

**Town of Gouldsboro
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2025
Gouldsboro Town Office**

Committee Members Present:

Dwight Rodgers, Chair
Larry Peterson, Vice-Chair
AJ Higgins, Secretary
Ray Jones
Roger Dean (Via ZOOM)
Brenda Young
Paul Stewart
Eve Wilkinson, Alternate

Members Absent:

Jay Bricker
Tim Smith

Town Manager:

Josh McIntyre
(Present)

Number of guests:

Brianna Mitchell, Jackie Weaver, Bob Harmon, Danny Mitchell via ZOOM

Approval of the minutes from Feb. 5, 2025:

MOTION: Approved as written YES[X] NO []

Motion: Larry Peterson; 2nd Ray Jones

Unanimous

Discussion:

Reserve accounts: Members of the Budget Committee met with town manager Josh McIntyre for an initial partial overview of the town's reserve accounts. The town manager said that while his list was not complete, it did indicate what allocations would be needed to generate the revenues necessary for the town's Capital Fund Improvement Projects. McIntyre presented the information in a

manner that was appreciated by the committee members. Chair Dwight Rodgers and the committee members will be taking up the reserve account requests again near the end of the budget review process.

Areas of the reserve accounts discussed by the BC included road assessment costs under the paving account. Roger Dean recalled that a former road commissioner had prepared a detailed road upgrade schedule for the town several years ago and the town manager said he would like to see it.

Other discussion topics included:

Vehicle trade-ins and new vehicle purchases: The chair told committee members not to expect any offsets on new town vehicle purchases through the trade-in of discarded town vehicles that need to be replaced by the fire department. Brenda Young suggested that the town consider garaging any new vehicles that it purchases.

Insurance: During the committee discussion, Brenda Young said any plans for fire department costs savings through the elimination of any of the department's stations in the town should first be explored to see if such an action would have an adverse impact on homeowner insurance rates. Town manager McIntyre said he had heard conflicting reports about the insurance implications and would look into the matter.

Police Department: Chair Rodgers asked the committee members to keep in mind that the town's police personnel roster will be changing under the budget effective July 1st to include three full-time positions (including a chief of police) and one part-time position.

Suggested Operating Guidelines: Committee members agreed to reexamine the preparation of a document outlining the budget process and respective responsibilities of the budget committee, the select board and the town manager at the close of the current budget preparation cycle.

Committee members informally agreed to set aside concerns about the absence of an agreement with the select board and follow the town manager's recommendations for the current budget review process

Next Budget Committee Meeting: Wednesday, March 19th at 5 p.m.; the meeting will focus on budget items presented by the Select Board from its March 13th meeting and will tentatively include **PD/ADMIN/SERV and COMM/ 3rd Parties.**

MOTION: Meeting adjourned. 6:23 p.m. Larry Peterson; 2nd Ray Jones
Respectfully submitted: AJ Higgins, Secretary