorer buses serving Schoodic Peninsula will operate from May 22<sup>nd</sup> to October 14<sup>th</sup> (aligning with Schoodic Woods Campground) from approximately 8:45AM to 4:45PM.

Just as most Downeast coastal communities, the Schoodic District (as well as all of Acadia) was impacted by the barrage of winter storms. The loop

road sustained damage with sections blocked by trees, rocks, and other debris. At least 300 feet of asphalt required repairs in addition to the need to address undermining of the road base and shoulders. Nearly all structures on the Schoodic campus were damaged, particularly their shingled roofs. Most affected was the Rockefeller building, whose clay tile roof was significantly compromised leading to water infiltration into many interior spaces. Even the water tower did not escape harm as the high winds compromised a structural member and a small leak was discovered on the tank. As a precaution, water was temporarily drained to a lower level. At the time of this report, efforts continue to refine estimates, but it is clear restoration will cost millions of dollars.

As for planned work, solicitation of bids for a project to transition the current wastewater treatment plant to a sub-surface treatment system will happen this year. Meanwhile, the Great America Outdoors Act funded water and wastewater system project which began in 2023 continues to progress with a late summer contract completion date. This project eliminates ground water from the sewage system, rehabilitates the lift stations and includes significant repairs to the water system. Exterior repairs on the guest cabins will be ongoing this construction season to restore building envelope integrity. Finally, the usual seasonal maintenance clearing will be ongoing on the loop road, along with clean up from storm impacts.



*Photo courtesy of ANP*

*Education on crabs at Schoodic Point*

In 2023, 868 participants from 28 schools visited the SERC campus for 3 and 4-day outdoor school experiences through the SEA Program (Schoodic Education Adventure) which is available to students in grades 5-9. The 2024 Spring and Fall schedule is already fully booked! SEA educators also led 18 day-long field trips last season for grades K-8, reaching 595 students and teachers.



The SERC and MDI education staff will again run teacher workshops after 89 teachers participated last year. SERC staff also took their offerings on the road, leading 8 outreach programs for 244 students during summer school programs in the local area. Lastly, virtual programs for K-8 and others will again be available. Last year these online experiences reached over 10,000 students and can be found at [Distance Learning - Acadia National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#).

Meanwhile, 2,671 adults and children participated in 84 Park Service public programs at Schoodic ranging from birding walks, Junior Ranger stations, geology hikes, citizen science walks, and the popular evening campground program. This year will be full of the same opportunities to learn more about nature within Acadia. The Junior Angler program will begin its second season this year where children are guided while fishing from the Frazier Point dock. You can find out about all onsite Ranger led public programs at [Attend a Ranger Program - Acadia National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#).



(L-R) Visitor Services

Rick Williams and  
Paul McGraff



(L-R) Schoodic Trail Team

Andrew Straz, Vicki Rea,  
Ron Priest, and Keith  
Ohmart. Absent from  
photo is Brett Binns.

In 2023, Gouldsboro citizens dedicated over 250 hours to provide Schoodic District visitor services, helping hundreds of visitors with answers to a variety of questions. Our town's volunteers pictured above also donated 158 hours to support programs such as Citizen Science, Bird Migration, and general education. The trail crew spent 366 hours repairing and maintaining Schoodic trails. They have their own work cut

out for them as they address storm damage to the bog walk on the Lower Harbor Trail this coming season.

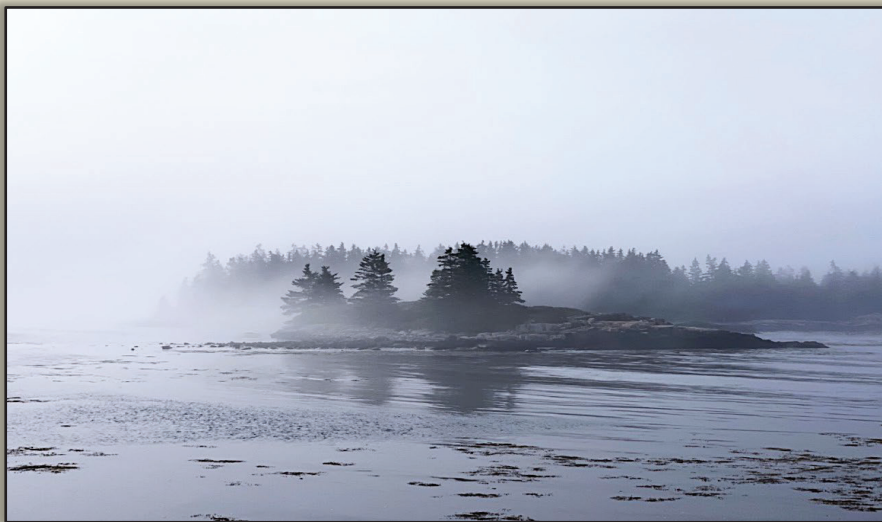
Ranger Chris Wiebusch retired at the end of last year, so please give Ranger Mike Eastman a wave when you see him assisting visitors in the Schoodic District this season.

As we turn toward winter (but not too soon!), don't forget to take advantage of the half price Park passes! Our town office staff will again make it easy to pick up this perfect holiday gift in December.

Whether you take an afternoon walk on the groomed trails, escape for an hour to sit on the granite covered shoreline, or just carve out 20 minutes for a misty morning drive around the loop road – make the most of having this very special place in our neighborhood.

**Best Regards,**

**Jackie Johnston  
Acadia National Park Advisory Commission**



*Photo courtesy of J. Johnston*

# DORCAS LIBRARY

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Dorcas Library brings people, information, and ideas together to enrich lives, build community, and inspire the joy of lifelong learning. During the 2022 – 2023 fiscal year, we brought people together for book clubs from November to May. We invited people to gather and knit at the library every two weeks. Led by Merry Post, writers and poets assembled to exchange ideas monthly.

- Information flowed from our shelves in the form of over 4,100 books, DVDs, and magazines borrowed by members of the community. Siri Temple facilitated exchanges of information about healing and herbs, sharing recipes and wisdom.
- Ideas were introduced during talks given by Ada Fisher, who spent a semester in Argentina. Concepts about places closer to home were highlighted in a lecture given by Asa Berry, a Senior at Sumner High School, introducing participants to the Youth Wilderness Program at Baxter State Park.
- Attendees found enrichment by taking sewing courses with Diane Higgins, creating a quilt-as-you-go-bag during one class. Others took a “Dive into Marine Science” with Schoodic Institute, and Healthy Acadia offered snowshoeing on our campus. Llama needle felting became a reality for many in a class with Maureen Andrew. Annabelle, the antique doll, came to life through the efforts of Anne Sleeper.
- Our children enjoyed story hour with Liz Rosenfeld twice a week and had a blast learning about nature with Jerry the Butterfly Guy out on our lawn. Those same children and many of their friends descended in costume on Halloween for our Trick or Treat and Read event.
- Lively communities formed within our community through weekly Yoga with Christina Krapf and Qigong with instructor Pat Bailey. Ada Fisher started a Spanish conversation group, which may reconvene again in early summer. Reiki Masters Pat Bailey and Renae Lent held a fundraiser for us in early November.



- The joy of reading and learning was reinforced by several author talks, including one by Robin Clifford Ward, author of *The Field House*, and a conversation with Shannon Bowring, who wrote *The Road to Dalton*. The poetry reading and discussion with Richard Blanco was attended by 110 people on a beautiful summer day, during which an eagle soared over the crowd assembled on the lawn.



- Our volunteers were amazing. Barbara Bowen and her team put together an *Attic Treasures* sale that was busy from start to finish. Crafters supplied fabulous items to be sold at the craft sale inside the library before Christmas. Dave Hottle and John Korth put in countless hours repairing our buildings. Kelly Connelly, Sarah Miller, and Diane Higgins painted, cleaned, and prepared our buildings for use. Josh Rae built a stand for our Little Free Library that now stands in the vestibule for all to use at any hour.



- Margaret and Raymond Jones provided beautiful tomato plants for us to sell, and community members volunteered hour upon hour to man the library and keep the shelves orderly and stocked.
- With grants from the Maine Community Foundation and the Schoodic Community Foundation, we were able to purchase heat pumps for the library. With climate change causing increased humidity, protecting the thousands of pages of paper in the library became a major concern.
- The scores of volunteers, along with our Library Directors, are pleased to provide extensive and excellent service to our neighbors in Gouldsboro. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of this wonderful town and look forward to seeing you all at the Dorcas Library.

**Respectfully,**

**Diane Higgins**

**Board Chair for Dorcas Library & Dorcas +**

# GOULDSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Gouldsboro is older than Maine! The State of Maine was admitted into the union in 1820. The Town of Gouldsboro was established in 1789 and held its first annual meeting in 1790. At the time of the town's founding, the United States of America was just thirteen years old, and the national Constitution was adopted only two years before the town was created. Since then, Gouldsboro and its people have contributed mightily to the life of the nation.

The Gouldsboro Historical Society has three enduring emphases in its work by and for the residents of and visitors to the town: preservation; celebration; and education.

## **Preservation**

The Society has an extensive collection of artifacts that illustrate the history of the town. Those that require a temperature and climate-controlled environment are held at the Society's headquarters building at 88 Old Route One. The Old Town House is itself an artifact; it is the second such building (the earlier one lost to fire), which over the years has hosted town meetings and a wide variety of social gatherings, and was the town's polling place since it was built in 1884 to 1993.

Both Society facilities may be visited by appointment in all seasons. Since the pandemic, we have not been able to establish a regular schedule of open hours for the buildings, due to a shortage of volunteer docents. If you wish to help us in this, or if you wish to view the collections, send an email to [gouldsborohistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:gouldsborohistoricalsociety@gmail.com), or a postal mail message to PO BOX 94, Gouldsboro, ME 04607. We will be pleased to accommodate you; and we provide docent training free!

On the issue of facilities; we addressed two significant issues at our two buildings this year. The first was that collapse of a large tree next to the Old Town House that dropped onto the roof and did some damage. This was addressed and repaired without delay, thanks to dedicated action of some of our board members and friends. The second was the replacement of two small and outdated propane tanks at the headquarters building. The Society owns the new 500-gallon tank as opposed to using vendor-owned tanks. This change is providing significant savings in energy costs.



There are two landmarks in the town that continue to be of interest to and a concern of the Society. The first is “Big Jim the Fisherman,” a.k.a “The Stinson Man”. The Society has been in conversation with the new owners of the former cannery with the hope that the figure will be restored to its former glory. Over time, the figure has held a generic sardine can, a Stinson-branded can, and a lobster trap crawling with already-cooked lobsters. Big Jim is adaptable and will certainly be capable of holding a new item, depending on what the new uses of the property may be.

The second landmark is the Prospect Harbor lighthouse keeper’s house. The house sustained substantial damage from a 2022 fire. While the exterior of the building has been secured, our understanding is that the interior remains essentially vacant and unfinished. Any potential restoration project is complicated by the fact that the Navy Department is expected to transfer the military base on which the lighthouse is located to the recently created Space Force in 2024. As soon as that transfer is completed, the Society will join with others in proposing that the building interior be approximately restored or re-finished. If the structure is not be used for housing, it would be better for it to be re-used (in a way that does not harm its historic integrity) rather than left to deteriorate as any vacant building does.

### **Celebration**

The Society hosts a series of public programs during the summer months. In 2023, we hosted six such sessions, with topics ranging from lighthouse preservation to the succession of fish factories and firms at Prospect Harbor (Stinson wasn’t the first.) In addition, the Society conducted a virtual tour of West Gouldsboro. While these programs are certainly educational, their purpose includes an intention to entertain and to help build camaraderie and loyalty to the town and its rich heritage.

The Society’s annual pictorial calendar continues to celebrate the legacy of the town. 2023’s calendar depicted scenes from Prospect Harbor; 2024’s edition continues the virtual tour of West Gouldsboro.

Sadly, Kenneth Kelly, the longtime chair of the Society’s program committee, passed away in late 2023. Because of his diligence, the programs for 2024 were already planned. Though we mourn Ken’s

passing, the Society celebrates his vital contribution to the Society and to the town.

As noted, at the beginning of this report, Gouldsboro is this year and next, celebrating 235<sup>th</sup> anniversary dates. The Society wants to cooperate with the town, its residents and visitors, and its various organizations in recognizing the anniversaries.

### **Education**

The town government has kept records, mostly handwritten, since its creation. Individuals, families and businesses have documented their events. Photos have been collected. Maps have been drawn and reproduced. All of these paper documents are fragile and subject to decay or destruction from one cause or another. Through its dedicated crew of volunteers, the Society has been working to scan and digitize all the records that are in its collection. All of the early official town records have been preserved in this way. Month by month, additional items are being added to our “Archive Without Walls” collection. You may browse this digitized material at any time at [gouldsborohistory.org](http://gouldsborohistory.org).

When you have visited the Dorcas Library, you may have noticed the historic display provided by the Society. This educational resource, periodically renewed, keeps the heritage of the town before the library’s patrons every time they visit.

### **In the future**

Businesses, foundations and individuals have opportunities to sponsor the public summer programs; the continuing work of digitizing our documents, photographs and maps; and improvements to our headquarters building that will provide truly museum quality preservation for all our archived materials. In cooperation with all our sponsors, we will move forward in all these areas. We are deeply grateful to our 2023 sponsors: Sameoth Ridge supporting the digitization project; and Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, Sorrento Dental Associates, U.S. Bells & Watering Cove Studios, and the Winter Harbor Agency supporting our summer public programs.

Like any organization with vision, our imagination far outreaches our current capacity. Dream with us of:

- A collection of preserved, reconstructed and replica lobster boats and equipment, documenting the dramatic changes in design and technology that have transformed the industry over the last century and more.
- A self-guided tour (live and virtual) through the Society's facilities that would provide audio and visual accounts of both actions of derring-do and the customary routines of days gone by in the Town of Gouldsboro.
- Full scale reproductions of the steamship Victoria and the sailing ship Ponvert, built in cooperation with others (Mystic Seaport? the government of Canada?) and dividing their time among all the cooperating partners' piers and ports.
- Recognition (with owner approval, of course) of historic buildings in the town with suitable plaques, and in some cases applications for listing in the national register of historic places.

Are these merely pie in the sky imaginings? Perhaps. But know this: if there are donors out there who share the vision, the Gouldsboro Historical Society will work with them to turn dreams into reality.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**The Board of Directors of the Gouldsboro Historical Society:**

*Don Ashmall, Charles Booher, Jay Bricker, Beatrice Buckley, Anne Hopper, Ray Mathewson, Brianna Mitchell, Andrew Somes, Jennifer Stucker, Allen Worman*

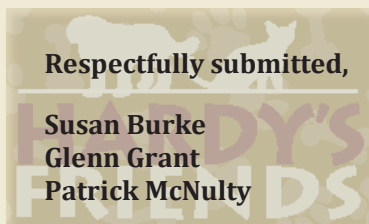
# HARDY'S FRIENDS

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The success of a nonprofit like Hardy's Friends depends upon the generosity and support of the community we serve. Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor friends and neighbors have continuously supported our efforts to help families who need assistance with veterinary expenses, food and supplies for their pets, or pet medications and shots. We are beyond grateful.

During the July 2022 – June 2023 year we helped families meet \$18,150 in veterinary expenses for spay/neuter, various surgeries and treatments. We were reminded once again that for many of our senior residents their well being and peace of mind is very much linked to being able to provide health care for the cats and dogs that are their companions.

When Donna Harmon took over the local food pantry, she told us people who came there asked about dog and cat food. We gave her a poster with our phone number and waited for folks to call. No one did. So, we said how about we come to the pantry and bring the food and meet the people who need it. In the spring of 2022, we did just that. Between July 2022 and June 2023 Hardy's Friends provided over \$8,200 in food and supplies for family pets. We thank the Schoodic Community Fund for the \$2,500 grant that helped to make this possible.



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## SCHOODIC COMMUNITY FUND

The generous residents and businesses of the Schoodic Peninsula donated to the Schoodic Community Fund at the highest level in our history last year with a total contribution of over \$100,000! With a strong year of investment growth this will allow SCF to make substantial grant awards to meet the needs of the organizations that make this area thrive.

While we weren't able to fully fund every request in 2023, we did make grant awards totaling \$36,250 to the following groups: \$4,000 to the Schoodic Food Pantry to purchase food supplies; \$4,000 to the Town of Gouldsboro to help fund a study of local workforce housing needs; \$4,000 to the Winter Harbor Historical Society to plan a restoration of their museum building; \$2,000 to Schoodic Institute to purchase Automatic Emergency Defibrillator units; \$1,000 to Refuge Maine to assist residents with home repair; \$12,000 to fund the Peninsula School food bag program; \$4,000 to Schoodic Arts for All to support free festival concerts; and \$4,000 to Dorcas Library for the installation of heat pumps. Additionally, Winter Harbor and Gouldsboro received grants to contribute to both towns' heating and power funds.

The SCF advisory committee welcomes two new members this winter, Sara Faull and Eric Herlan. Additionally, Roger Bowen is stepping down from his interim leadership role and passing the position to Committee Chair to Tim Fisher. Roberta Parritt will continue to serve as Treasurer and filling our board are Susan Bruce, Dolora Conley, Mary Dyer, Roxanne Renwick, Mary Berry, Susan Towle, Paul Tracy, Sarah Joy, Marian Ide, and Lenny Young.

The mission of the Schoodic Community Fund is to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Schoodic Peninsula by awarding grants to non-profits, schools, and municipalities. SCF's endowment is managed by the Maine Community Foundation. Learn more about SCF at: [schoodiccommunityfund.org](https://schoodiccommunityfund.org) or contact Tim Fisher at [timliza@gmail.com](mailto:timliza@gmail.com).

The SCF advisory committee would like to recognize the following individuals and organizations for donating to the fund in 2023:

Anonymous (2)  
Jeff & Cindy Alley  
Lucille Anderson  
Edgar Aronson  
Don Ashmall  
Rosemary Babcock  
Susan Bagley  
Ken Bahm + David Brass

Patty & Jon Bailey  
Rebecca Banes  
Linda Barron  
Pearl & Roger Barto  
Lori + Addison Berkey  
Peter Berkey  
Julia + Mark Berry  
Paul Bianchi

Celina + Brett Binns  
Barbara + Roger Bowen  
Dallas + Tim Briney  
Emma + T. Wister Brown  
Katharine Brown +  
Bronislaw Grala  
Mary Alice Bruce  
Jan + James Bruner  
Hope + Bob Buckner  
Susan Burke  
Pat + Joe Cahill  
Barry Canner + Bob Travers  
Debbie + Dave Cerendolo  
Becky + George Chipman  
Peggy + Mert Chipman  
Frank Chudnow + Maggie Patlak  
Marjorie Clifford  
Pat + Warren Close  
Elizabeth + Andrew Comcowich  
David Crispi  
Sandy Cron  
Kerry Crowley  
Alex David  
Kathy Derrick + Gail Ryan  
Chris + Doug Dick  
Edith Dixon  
Mary Dyer  
Kerry + Brian Eaton  
Easter Foundation  
John Eck + Jennifer Stucker  
Marilyn + David Ellwood  
Billy Bob +  
Georgette Faulkingham  
Diane + Steve Finnegan  
Cindy + Dick Fisher  
Liza + Tim Fisher  
Kristine Geils + Bill Knuff  
Sandy Gerlock  
Teri + Dave Gerson  
Debbie + John Gilbert  
Dick Gilchrist  
Jill + Sheldon Goldthwait  
Kate Gribbel

Janis + Walter Guyette  
Susan + Boyd Haight  
Rick Hauck + Susan Bruce  
Neil Heidinger  
Marcie + Eric Harlan  
Nancy J. Hill  
Kim Holden  
Kim + Bill Holmes  
Skiles Howard  
Jean + Paul Humez  
Karen + Mazouz Hussein  
Marian + Andreas Ide  
Gay Lyn + Mel Jackson  
Chantal + Michael Jennings  
Jackie Johnston  
Phil Jordan  
Sarah + Christopher Joy  
Bonnie + Chubba Kane  
Jane + Dan Keegan  
Barbara + Ken Kelly  
Jana + David Kleiser  
Nancy + Steve Kosub  
Kathy + Bob Kramer  
Holly + David Kritter  
Jane + Jerry Kron  
Rosemary + Garry Levin  
Marcie + Eric Lister  
John Lord  
Rita + Herbie Lowell  
Carissa + Andrew Marino  
Deborah + Wayne Martin  
Janet + Arnold Mascaro  
Marge Mazzei  
Ann + Jack McCann  
Ellin + Bruce Miller  
Alex Mishkin +  
Jennifer Newstead  
Betty + Steve Myers  
Annette Nash  
Kathy + Alan Nauss  
Gillian Newstead +  
Robert Schmidt  
Helen Chen + Keith Ohmart



Elizabeth Oistacher  
Margaret + Stephen Orroth  
Ethel + Ossie Ossolinski  
Rob Paarlberg + Marianne Perlak  
Roberta Parritt + George McLaughlin  
Julia Clay Pearson  
Anna + Tom Perczerski  
Marcia + Greg Politi  
Hop + Marianne Potter  
Barbara + Marc Prud'hommeau  
Angel Schilling + Bill Putnam  
Vicki Rea + Josh Edgerly  
Rozanne Renwick  
ML + Mike Riley  
Arthur Roberts + Sui Witherell  
Melissa + Dan Rodgers  
Lisbeth + Alan Rosenfeld  
Ruth Sargent  
Debbie + John Scappatici  
Nancy + Carl Schieffelin  
Claire + Randall Shumaker  
Kim Sichel  
Laura + Michael Sledge  
Anne + Dave Sleeper  
Shirlee + Tim Smith  
Dave Shipler Family  
Barbara + Paul Stewart

Ilene Stinson  
Linda + Andrew Straz  
Bob Strohmeyer  
Pat + Mike Summerer  
Sunset Family Charitable  
Fund  
Lynell + Kent Syler  
Jean Symmonds  
Constance + Henry Tencati  
Gretchen + Tom Tietenberg  
Susan + Tom Towle  
Jo Ann + Jay Townsend  
Sherri + Jason Tracey  
Melissa + Paul Tracy  
Kathy + Craig Wayman  
Inez + Pat Weaver  
Mary Lou Weaver  
Betty + Bill Weidner  
Truth Whitten  
Charles Wiggins  
Karen + David Wilcock  
Eve + Steve Wilkinson  
Martha Wilson  
Winter Harbor Co Op  
Jean + Allen Workman  
Karen Jo + Joe Young  
Lenny Young

# SCHOODIC FOOD PANTRY

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The idea for a new The Schoodic Food Pantry grew out of the knowledge that there were families in our community whose food budgets just could not support their needs. We didn't know how many. When we opened in November of 2022 we served 35 families. Eight months later there were 77 Gouldsboro and 15 Winter Harbor families, a total of 198 adults and 54 children, coming to the pantry regularly. Currently we serve 116 Gouldsboro and 20 Winter Harbor households.

We wanted our community, those who need our help and those who support our work, to know about us - what the shelves look like when we open, how many pounds of food are carried out each day, the number of people served, and the kinds of donations most needed. We regularly posted on Facebook, held a Saturday open house at the pantry, participated in the Gouldsboro Shore's Sunday Sustainability Workshop. Part of our mission is to make the problem of hunger in our community a visible one. Visitors are welcome between 8:30 and 11AM any Tuesday or Friday at 829 Route One. While we do get one monthly delivery of approximately 900 pounds of food from Good Shepherd Food Bank, and generous donations from local businesses, organizations and individuals, much of the food at the pantry is purchased. In addition to financial support from towns whose residents use the pantry, we have applied for and received grants, been grateful for sustaining gifts from individuals and family foundations.

By June of 2023 it was clear that our pantry needed to grow. In addition to more space for shelving, we must have a safe delivery/unloading space for the Good Shepherd 18-wheeler, storage space to allow for bulk purchasing, and an entry safe from sliding snow. There is a building project in our future.



**Respectfully,**

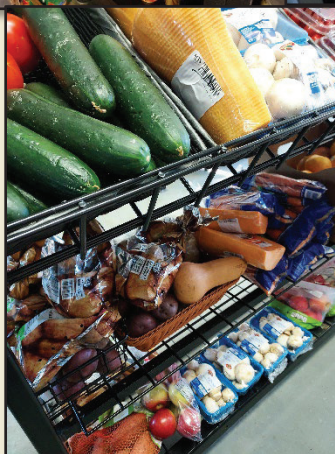
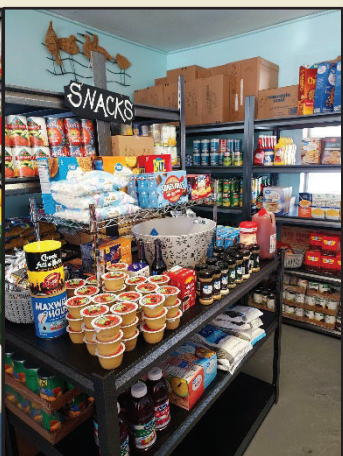
**Donna Harmon, Director**

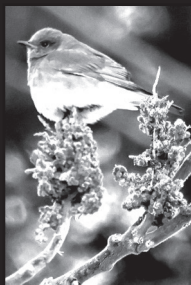
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**Volunteer citizen scientists are important contributors to research on bird populations in Acadia. Schoodic Institute works with dozens of volunteers each year. Contact us to learn about our many volunteer opportunities with our science and campus operations teams!**

## 2023 SCHOODIC INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS

### Workforce

In 2023, we employed 29 year round staff, 29 seasonal positions, and 55 technicians and fellows.

**113  
Jobs**

### Science

9,620 hours were spent by interns and techs on 23 research projects led by Schoodic Institute scientists between May and October.

**23  
Projects**

### Learning

Students from 28 middle schools participated in the Schoodic Education Adventure (SEA) program, a 3-day, 2-night outdoor educational experience.

**710  
Students**

### Community

We welcomed over 24k visitors to campus via our Welcome Center (including 321 Junior Rangers!) and hosted over 90 private groups.

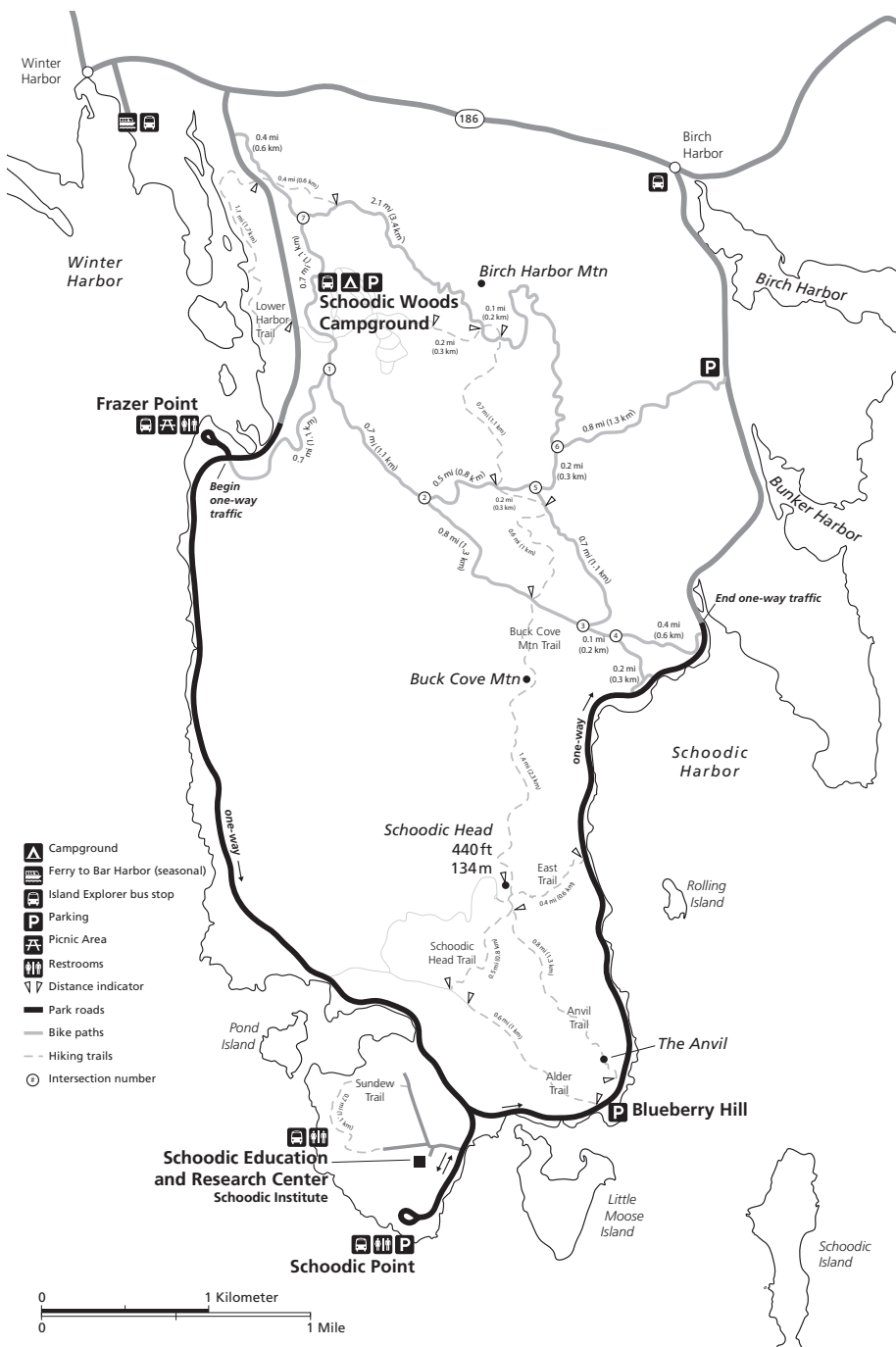
**24,000+  
Visitors**

Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park is a primary science and education partner of the National Park Service. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, our mission is inspiring science, learning, and community for a changing world. We conduct and support science to understand and respond to environmental change in Acadia and beyond. Our goal is to be a national leader in research and education that inspires environmental stewardship and fosters bright futures for parks, people, and the planet. Our year-round campus provides an inspirational setting with protected shorelines and evergreen forest. We host public and private events, education and art programs, workshops, and conferences. Our campus includes classrooms, laboratories, meeting spaces, overnight accommodations, and a modern 124-seat auditorium.

Plan your visit and support our work at  
**SCHOODICINSTITUTE.ORG**



## Schoodic Trail System Map



# SCHOODIC NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY



## Schoodic National Scenic Byway

[www.schoodicbyway.org](http://www.schoodicbyway.org)

The Schoodic National Scenic Byway had a very busy year. We won two awards in early spring! First, the Governor's Award for Tourism Excellence – 2023 feature category – innovation and creativity. Second, the National Scenic Byway Foundation – 2023 – The Best Visitor Experience Award. Both based on Kids Quest sites and its newly created booklet.

The Byway received much publicity from local newspapers and the AAA magazine, all stemming from our awards. We celebrated Kids Quest month in August. Displayed colorful signs explaining Kids Quest site locations throughout local municipals and businesses. Available were fun games, prizes, booklets and Schoodic Outdoor maps. All free to the public.

We presented an overview of the Schoodic National Scenic Byway/Kids Quest sites to local leaders and organizations at the DART (DownEast Acadia Regional Tourism) Governance Committee meeting in May. The Byway Committee members and MaineDOT (Maine Department of Transportation) were available to the public for questions and discussion.

The Byway was instrumental in acquiring the Long Cove (Larry Sinclair) property as an asset to the Schoodic National Scenic Byway. This site was recognized 20 years ago as a valuable site. We were able to work with FBC (Frenchman Bay Conservancy) and MCHT (Maine Coast Heritage Trust) to provide funds for purchase and clean up. This site was voted by the town's people of Sullivan to accept this property as a part of Sullivan. We will be working on this for improvements this coming year.

The Byway and HCPC (Hancock County Planning Commission) completed an updated rough draft of the Schoodic National Scenic



Byway Corridor management plan (CMP). A final draft will be presented to local towns in the year of 2024 – 2025.

This late summer, the Byway committee members spent the day cleaning up the overgrown vegetation at the Taunton Bay Scenic turnout. We opened views and cleared pathways for better visibility. Big improvement!

The Byway applied for the Maine Tourism-Community Grant to enhance and improve our digital media presence. Our goal is to encourage more travelers to the Schoodic National Scenic Byway as a Maine Tourism destination. We were awarded the full amount of the \$5,000 and volunteer committee members will help provide photos and content. We will start making changes to our website this spring.

We continue to enhance the Byway presence in 2024 by improving signage, existing public spaces, safe parking and maintaining open views of water.

The Byway has several projects in planning in all three towns, some waiting for FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) grants to be announced as well as other local grants to be written.

We thank the select and planning boards, state, federal, historic societies, chambers of commerce, Maine Office of Tourism, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Frenchman Bay Conservancy, Friends of Taunton Bay, Hancock County Planning Commission, DownEast Acadia Regional Tourism, Sunrise County Economic Council, Maine Department of Transportation, and Acadia National Park for technical and financial support.

The Schoodic National Scenic Byway is a collaboration of Hancock, Sullivan, Gouldsboro, Winter Harbor and Acadia National Park to protect and promote this scenic corridor.

**Respectfully,**

**Barbara Shanahan**  
**Chairperson**

# PENINSULA SCHOOL

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Great things are happening at Peninsula School because of our dedicated teachers and staff, hard-working students, committed families and supportive community.

Here at Peninsula School, we're all about building strong connections within our school community. We know from experience that when students feel connected, they are more likely to thrive both academically and socially. That's why we're committed to devoting time and energy to build stronger connections within our school. We use strategies such as hosting monthly school-wide morning meetings filled with fun team-building activities and celebrations and daily time for classroom meetings. These gatherings bring students, teachers, and staff together, creating a positive and supportive atmosphere where everyone can grow and learn together.

Communication is key for us. We believe in keeping everyone in the loop, whether it's within our school walls or out in the wider community. We also believe in taking a proactive and positive approach to student behavior, fostering a culture of respect and responsibility that benefits us all.

Our teachers and staff work as a team—they work hard to provide engaging learning opportunities across all areas of our school. They use effective curricula and assessments to ensure every student gets the education they deserve, setting them up for success in the future.

We're incredibly thankful for the support we receive from our larger school community. It allows us to tackle issues like food insecurity and ensure that our students' basic needs are met. We are incredibly lucky to have the support of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century After - School Program, which gives our students even more chances to learn and grow beyond the regular school day.

As we work together, I am excited about the opportunities for continued growth as a school community.

**Best Regards,  
Chris Beals, Principal**

# PENINSULA SCHOOL STAFF

## **NAME**

Marion Frehill  
 Roxanne Renwick  
 Katie Parker  
 Gabriella Grant  
 Susan Tenan  
 Donna Dalangauskas  
 Kristen Mowry  
 Nora Holloway  
 Sherry Blais  
 Jill Jeude  
 Pam Campbell  
 Nick Ulecka  
 Valerie Sprague  
 John Kucera  
 Sarah Hurlbert  
 Corinne Wilson  
 Jordan Smith  
 Christine Simmons  
 Tia Palmer  
 Ashley Carter  
 Rosalie Mitchell  
 Jessica Richards  
 Marina Magee  
 Robyn Walton  
 Margaret Grammer  
 Katelin Richards  
 Andrew Segel  
 Donna Haycock  
 Faye Torrey  
 Bonnie Naumann  
 Joe Naumann  
 Danny Mitchell Jr.  
 Abby Merritt-Rousseau  
 Pieter Porsius

## **POSITION**

Pre-K  
 Kindergarten  
 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (long term sub)  
 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Art  
 Physical Education  
 Guidance Counselor  
 Music (long term sub)  
 Librarian  
 Math Interventionist  
 Gifted & Talented  
 Occupational Therapy  
 Multilingual Interventionist  
 School Nurse  
 Administrative Assistant  
 Special Education  
 Special Education  
 Ed Tech  
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 Ed Tech  
 Ed Tech  
 Food Service  
 Food Service  
 Maintenance  
 Maintenance  
 Bus Driver  
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# CHARLES M. SUMNER LEARNING CAMPUS

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The school year began with immense positivity, marking the inauguration of our first full year in the newly constructed building. The freedom from last year's restrictions has been a true blessing, allowing us to come together without hinderances. The Sumner team remains dedicated, providing an outstanding experience for our Tigers as we navigate the use of our new campus.

Highlights of the school year so far include academic achievements, with both Sumner Middle and Sumner Memorial High School students performing above state averages in math and reading assessments for the second consecutive year. Noteworthy is the outstanding performance of our students across various grades, demonstrating growth and proficiency. Additionally, our athletics teams have excelled, securing championships in cross country and cheerleading. The revival of music and band programs, impactful projects in Industrial Arts and GT programs, and numerous individual recognitions showcase the diverse accomplishments of our Tiger community.

Notable mentions include Mrs. Hunt's nomination for the John and Claudette Brassil Distinguished Educator Award, senior Jessika Bridges received the MPA Principal's Award, and Dulcinea Lacey participating in the All-State competition. The engagement of students like Josh Cramer and Nova Dennison in state student council, the nomination of five teachers for Hancock County Teacher of the Year, and the success of the Lights on Alumni basketball tournament further exemplify the individual and collective pride within our Tiger community. The school's commitment to innovation is evident in its recognition as the 4<sup>th</sup> MakerSpace in Maine, the establishment of a Unified Robotics Team, and participation in the FIRST Robotics LEGO state championship.

As we move forward, we celebrate the achievements of our Tigers, grateful for the support of the community and the dedication of our students, teachers, and staff. Together, we look forward to more successes and continued growth in the journey ahead.

**Best regards,**

**Jackson "JT" Green, Principal**





# RSU 24 SUPERINTENDENT

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Welcome to a look at RSU 24 and what we are accomplishing this school year!

At our new Charles M. Sumner Learning Campus, the 2023-2024 school year began with immense positivity, marking the inauguration of our first full year in the newly constructed building. The freedom from last year’s restrictions has allowed us to come together without hinderances. The Sumner team remains dedicated, providing an outstanding experience for our Tigers as we navigate the use of our new campus.



We’ve had many highlights this school year so far including academic achievements, with both Sumner Middle and Sumner Memorial High School students performing above state averages in math and reading assessments for the second consecutive year. Additionally, our athletics teams have excelled, securing championships in cross country and cheerleading. The revival of music and band programs, impactful projects in Industrial Arts and GT programs, and numerous individual recognitions showcase the diverse accomplishments of our Tiger community.



Other notable mentions include middle school teacher Jennifer Hunt’s nomination for the John and Claudette Brassil Distinguished Educator Award, senior Jessika Bridges receiving the MPA Principal’s Award, and

Dulcinea Lacey participating in the All-State music competition. The engagement of students like Josh Cramer and Nova Dennison in the state student council, the nomination of five teachers for Hancock County Teacher of the Year, and the success of the Lights on Alumni basketball tournament further exemplify the individual and collective pride within our Tiger community. The school’s commitment to



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At the Peninsula School, students, teachers and staff are focused on strengthening the connections within our school community. We know that when students feel more connected, they are more likely to grow academically and socially. We are committed to continuing

monthly school-wide morning meetings full of team building activities and celebrations. Our focus will remain on clear communication within the school and out in the community, proactive and positive responses to student behavior and increasing student and family engagement. At the same time, teachers are working hard to provide learning opportunities in all areas of our school building based on effective curricular programs and assessments.



We are thankful for the continued support from our greater school community. Your support allows us to do our part in addressing food insecurity or meet some of the basic needs of our students. We are also fortunate to have the 21<sup>st</sup> century After-School Program which allows our students to stay after-school for enrichment activities and learning opportunities.



We have also made some capital improvements at PNS where we had added several new exterior cameras, resurfaced the playground with both rubber mulch and wood mulch, bush hogged the stormwater management areas, and relocated one of the sheds to provide a clear line of vision to the playground. Roof repairs are planned as soon as a vendor is found.

District-wide. RSU 24 serves as a population of 796 students from nine communities residing in Hancock and Washington counties. There are 155 students that reside in the Town of Gouldsboro:

- 54 attend the Peninsula School (PreK-5<sup>th</sup>)
- 91 attend the Charles M. Sumner Learning Center
  - 33 attend Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)
  - 59 attend High School (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- 9 students attend other RSU schools
- 8 students attend Hancock County Technical Center (including in the High School count)
- 1 student attends private schools or schools in other districts

Our district provides educational services, food services, special education programming, transportation, technology support & integration, general administration, and centralized business services for PreK through Adult Education.



Our FY24 budget is \$23,336,822.25 – 21% is received from State Funding (\$6,340,270.60) and 26.03% is received from the Town of Gouldsboro. State funding is determined by the Essential Programs and Services formula that

bases state aid on local property valuations and the number of residents students. In addition to these sources, the district receives federal funding for several categories of services and we take every opportunity to apply for grant funding to supplement educational programming.

Your community representative, Mary Cowperthwaite, began serving our RSU Board in September 2023 and her current term runs through June 2024. Mrs. Cowperthwaite serves on two committees Finance & Budget and Policy.

As we move forward, we celebrate the achievements of our schools, grateful for the support of the community and the dedication of our students, teachers, and staff. Together, we look forward to more successes and continued growth in the journey ahead.

**Respectfully,**  
**Michael Eastman, Superintendent RSU #24**  
[meastman@rsu24.org](mailto:meastman@rsu24.org) – (207) 422-2017

Cemetery Master Database 2023

NAME	ADMIN	CEMETERY	EST	PRINCIPAL	04/30/23	
Cemetery Trusts		Location		4/30/2024		
BEECH HILL						
Sargent, Epps H.	Trust	Beech Hill-"Our Cemetery"	1942	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Sargent, Simpson (by Ralph Allan)	Trust	Beech Hill-"Our Cemetery"	1982	\$300.00	\$316.25	\$5.98
Total				\$400.00	\$416.25	\$7.87
BIRCH HARBOR (HILLCREST)						
Bishop, Allison & Corinne	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	2015	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$9.45
Cole, Arthur & Aida	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$9.45
Crane, Henry E.	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1971	\$500.00	\$635.97	\$12.02
Davis, Lilla. C.	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1950	\$100.00	\$126.88	\$2.40
Forsmark, Olof	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1995	\$250.00	\$261.55	\$4.94
Getchell, Harold & Avis	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3.78
Hancock, Florence J.	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1976	\$300.00	\$380.84	\$7.20
Joy, Carlton & Emma	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$2.83
Joy, Maxwell & Venita	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$2.83
Kane, John & Amanda	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1974	\$100.00	\$127.03	\$2.40
Lewis, Ray	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
McKay, Zelma	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$9.45
Nash, Frelon & Avis	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1995	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Sargent, Grace	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$5.67
Stanley, Gordon	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1993	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Stanley, Roy & Mabel	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1995	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Stevens, Emma Rice	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1997	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Stricker, Esther	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3.78
Total				\$4,250.00	\$4,532.27	\$85.65
COREA						
Bridges, Elisha W.	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1931	\$100.00	\$120.63	\$2.28
Bridges, Erwin & Mary	Trust	Corea Cemetery	2010	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.94
Clark, Arthur	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1985	\$200.00	\$246.78	\$4.66
Conley, Louis & Norma	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1981	\$300.00	\$439.67	\$8.31
Crowley, Emma	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1946	\$200.00	\$278.03	\$5.25
Crowley, Ephriam & Harvard E.	Trust	Corea Cemetery	2010	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3.78
Crowley, Florence & Marena	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1969	\$200.00	\$254.21	\$4.80
Crowley, Monroe E.	Trust	Corea Cemetery	2010	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3.78
Ginn, Bessie B.	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1958	\$687.54	\$897.47	\$16.96
Lutes, Thomas Q. & Ellen A.	Trust	Corea Cemetery	2013	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3.78
Ray, Robert & Kathleen	Trust	Corea Cemetery	2006	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3.78
Scotfield, Roy & Hattie	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1999	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Urquhart, Derwood	Trust	Corea Cemetery	2000	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3.78
Urquhart, Howard & Eleanor	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1999	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3.78
Wasgatt, Harry & Katie	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1974	\$200.00	\$399.24	\$7.54
Woodward, Helen Crowley	Trust	Corea Cemetery	2009	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$18.90
Young, Elisha	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1967	\$100.00	\$122.42	\$2.31
Total				\$4,337.54	\$5,108.45	\$96.54

### Cemetery Master Database 2023

NAME	ADMIN	CEMETERY	EST	PRINCIPAL	04/30/23	
Cemetery Trusts		Location			4/30/2024	
OLD MAIDS HILL						
Libby, Joseph (great-grandfather)	Trust	Old Maids Hill Cemetery	1972	\$60.00	\$117.68	\$2.22
Libby, Samuel(great-great-grandfather)	Trust	Old Maids Hill Cemetery	1972	\$60.00	\$117.68	\$2.22
Total				\$120.00	\$235.36	\$4.45
PROSPECT HARBOR						
Alley, Erastus, Viola & Roger	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Backman, Fulton & Ethyl	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1993	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Bickford, Fred	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1996	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Bridges, Elisha	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1963	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3.78
Bryant, Carl	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1982	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$5.67
Cole & Noonan	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1966	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3.78
Cole, Ellery & Guy	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1964	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Cole, James Woodbury	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1963	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Deasey, Daniel	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1970	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3.78
Dodge, Nellie C.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1945	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Farley, Irving	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1977	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3.78
Hamilton, Alfred M.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1927	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Handy, Joseph	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1970	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3.78
Hinckley & Sprague Lots	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1969	\$100.00	\$199.50	\$3.77
Jordan, Angie	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	2003	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Jordan, Lawrence, Jr.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1983	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Larabee, Dr. Charles C. & Fay F.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1938	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Libby, Daniel (son)	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1972	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$1.13
Merriam, Ann Van Ness	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1968	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$2.83
Moore, Byron M.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1958	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3.78
Moore, Gilbert L.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1978	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$2.83
Moore, Samual Oscar	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1961	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$9.45
Noonan, John	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1977	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3.78
Peters, Carl	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1964	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.94
Phalen, Charlotte Robertson	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1968	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$2.83
Ray, Justice	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1974	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Robinson, Ezra	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1970	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Seavey, Fred M. & Galen	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1941	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$7.56
Seavey, William	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1981	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3.78
Sewall, Jane	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1966	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Stinson, Calvin L., Sr.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1958	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3.78
Strout, Arthur L.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1948	\$151.25	\$151.25	\$2.86
Sullivan, Eugene	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1992	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Sullivan, Ruth Arline	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1992	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Tracy, Alden, Sr. & Annie	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1992	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Tracy, Alden & Pamela	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	2005	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3.78
Tracy, Calvin & Sarah	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1992	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Tracy, Issac & Edith	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1992	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Tracy, Marcellus & Emma	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1992	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89

### Cemetery Master Database 2023

NAME	ADMIN	CEMETERY	EST	PRINCIPAL	04/30/23	
<i>Cemetery Trusts</i>		<i>Location</i>		<i>4/30/2024</i>		
Urquhart, Howard & Ida	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1999	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Wass, Alfred	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1967	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$2.83
Whitaker, Iva	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1968	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$2.83
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$6,311.25</b>	<b>\$6,410.75</b>	<b>\$121.15</b>
<b>SOUTH GOULDSBORO</b>						
Bullard, Sophronia	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1947	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3.78
Bunker, James M.	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1946	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Bunker, James W., Leonora & Family	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1930	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$5.67
Bunker, Uriah & Hannah	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1956	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Colwell & Bickford	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1987	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$7.56
Hanna, George & Florence & family	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1990	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$4.72
Hooper & Daley Lots	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1974	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Johnson, Gussie (Hanna Trust)	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1990	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$4.72
Colwell, Carrie	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1993	\$420.00	\$420.00	\$7.94
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$2,120.00</b>	<b>\$2,120.00</b>	<b>\$40.06</b>
<b>LAKEVIEW</b>						
Chick, Calvin & Etta	Trust	W. Gouldsboro-Lakeview	1931	\$100.00	\$120.63	\$2.28
Soderholtz, Eric, E.	Trust	W. Gouldsboro-Lakeview	1961	\$500.00	\$635.72	\$12.01
Tracy, Clarissa	Trust	W. Gouldsboro-Lakeview	2012	\$880.00	\$880.00	\$16.63
Young, John, Jr. & Vida	Trust	W. Gouldsboro-Lakeview	1974	\$100.00	\$127.07	\$2.40
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$1,580.00</b>	<b>\$1,763.42</b>	<b>\$33.32</b>
<b>WEST BAY</b>						
Batson, Alton A.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1994	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Buckley, Robert	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1985	\$100.00	\$123.29	\$2.33
Coffin, Leigh & Gladys	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1968	\$100.00	\$131.52	\$2.49
Dow, Frederick C.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1998	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Dow, Marcia G.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1998	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Duniver, Franklin	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1983	\$200.00	\$263.35	\$4.98
Duniver, Thomas	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1985	\$200.00	\$246.78	\$4.66
Guptill, Curtis	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1948	\$100.00	\$113.58	\$2.15
Guptill, Hayden C.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1951	\$100.00	\$113.58	\$2.15
Guptill, Philip W.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1983	\$100.00	\$127.00	\$2.40
Haycock, Guy	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	2009	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$9.45
Libby, Daniel (grandfather)	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1972	\$60.00	\$112.25	\$2.12
Libby, Samuel W. (father)	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1972	\$60.00	\$112.25	\$2.12
Lounder, Pamela R.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	2007	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Newman, Iris	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1969	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Rolfe, Abbie	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1997	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Rolfe, Carlton	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1997	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.89
Spurling, Allan, Leveretta & Walter	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1959	\$300.00	\$502.67	\$9.50
Spurling, Marcia	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	2006	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3.78
Tracy, Howard	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1983	\$300.00	\$385.82	\$7.29

**Cemetery Master Database 2023**

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<i>Cemetery Trusts</i>		<i>Location</i>		<i>4/30/2024</i>		
Tracy, Willard L. & Abbie	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1951	\$500.00	\$694.05	\$13.12
Tuttle, Allan	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1985	\$200.00	\$246.78	\$4.66
Whitaker, Amanda	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1939	\$100.00	\$113.58	\$2.15
Whitaker, John & Gertrude	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1990	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$18.90
Whitaker, Millard & Orrin	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1990	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$18.90
Young, Bertha & Elisha, Sr.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1988	\$300.00	\$348.21	\$6.58
Young, Henrietta	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1988	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3.78
Young, John S., Sr., Mr. & Mrs.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1954	\$100.00	\$246.61	\$4.66
Young, Theodore, Nellie & Family	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1978	\$5,000.00	\$5,304.32	\$100.24
Young, Tracy & Frances	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	2013	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$188.97
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$21,420.00</b>	<b>\$22,785.64</b>	<b>\$430.59</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>\$40,538.79</b>	<b>\$43,372.14</b>	<b>\$819.62</b>
<b>Non-Distributed Trust Funds</b>						
Ministerial & School Fund	Trust		1940	\$285.00	\$602.30	\$11.38
Young, Henry G.	Trust	Gouldsboro-H. Young Family	1953	\$200.00	\$469.82	\$8.88
Rosebrook, Cecil & Linley	Trust	Gouldsboro-Hillcrest	1969	\$300.00	\$522.23	\$9.87
Rollins, Beulah B./Bunker family lots	Trust	S. Gouldsboro-Bunker Family	1977	\$1,000.00	\$2,185.02	\$41.29
Wood Family	Trust	W. Gouldsboro-Wood Family	1978	\$4,000.00	\$8,702.97	\$164.46
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>\$5,785.00</b>	<b>\$12,482.34</b>	<b>\$235.89</b>



# James W. Wadman

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## *INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT*

Members of the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Gouldsboro  
Prospect Harbor, ME 04669

### *Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements*

#### *Opinions*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Gouldsboro, Maine (the Town) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, including the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Gouldsboro, Maine as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### *Basis for Opinions*

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### *Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statements date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

#### *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 7 and pages 22 through 25 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Respectfully Submitted,

***James W. Wadman, CPA***

James W. Wadman, CPA  
December 4, 2023

**TOWN OF GOULDSBORO, MAINE**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Management of the Town of Gouldsboro, Maine (the Town) provides this *Management's Discussion and Analysis* of the Town's financial performance for readers of the Town's financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the financial statements and accompanying notes that follow.

The financial statements herein include all of the activities of the Town using the integrated approach as prescribed by Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34 and related subsequent Statements.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS – PRIMARY GOVERNMENT**

**Government-wide Highlights:**

*Net Position* – The assets of the Town exceeded its liabilities at fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 by \$4,743,201 (presented as “net position”). Of this amount, \$2,219,701 was reported as “unrestricted net position”. Unrestricted net position represents the amount available to be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

*Changes in Net Position* – The Town's total net position increased by \$337,853 (an 7.7% increase) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

**Fund Highlights:**

*Governmental Funds* – Fund Balances – As of the close of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the Town's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$2,404,469 with \$1,549,719 being general unassigned fund balance. This unassigned fund balance represents approximately 26% of the total general fund expenditures for the year.

**Long-term Debt:**

The Town has outstanding general long-term debt obligations of \$170,088 as of June 30, 2023. No new debt obligations were issued during the fiscal year. Existing obligations were retired according to schedule.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements include three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains additional required supplementary information (budgetary comparison) and other supplementary information. These components are described below:

**Government-wide Financial Statements**

The Government-wide financial statements present the financial picture of the Town from the economic resources measurement focus using the accrual basis of accounting. They present governmental activities and business-type activities (if applicable) separately. These statements include all assets of the Town (including infrastructure) as well as all liabilities (including long-term debt, if applicable). Additionally, certain elimination entries have occurred as prescribed by the statement in regards to inter-fund activity, payables and receivables. The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 8-9 of this report.

**Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements include statements for each of the three categories of activities – governmental, business-type (if applicable) and fiduciary. The governmental activities are prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the Town government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of these funds are not available to support the Town's own programs. Reconciliation of the fund financial statements to the Government-wide financial statements is provided to explain

the differences created by the integrated approach. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 10-11 of this report.

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and the fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 12-21 of this report.

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

This section includes a budgetary comparison schedule, which includes a reconciliation between the statutory fund balance for budgetary purposes and the fund balance for the general fund as presented in the governmental fund financial statements (if necessary). Also included as required supplementary information are the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) schedules as required by GASB Statement No. 75. Required supplementary information can be found on pages 22 - 25 of this report.

#### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

##### **Net Position**

49% of the Town's net position reflects its investment in capital assets such as land, buildings, equipment and infrastructure (roads, parking lots and other immovable assets), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The Town uses these assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although, the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt (if applicable), it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

	<b><i>Governmental</i></b>	<b><i>Business-type</i></b>		
<b><i>Assets &amp; Other Debits:</i></b>	<b><i>Activities</i></b>	<b><i>Activities</i></b>	<b><i>Total 2023</i></b>	<b><i>Total 2022</i></b>
Current Assets & Other Debits	2,595,403	-	2,595,403	2,368,998
Capital Assets	2,476,673	-	2,476,673	2,366,466
<b><i>Total Assets &amp; Other Debits</i></b>	<b><i>5,072,076</i></b>	<b><i>-</i></b>	<b><i>5,072,076</i></b>	<b><i>4,735,464</i></b>
<b><i>Liabilities &amp; Other Credits:</i></b>				
Current Liabilities & Other Credits	183,616	-	183,616	142,167
Long Term Liabilities	145,259	-	145,259	187,950
<b><i>Total Liabilities and Other</i></b>	<b><i>328,875</i></b>	<b><i>-</i></b>	<b><i>328,875</i></b>	<b><i>330,117</i></b>
<b><i>Net Position:</i></b>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,306,585	-	2,306,585	2,151,378
Restricted	216,915	-	216,915	242,989
Unrestricted	2,219,701	-	2,219,701	2,010,980
<b><i>Total Net Position</i></b>	<b><i>4,743,201</i></b>	<b><i>-</i></b>	<b><i>4,743,201</i></b>	<b><i>4,405,347</i></b>
<b><i>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Position</i></b>	<b><i>5,072,076</i></b>	<b><i>-</i></b>	<b><i>5,072,076</i></b>	<b><i>4,735,464</i></b>

##### **Changes in Net Position**

Approximately 91 percent of the Town's total revenue came from property and excise taxes, approximately 3 percent came from State subsidies and grants, and approximately 6 percent came from services, investment earnings and other sources. Depreciation expense on the Town's governmental and business-type activity assets represents \$251,713 of the total expenses for the fiscal year.

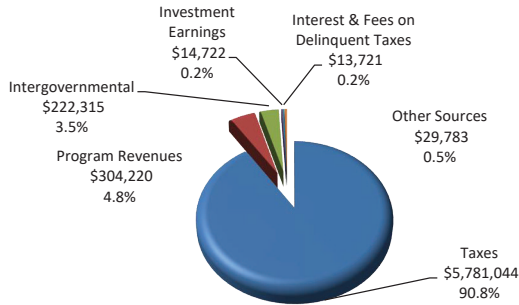
### **CAPITAL ASSET ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Capital Assets**

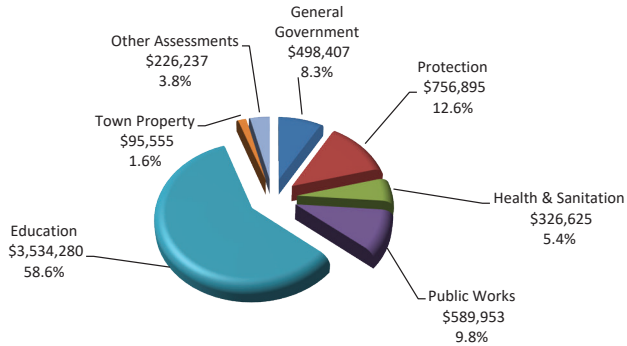
The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities amounts to \$10,611,548, net of accumulated depreciation of \$8,134,875 leaving a net book value of \$2,476,673. Current year additions include \$313,620 in road improvements and equipment purchases of \$48,300.

	<b><i>Governmental</i></b>	<b><i>Business-type</i></b>		
	<b><i>Activities</i></b>	<b><i>Activities</i></b>	<b><i>Total 2023</i></b>	<b><i>Total 2022</i></b>
<b><i>Revenues:</i></b>				
Taxes	5,781,044		5,781,044	4,923,881
Program Revenues	304,220		304,220	548,331
Investment Income	14,722		14,722	4,555
Intergovernmental	222,315		222,315	161,616
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	13,721		13,721	13,064
Other	29,783		29,783	15,405
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>6,365,805</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,365,805</b>	<b>5,666,852</b>
<b><i>Expenses:</i></b>				
General Government	498,407		498,407	496,156
Protection	756,895		756,895	631,150
Health & Sanitation	326,625		326,625	315,360
Public Works	589,953		589,953	503,468
Education	3,534,280		3,534,280	3,053,003
Town Property	95,555		95,555	78,849
Other Assessments	226,237		226,237	219,062
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>6,027,952</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,027,952</b>	<b>5,297,048</b>
<b><i>Changes in Net Position</i></b>	<b>337,853</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>337,853</b>	<b>369,805</b>

## Revenues by Source - Governmental and Business-Type



## Expenditures by Source - Governmental and Business-Type



### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN'S INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

#### Governmental Funds

The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of expendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.



At the end of the fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported ending fund balances of \$2,404,469, an increase of \$194,926 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 64 percent of this fund balance constitutes unassigned fund balance. The remainder is reserved to indicate that it is not available for spending because it has been committed to liquidate contracts and commitments of the prior fiscal year or for a variety of other purposes.

Variances between actual General Fund revenues and expenditures and the final amended budget included the following:

- \$44,017 positive variance in revenues. Intergovernmental revenues exceeded budget by \$14,710.
- \$407,096 positive variance in expenditures. All major expenditure categories operated within budget for the fiscal year.

### **REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors. This financial report seeks to demonstrate the Town's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to: Town of Gouldsboro, 59 Main St, Prospect Harbor, ME 04669.

**TOWN OF GOULDSBORO, MAINE**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

(Exhibit I)

	<i>Governmental Activities</i>
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<u>Assets and Deferred Outflows</u>	
<u>Assets</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,369,785
Accounts Receivable	\$82,537
Taxes Receivable	\$139,074
<u>Capital Assets</u>	
Land	\$776,529
Other Capital Assets, net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$1,700,144
Total Capital Assets	<u>\$2,476,673</u>
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$5,068,069</u>
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	
Related to Other Post-Employment Benefits	<u>\$4,007</u>
<u>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>\$4,007</u>
<u>Total Assets &amp; Deferred Outflows</u>	<u>\$5,072,076</u>
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<u>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Net Position</u>	
<u>Liabilities</u>	
<u>Current Liabilities</u>	
Accounts Payable	\$112,260
<u>Long-Term Liabilities</u>	
Compensated Absences	\$9,954
Net Other Post-employment Benefits Liability	\$10,217
<u>General Obligation Bonds Payable</u>	
Due within one year	\$45,000
Due in more than one year	<u>\$125,088</u>
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<u>\$302,519</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	
Property Taxes Received in Advance	\$16,911
Related to Other Post-Employment Benefits	<u>\$9,445</u>
<u>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	<u>\$26,356</u>
<u>Net Position</u>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$2,306,585
Restricted	\$216,915
Unrestricted	<u>\$2,219,701</u>
<u>Total Net Position</u>	<u>\$4,743,201</u>
<u>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Net Position</u>	<u>\$5,072,076</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement.

**TOWN OF GOULDSBORO, MAINE**

(Exhibit II)

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES****FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

<b><u>Functions/Programs</u></b>		<b><u>Program Revenues</u></b>		<b><u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u></b>
		<b><u>Charges for Services</u></b>	<b><u>Operating Grants</u></b>	
<b><u>Primary Government</u></b>	<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			<b><u>Governmental Activities</u></b>
<b><u>Governmental Activities</u></b>				
General Government	\$498,407	\$65,062	\$50,153	(\$383,192)
Town Property	\$95,555			(\$95,555)
Protection	\$756,895	\$125,121		(\$631,775)
Health, Sanitation and Social Services	\$326,625	\$15,810	\$5,490	(\$305,325)
Public Works	\$589,953		\$42,584	(\$547,369)
Education	\$3,534,280			(\$3,534,280)
Other Assessments and Debt Service	\$226,237			(\$226,237)
<b><u>Total Governmental Activities</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,027,952</u></b>	<b><u>\$205,993</u></b>	<b><u>\$98,227</u></b>	<b><u>(\$5,723,732)</u></b>
<b><u>Total Primary Government</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,027,952</u></b>	<b><u>\$205,993</u></b>	<b><u>\$98,227</u></b>	<b><u>(\$5,723,732)</u></b>
<b><u>General Revenues:</u></b>				
Tax Revenues, Including Homestead Exemption				\$5,364,374
Excise Taxes				\$416,670
Intergovernmental				\$222,315
Investment Earnings				\$14,722
Interest on Delinquent Taxes				\$13,721
Other Revenues				\$29,783
<b><u>Total Revenues</u></b>				<b><u>\$6,061,585</u></b>
<b><u>Changes in Net Position</u></b>				<b><u>\$337,853</u></b>
<b><u>Net Position - Beginning</u></b>				<b><u>\$4,405,348</u></b>
<b><u>Net Position - Ending</u></b>				<b><u>\$4,743,201</u></b>

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**TOWN OF GOULDSBORO, MAINE**  
**BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

(Exhibit III)

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Permanent Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash	\$1,865,378	\$448,458	\$55,949		\$2,369,785
Accounts Receivable (net of allowances)	\$82,537				\$82,537
Taxes Receivable	\$139,074				\$139,074
Due from Other Funds		\$50,650	\$980	\$246,418	\$298,048
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$2,086,988</u>	<u>\$499,109</u>	<u>\$56,928</u>	<u>\$246,418</u>	<u>\$2,889,443</u>
<u>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows &amp; Fund Balances</u>					
<u>Liabilities:</u>					
Accounts Payable	\$112,260				\$112,260
Due to Other Funds	\$298,048				\$298,048
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<u>\$410,308</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$410,308</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>					
Property Taxes Received in Advance	\$16,911				\$16,911
Unavailable Property Tax Revenue	\$57,756				\$57,756
<u>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	<u>\$74,667</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$74,667</u>
<u>Fund Balances:</u>					
Nonspendable	\$0		\$46,453		\$46,453
Restricted	\$42,430		\$10,475	\$117,557	\$170,462
Committed	\$0	\$499,109			\$499,109
Assigned	\$9,865			\$128,861	\$138,726
Unassigned	\$1,549,719				\$1,549,719
<u>Total Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$1,602,014</u>	<u>\$499,109</u>	<u>\$56,928</u>	<u>\$246,418</u>	<u>\$2,404,469</u>
<u>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows &amp; Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$2,086,988</u>	<u>\$499,109</u>	<u>\$56,928</u>	<u>\$246,418</u>	<u>\$2,889,443</u>
<u>Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds</u>					\$2,404,469
<i>Net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:</i>					
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds					\$2,476,673
Delinquent taxes are recognized as revenue in the period for which levied in the government-wide financial statements, but are reported as unavailable revenue (a deferred inflow) in governmental funds					\$57,756
Deferred outflows of resources related to other post-employment benefit plans					\$4,007
Deferred inflows of resources related to other post-employment benefit plans					(\$9,445)
<i>Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported in the funds, including:</i>					
General Obligation Bonds Payable					(\$170,088)
Compensated Absences					(\$9,954)
Net Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability					(\$10,217)
<u>Net Position of Governmental Activities</u>					<u>\$4,743,201</u>

*The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement.*

**TOWN OF GOULDSBORO, MAINE**

(Exhibit IV)

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES****IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS****FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Capital Projects Fund</i>	<i>Permanent Fund</i>	<i>Other Governmental Funds</i>	<i>Total Governmental Funds</i>
<u>Revenues:</u>					
Property Taxes, Including Homestead Exemption	\$5,373,398				\$5,373,398
Excise Taxes	\$416,670				\$416,670
Intergovernmental	\$222,315				\$222,315
Investment Earnings	\$12,046	\$2,357	\$319		\$14,722
Interest and Lien Fees	\$13,721				\$13,721
Licenses, Permits & User Fees	\$28,768	\$161,415			\$190,183
Donations and Grants		\$15,810		\$98,227	\$114,037
Other	\$9,790	\$19,993			\$29,783
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>\$6,076,708</u>	<u>\$199,576</u>	<u>\$319</u>	<u>\$98,227</u>	<u>\$6,374,830</u>
<u>Expenditures (Net of Departmental Revenues):</u>					
<u>Current</u>					
General Government	\$396,278	\$25,006	\$190	\$34,151	\$455,625
Town Property	\$67,478	\$28,076			\$95,555
Protection	\$620,702	\$28,220		\$45,327	\$694,249
Health, Sanitation and Social Services	\$272,505	\$24,520		\$24,135	\$321,160
Public Works	\$427,395	\$1,073		\$17,409	\$445,877
Education	\$3,534,280				\$3,534,280
Other Assessments and Debt Service	\$271,238				\$271,238
<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>\$39,770</u>	<u>\$322,150</u>			<u>\$361,920</u>
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$5,629,646</u>	<u>\$429,046</u>	<u>\$190</u>	<u>\$121,022</u>	<u>\$6,179,904</u>
<u>Excess Revenues Over Expenditures</u>	<u>\$447,061</u>	<u>(\$229,470)</u>	<u>\$129</u>	<u>(\$22,795)</u>	<u>\$194,926</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>					
Operating Transfers In	\$137,052	\$283,000		\$0	\$420,052
Operating Transfers Out	(\$283,000)	(\$137,052)			(\$420,052)
<u>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>	<u>(\$145,948)</u>	<u>\$145,948</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses</u>	<u>\$301,113</u>	<u>(\$83,522)</u>	<u>\$129</u>	<u>(\$22,795)</u>	<u>\$194,926</u>
<u>Beginning Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$1,300,901</u>	<u>\$582,630</u>	<u>\$56,799</u>	<u>\$269,212</u>	<u>\$2,209,543</u>
<u>Ending Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$1,602,014</u>	<u>\$499,109</u>	<u>\$56,928</u>	<u>\$246,418</u>	<u>\$2,404,469</u>
<u>Reconciliation to Statement of Activities, change in Net Position:</u>					
Net Change in Fund Balances - Above					\$194,926
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:					
General Obligation Bond Payments, Compensated Absences					\$43,295
Other Post-Employment Benefit Plans (Deferred Outflows, Net OPEB Liability, Deferred Inflows)					(\$1,551)
Delinquent taxes are recognized as revenue in the period for which levied in the government-wide financial statements, but are recorded as unavailable revenue (a deferred inflow) in governmental funds					(\$9,025)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures, while in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over the estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.					
This amount represents capital expenditures					\$361,920
Depreciation expense on capital assets is reported in the Government-Wide Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position but they do not require the use of current financial resources.					
Therefore, depreciation expense is not reported as expenditures in the Governmental funds					(\$251,713)
<u>Changes in Net Position of Governmental Activities</u>					<u>\$337,853</u>

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Janet T. Mills  
GOVERNOR

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Spring 2024

Dear Maine Resident:

Since my first day in office, I have been guided by the belief that to strengthen our state, we have to invest in our greatest asset: the people of Maine. With the support of the Legislature, my Administration has invested in what people need to succeed — job training, child care, health care, education, broadband, and housing.

Those investments are working — small businesses are expanding their operations; people are moving here to work and raise their families; and graduates are staying in Maine to pursue rewarding, life-long careers — all encouraging signs that are reflected in the strength of our economy. In fact, Maine has the best rate of economic growth in New England and one of the best rates in the nation.

At the same time, we have our challenges. In late October, a gunman took the lives of 18 innocent citizens and injured many more in an act of senseless and unconscionable violence. Then, in December and January, heavy rains and powerful winds brought massive flooding that destroyed homes and businesses, roads, and bridges, and changed the very landscape of our coast.

I have proposed legislation to address both issues — first, to rebuild from these storms and prepare for those to come; and, second, to expand mental health services and keep weapons out of the hands of dangerous people to better protect public safety.

We have made good progress over the past five years to ensure that every person can find a good-paying job in Maine; have affordable health insurance; have the peace of mind that their children are safe at home and at school; breathe clean air and drink clean water and enjoy the rolling hills, lush forests, mighty rivers, and bold coast of Maine.

There are still plenty of challenges, particularly when it comes to the affordability of housing, child care, energy, and other things, but thanks to the resilience and the resolve of Maine people, I am more confident than ever before in the future of our state.

It is my honor to serve as your governor.

Sincerely,



Janet T. Mills  
Governor



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. It has been an honor to work on your behalf to make our state an even better place to live, work and conduct business. I assure you, I will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of the people of Senate District 6.

The First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131<sup>st</sup> Maine State Legislature were notable as there were over 2,600 legislative bill requests and 2,019 of them were officially printed as Legislative Documents (LDs). No legislature this century has had as many LDs printed during its first year.

One area of success was in the Highway Fund. In the past, the Highway Fund has been supported through gasoline taxes, which have been declining for years due to more fuel-efficient and electric/hybrid vehicles, and bonding; however, we now have created a sustainable source of funding to maintain our transportation infrastructure. We will accomplish this by dedicating 40% of the vehicle sales tax along with the sales and use taxes collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. This action is predicted to raise more than \$200 million for infrastructure each biennium.

The Second Regular Session will begin in January 2024. I am eager to discuss the issues important to all of you. I have heard from many of you regarding the biggest concerns you are facing, including increasing energy costs; access to health care and child care; education; housing; inflation; child welfare; mental health and substance abuse; workforce development; and crime, among others. As your State Senator, I will continue to do all I can to advocate for your priorities in Augusta.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature has a great deal more work to do; however, I believe, if we work collaboratively, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me by calling (207) 287-1505 or emailing me at [Marianne.Moore@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Marianne.Moore@legislature.maine.gov) if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

Marianne Moore  
State Senator



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January 2024

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am honored by the opportunity to serve as your state representative for District 12 in the Maine House of Representatives for the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature. For this two year term, I was also elected to serve my fellow caucus members as the House Republican Leader. It is a tremendous honor to help lead my peers through the complexities of legislative business.

The Second Regular Session of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature got underway on January 3. Legislative committees are expected to debate approximately 635 bills this session. In order for me to represent you, I encourage you to provide me your thoughts on all the issues that are important to you.

Using the legislative homepage: [Legislature.Maine.Gov](http://Legislature.Maine.Gov) you can monitor all legislative proposals being worked on at the State House. From here you can browse bill summaries and roll call votes, view session and public hearing schedules, listen to committee hearings or watch live streaming video of the House and Senate. You can also access committee hearings via Zoom, where you can observe or testify on a bill.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you, the people of District 12. Please reach me by phone at **287-1440** or by email at [William.Faulkingham@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:William.Faulkingham@legislature.maine.gov) to keep me updated on those concerns. Additionally, if you have an interest in receiving my regular e-newsletter, please send along your email address so that it can be added to my distribution list.

Again, thank you for providing me the honor of serving you in Augusta!

Respectfully,

Billy Bob Faulkingham  
State Representative



**Jared Golden**  
Congress of the United States  
2nd District of Maine

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It's an honor to continue serving as your representative in Congress, and I take the responsibility very seriously. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I've been working on behalf of the people of the Second Congressional District.

Maine's heritage industries are the backbone of our state's economy. That is why one of the first bills I introduced in this Congress was the *Northeast Fisheries Heritage Protection Act*, which would prohibit commercial offshore wind energy development in Lobster Management Area 1 (LMA 1) in the Gulf of Maine. LMA 1 was identified by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) as a potential commercial offshore wind site. LMA 1 is a critical and highly productive fishing ground for a variety of sea life, including lobster. Prohibiting offshore wind development in LMA 1 would help to avoid conflict with the New England commercial and recreational fishing industries. Additionally, the bill would initiate a federal study on the environmental review processes of any relevant Federal agencies for offshore wind projects in the Gulf of Maine.

I also continue to advocate on behalf of our veterans and those providing care to our former service members. The current pay for VA employees in the Kennebec and Penobscot counties does not reflect the critical services they are providing. As the oldest state in the nation, with the fifth highest veteran population, Mainers rely on the services offered at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities. That's why recently, Senator Collins, Senator King, Representative Pingree, and I called on the Biden Administration to increase locality pay for VA employees in Kennebec and Penobscot counties. The level of care received is impacted by job vacancies, and the high turnover rate among its healthcare workforce is often the result of pay and compensation issues, which is further exacerbated by the increased cost of living.

Lastly, I'm excited that Mainers are continuing to reap the benefits of the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (BIL). Recently, millions of dollars in grants have been awarded across the state, including \$35 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) program to conserve spawning and migratory habitats for native fish species in Maine, \$460,000 through the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) program for the Princeton Municipal Airport, Stephen A. Bean Municipal Airport, and Dexter Regional Airport, and nearly \$8 million through the Buses and Bus Facilities Program for Bangor's bus system. These investments are critical to ensuring Maine's infrastructure and will help to ensure Mainers and businesses across Maine are connected.

Regardless of the year, one of my top priorities is ensuring I'm accessible to you. My staff and I can help answer questions about and navigate federal programs; find resources in Maine; and resolve issues with Medicare, Social Security, the VA, and other federal agencies and programs. We are here to help:

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- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

I look forward to building on momentum from recent legislative wins for Mainers and continuing to work on your behalf in 2024. Do not hesitate to reach out and voice an opinion on legislation, let us know about local events, or seek assistance navigating federal agencies or programs. It's an honor to represent you in Congress, and I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden  
Member of Congress

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January 1, 2024

Dear Friends,

Thank you for allowing me to add my congratulations and gratitude for the positive differences each town and city in Maine makes for its people and ultimately for Maine as a whole. When I travel around the state and visit the various regions in Maine, I see firsthand the differences you all make, the focus you put on excellence, and the helping hands you extend to neighbors. I have learned valuable lessons watching your collaborations with each other. They got the State motto right – *Dirigo* – because you all certainly do lead the way and exemplify the best of Maine.

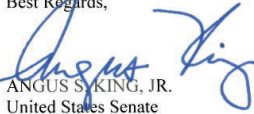
First, it was a true honor to be appointed to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee this year to help address the challenges facing Maine veterans. We owe our way of life to these brave men and women and share a collective responsibility as a grateful nation to give back to our veterans. That means delivering veterans the benefits they have earned, addressing the veterans' suicide crisis, improving transition-to-civilian-status programs, and ensuring every veteran can access essential services, like affordable housing and behavioral healthcare.

Next, one of the most significant infrastructure projects in Maine history is underway: affordable and universal broadband availability throughout the state. Supported through funding in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, we are now within striking distance of broadband service even in our most rural communities. Additionally, infrastructure improvements in our roads and bridges, water and septic upgrades for our towns and support for our workforce and employers are also in the pipeline. Serious steps are being taken to address the toll from substance abuse and to provide our older neighbors with resources to help them continue to stand strong throughout their golden years. It is my goal here to make sure everyone has access to stable employment opportunities and quality healthcare which is of critical importance to keep our families healthy and happy.

I am thankful for each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. I will do my part to listen to your concerns and work to find useful solutions to the issues you face. My offices throughout Maine remain available to you if you face hurdles with the federal government, whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, tax assistance and more. I hope you will reach out of my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow me the chance to be part of your solutions. Together, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state.

Maine is known for our grit and resiliency and we are making great strides — something others across the country have noticed. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2024.

Best Regards,



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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share an update on issues important to Maine and America.

One of my priorities for 2023 has been to improve the appropriations process in Congress – the way it decides how to spend taxpayer money. I took over as the Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee last year. Along with Chair Patty Murray, we decided the best change we could make was not to do something new. Instead, it was to do something old – that is, go back to the regular and transparent committee process that we used to have.

Part of restoring this process included holding 50 public Committee hearings, which allowed for input from senators on both sides of the aisle. As a result, for the first time in five years, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed all twelve of its funding bills on time. This was done with strong bipartisan support. In fact, seven of them passed unanimously.

Now, we need to work with the House of Representatives to pass these twelve bills and turn them into laws.

These bills contain funding for a wide range of Maine priorities, including support for the workforce at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, our lobster industry, infrastructure improvements, affordable housing, biomedical research, veterans, and heating assistance programs like LIHEAP. These bills also contain nearly \$590 million in Congressionally Directed Spending for 231 projects throughout the State of Maine. These projects would help promote job creation, expand access to health care, and improve public safety, infrastructure, and important resources in communities across all 16 counties of our state. I will continue to work to get these bills signed into law in the new year.

On October 25, the horrific mass shooting in Lewiston claimed the lives of 18 Mainers and injured 13 others. In response, I led Maine's Congressional Delegation in requesting an independent investigation by the U.S. Army Inspector General into the events leading up to the shooting. On December 15, the Under Secretary of the Army wrote to inform me that such an investigation will take place, and the Army Inspector General has instructed her team to immediately begin preparing to conduct this investigation. While nothing can undo the events of October 25, I will continue to work to understand what happened and what could have been done differently, and to find answers for the victims, survivors, and their families.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,855th consecutive roll call vote.

As we look ahead to 2024, I remain committed to addressing the concerns of Maine families and communities. If you need assistance or wish to share your thoughts, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

## **MAINE MODERATOR'S MANUAL RULES OF PROCEDURE** (Revised 2005)

Type of Motion	Second Required	Debatable	Amendable	Vote required	Recon- sidered	Rank/ Notes
<b>PRIVILEGED</b>						
Adjourn ( <i>sine die</i> )	yes	no	no	m	no	1
Recess of Adjourn to Time Certain	yes	yes	yes	m	no	2
<b>SUBSIDIARY</b>						
Previous Question	yes	no	no	2/3	n	3
Limit Debate	yes	no	yes	2/3	yes	4
Postpone to Time Certain	yes	yes	yes	m	yes	5
Amend	yes	yes	yes	m	yes	6
<b>INCIDENTAL</b>						
Appeal	yes	yes	no	m	yes	A, B, D
Fix the Method of Voting	yes	no	no	m	no	B
Withdraw a Motion	no	no	no	m	See notes	B, C, D
<b>MAIN</b>						
Main Motion	yes	yes	yes	m	yes	
Reconsider	yes	See notes	no	m	no	A, D, E
Take up Out of Order	yes	yes	no	2/3	no	

Yes -This action is required or permitted.

No- This action cannot be taken or is unnecessary.

M- Majority vote required.

A- This motion may be made when another motion has the floor.

B- Same rank as motion out of which it arises.

C- Only a prevailing negative vote on this motion may be reconsidered.

D- This motion has the same rank, and is debatable to the same extent, as the motion being reconsidered.

E- Only a person who voted on the prevailing side may make this motion.

None of the motions in the table should interrupt a speaker.

This table does not include the statutory procedure for challenge (to question a vote), mentioned in the "Notes for Voters" and discussed in the *Maine Moderator's Manual*.



## **MAINE MODERATOR'S RULES OF PROCEDURE**

**(Revised 2005) continued..**

### **MAIN MOTION**

This has no rank or precedence and may not be made when any other question is before the meeting.

- **AMEND**

This is technically a subsidiary motion and must be disposed of before the main motion is voted on.

- **POSTPONED TO TIME CERTAIN**

This motion defers the article under consideration, not the town meeting itself. If the motion carries, the meeting proceeds to the next article.

- **PREVIOUS QUESTION**

This is a subsidiary question that has the effect of ending debate and moving directly to a vote on the underlying question, which is usually the pending article or an amendment to it.

- **RECESS**

This is a privileged motion that is always in order even when another subject is before the meeting. If this motion interrupts an item of business, it must be acted upon immediately. On the other hand, if it is to grant time for meals, for counting ballots or for some other purpose, it is just like any other main motion and is debatable under these circumstances.

- **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

This motion, if adopted, dissolves the meeting. It should be handled circumspectly. Good practice is to regard the Motion to Adjourn as not debatable (and not amendable, nor reconsiderable) if it is clear that all of the business of the warrant has been disposed of, but to treat it as being debatable where that is not the case. Before putting the question, the moderator should ensure that the voters understand the effect of approval of this motion.



## **RECORD OF ARTICLES APPROVED TO CONTINUE UNTIL REVOKED**

### **June 21, 1999- Annual Town Meeting**

**ARTICLE 60** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to take whatever actions are necessary for the Town to become a member of the Maine Municipal Association Property and Casualty Pool Program, including but not limited to the execution of any contract required for such membership and the payment of any required fees or charges. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

**ARTICLE 61** - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all Boat Excise Taxes to the Harbor Reserve Fund and to continue such practice until specifically revoked.

### **June 19, 2000 - Annual Town Meeting**

**ARTICLE 24** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to take whatever actions are necessary for the Town to become a member of the Schoodic Area League of Towns (SALT), including but not limited to the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding for such membership and the payment of minor operating costs. The Selectmen recommend a sum no larger than \$100 to be taken from the administration account to cover minor operating costs. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

**ARTICLE 44** - To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes and to vote to pay 0% interest on said payments. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

**ARTICLE 45** - To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to pay interest to any taxpayer who makes an overpayment of taxes, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A., Section 506-A, at a rate of 8% per annum. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

**ARTICLE 49** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell Town-owned equipment when they determine such property to be of no further value to the Town and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to return the funds to the appropriate municipal department. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

**ARTICLE 50** - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, unconditional gifts of property and/or donations which they feel are in the Town's best interest to accept. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

**ARTICLE 51** - To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept donations of money or private, state or federal grants for the purpose of supplementing a specific appropriation already made in order to reduce the Town's tax assessment or long-term debt. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

**ARTICLE 52** - To see if the Town will vote to have unexpended balances and overdrafts in all accounts at the end of the fiscal year, except those which remain by law or are deemed necessary by the Board of Selectmen, transferred to Unappropriated Surplus. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

**ARTICLE 53** – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend any miscellaneous revenues received during Fiscal Year 2001 and that such revenues received by each department shall only be expended by that department. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

**June 12, 2007 – Annual Town Meeting**

**ARTICLE 18** – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all unexpended expense funds at the end of the fiscal year (current and future years) from the Fire Department account to the Fire Equipment Reserve. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

**June 8, 2010 – Annual Town Meeting**

**ARTICLE 17** – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all fees received by the Constable's Department to the Constable Cruiser Purchase Reserve Fund (current and future years) to be used for purchase and major repair of cruisers.

**ARTICLE 18** – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all unexpended revenues (current and future years) from the Recreation Committee to the Recreation Committee Reserve.

**June 14, 2011 - Annual Town Meeting**

**ARTICLE 21** – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any unexpended funds (current and future years) from the Paving Expense Account to the Paving Reserve.

**June 12, 2012-Annual Town Meeting**

**ARTICLE 45** – To see if the Town will allow the Board of Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

**June 10, 2014 – Annual Town Meeting**

**ARTICLE 23** – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and/or dispose of any property acquired by tax lien after first offering the property to the previous owners for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest, and, if they decline, advertising by sealed bids of the same **or realtor** for permanent disposal, and to allow the Selectmen to authorize the Town Treasurer to execute a municipal quitclaim deed for such property and to disposit the net proceeds over costs and taxes owed from such sale into the Land Purchase Reserve Account. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

**June 12, 2018 – Annual Town Meeting**

**ARTICLE 28** – To see if the Town will vote to allocate all proceeds from the sale of transfer station passes to the transfer station reserve account. The allocation granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

**August 26, 2020 – Annual Town Meeting**

**ARTICLE 9** – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any remaining funds in the Police Department on June 30, 2020, and future years, to be deposited into the Cruiser Reserve. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

## Hancock County

To: Patrick McNulty, Police Chief, Town of Gouldsboro

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Gouldsboro in said County of Hancock, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Gouldsboro Community Center on Route 195, Pond Road, Gouldsboro on Tuesday, the thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) day of June, A. D. 2023 at Eight O'clock (8:00 AM) in the forenoon, then and there to act on Articles numbered 1 and 2.

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**ARTICLE 2.** To elect the following Town Officials by secret ballot:

Two Planning Board 3 Year Terms - Expires June 2026

**Results of Selectman election:**

### Results of Planning Board election:

Deborah Bisson	106
Steven (Shepsi) Eaton	155*
Deirdre McArdle	136*
Jed West	125
Blank	58
Write In	6

**ARTICLE 3.** To choose the following members of the Budget Committee:

Jay Bricker 3 Year Term – Expires June 2026

Paul Stewart 2 Year Term – Expires June 2025

Vacant	1 Year Term – Expires June 2024
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**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L**

### **MUNICIPAL GENERAL FUND WARRANT ARTICLES:**

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$435,536 for the General Administration Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Guest, passed.**

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$132,661 for the Services and Committees Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Henion, passed.**

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$141,024 for the Town Property Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Henion, passed.**

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$944,412 for the Public Safety Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by R. Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Henion, passed.**

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$806,260 for Public Works Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Henion, passed.**

### **OTHER MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL WARRANT ARTICLES:**

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for the Dorcas Library request.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Perron, passed.**

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for the Historical Society request.

*The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Perron, passed.**

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for the Schoodic Food Pantry.

*The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Perron, passed.**

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$330,000 for the Paving Reserve.

*Estimated balance in the Paving Reserve as of April 2023 is \$164.*

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Perron, passed.**

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Public Works Reserve.

*Estimated balance in the Public Works Reserve as of April 2023 is \$9,608.*

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Perron, passed.**

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**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Jones Pond Reserve.

*Estimated balance in the Jones Pond Reserve as of April 2023 is \$21,498.  
The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Harmon, passed.**

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for the Fire Equipment Reserve.

*Estimated balance in the Fire Equipment Reserve as of April 2023 is \$67,327.  
The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Perron, passed.**

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer any remaining balance on June 30, 2024 from the Fire Department Division of the Public Safety Department to the Fire Department Equipment Reserve.

*The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.*

**Motion by G. Perron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Rodgers, passed.**

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the Community Cemetery Reserve.

*Estimated balance in the Community Cemetery Reserve as of April 2023 is \$2,204  
The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Perron, passed.**

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 for the Cruiser and Academy Reserve.

*Estimated balance in the Cruiser and Academy Reserve as of April 2023 is \$15,296.  
The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Perron, passed.**

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer any remaining balance on June 30, 2024 from the Police Department Division of the Public Safety Department to the Police Cruiser and Academy Reserve.

*The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Perron, passed.**

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the Legal and Executive Search Reserve.

*Estimated balance in the Legal and Executive Search Reserve as of April 2023 is 72,863.  
The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Perron, passed.**

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the Buildings and Grounds Reserve. (\$10,000 earmarked for a 4-year plan of fire station roof replacements).

*Estimated balance in the Buildings and Grounds Reserve as of April 2023 is \$40,255  
(\$20,000 earmarked for fire station roof replacement).*

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Perron, passed.**

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to retain \$10,000 from the EMS Reserve and transfer the remaining balance from EMS Reserve to the general fund to offset medical/ambulance services.

*Estimated balance in the EMS Reserve as of April 2023 is \$105,003  
The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Perron, passed.**

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT



**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the Ambulance Reserve.

*Estimated balance in the Ambulance Reserve as of April 2023 is \$18,500.*

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Perron, passed.**

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a maximum of \$150,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance (surplus) to offset taxes, if necessary and available.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Perron, passed.**

### **THIRD PARTY AND OUTSIDE AGENCY WARRANT ARTICLES**

The following organizations requested contributions from the Town of Gouldsboro for Fiscal Year 2023/2024:

Red Cross \$190, Community Health and Counseling \$400, Downeast Community Partners \$8,702, Downeast Transportation \$600, Eastern Area Agency on Aging \$600, Ellsworth Free Medical Clinic \$500-1000, Ellsworth Public Library \$5,109, Emmaus Homeless Shelter \$1,500, Families First Community Center \$450, Hospice Hancock County \$1,000, The Lifeflight Foundation \$852, Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry \$500, Maine Public Radio \$100, Narragansett American Legion \$500, Northern Light Home Care & Hospice \$500, WIC Nutrition Program \$1,350, YMCA \$2,500.

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the following organizations:

- The sum of \$300 for Community Health and Counseling
- The sum of \$300 for Downeast Community Partners
- The sum of \$300 for Eastern Area Agency on Aging
- The sum of \$300 for Emmaus Homeless Shelter
- The sum of \$300 for Families First Community Center
- The sum of \$300 for Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County
- The sum of \$300 for The Life Flight Foundation
- The sum of \$300 for WIC Program
- The sum of \$300 for Loaves and Fishes
- The sum of \$300 for Northern Light Home Care & Hospice Foundation

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. Peterson, passed.**

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise general funds to donate to tax-exempt organizations (charities) during the next budget cycle.

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Jones, passed.**

### **OTHER WARRANT ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to have the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 taxes due in two installments: half to be due on or before October 31, 2023 and the other half to be due on or before March 31, 2024 and to have interest charged at the annual rate of 8% on any taxes unpaid after the due dates.

*The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Henion, passed.**

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the select board to enter into multi-year contracts for public services.

*The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Perron, passed.**

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to retain the right to control the harvesting of alewives.

*The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Perron, passed.**

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will approve amendments to the Harbor Ordinance.

*The Board of Selectmen and Harbor Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Perron**

**Approved, 70 Yes/46 No (raise of hands)**

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will approve amendments to the Site Plan Ordinance.

*The Board of Selectmen and Planning Board recommend approval*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Jones, passed.**

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to establish an Ordinance entitled Gouldsboro Fireworks Ordinance.

*The Board of Selectmen do not recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Perron**

**This was a citizen petition brought to the Select Board by Roger Bowen with the proper number of validated signatures. Mr. Bowen presented the issues regarding fireworks in Gouldsboro.**

**Motion by Mr. Rodgers to move the question, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Jones, passed.**

**Original Motion of Article 32, failed.**

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will vote to accept donations by the Ray Scholarship Fund for the benefit of Gouldsboro students at Sumner High School.

*The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Henion, passed.**

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the Property Tax Levy Limit established by State law, in the event that the municipal budget approved at this town meeting results in a tax commitment in excess of the maximum property tax levy otherwise applicable, such that the increased maximum property tax levy hereby established will equal the amount committed.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Henion, passed.**

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the Town will vote to set the next Town Meeting as the second Tuesday in June 2024, to start at 8AM.

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Henion, passed.**

*The Registrar of Voters, or Deputy, hereby gives notice that she will be in session at the Community Center on the Pond Road from 8AM until 8PM on the day of the election, Tuesday, June 13, 2023, and at 6PM at the Peninsula School on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of registered voters.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Henion to adjourn at 8:21PM.**

**Warrant signed by Dana Rice, Robert Harmon, Danny Mitchell Jr., Peter McKenzie and Jacqueline Weaver.**

Attest: *Yvonne P. Wilkinson*  
Yvonne P. Wilkinson, Town Clerk  
Town of Gouldsboro