

**Town of Gouldsboro
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2025
Gouldsboro Town Office**

Committee Members Present:

Dwight Rodgers, Chair
AJ Higgins, Secretary
Roger Dean
Brenda Young
Jay Bricker
Tim Smith
Paul Stewart
Eve Wilkinson, Alternate

Members Absent:

Ray Jones
Larry Peterson

Town Manager:

Josh McIntyre
(Absent)

Number of guests:

None

Approval of the minutes from April 2, 2025:

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

Motion: Paul Stewart; Jay Bricker, 2nd

Unanimous

Approval to require the town manager to break out individual departmental insurance costs (1994 Town Meeting Vote Attached):

MOTION: Paul Stewart; Jay Bricker 2nd

Unanimous

The Budget Committee generally:

- Favors inviting the town's department heads to attend remaining Budget Committee meetings.
- Remains concerned about the Select Board's lack of budget line inquiries while simultaneously routinely endorsing the town manager's budget recommendations.
- Remains concerned about prior town meeting votes on sweeping balances to certain town reserve accounts

Discussion:

The Budget Committee reviewed the Public Works and Town Property Departments and made the following recommendations:

Public Works

Discrepancies in the town manager's projected lines and those in the 040925 custom budget report (CBR) including \$199 unexpended under Special Equipment that requires further explanation.

Retirement line shows zero expenditures with an 11.67% increase. Requires further explanation.

Advertising line is \$100 more than last year. Requires further explanation.

Insurance line needs to be included for public works.

Vehicle and Fuel line has an unexpended balance of \$3,531.00.

Vehicle maintenance line to be reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,000.

Computer software has a \$57.60 expenditure in the projected budget that is not in the CBR. Requires further explanation.

General supplies reduced by \$500.

Culvert line requires further explanation.

Ditching and brushing line requires further explanation.

Dues and licenses not listed in the CBR. Requires further explanation.

Training line reduced to \$500 and has no year to date expenditure info. Requires further explanation.

Fuel surcharge applied to the snowplowing contract has been listed at \$15,000 with no background. Requires further explanation.

Streetlights -- the budget committee would like further explanation on this line.

Solid Waste Pickup -- Reduced from \$150,000 to \$132,000 based on winning bid awarded at Select Board meeting on 04/10/2025.

Solid Waste Pickup – The \$12,000 fuel surcharge in the current budget cycle is not included in the \$132,000 bid award for the next fiscal year and needs to be eliminated from the CBR.

Town Property

Mislabeling -- As in other areas of the CBR, the far left leading column on the far left is sometimes labeled Manager and Elected in others.

Salaries -- The Budget Committee strongly disagrees with not giving the person who cleans the town office the same raise other town employees receive. The Budget Committee questions a time allotment of two hours for cleaning the Community Building and favors a resumption of the four-hour schedule with a raise and a cost of living allowance based on an annual \$4,000 allocation.

Next Budget Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 21st at 5 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: AJ Higgins, Secretary

June 20, 21, 22, 23, 1994

Motion and second to recess until Wednesday, June 22, 1994 at 7 PM
So moved at 10:10 PM.

Town meeting reconvened at 7:06 PM on Wednesday, June 22, 1994.

Article #10:

Moved and second. Motion and second to amend: "to apply to unappropriated surplus". Amendment defeated by majority opposed. Main article passed by majority in favor.

Article #11:

Motion and second. Article passed by majority in favor.

Article #12:

Motion and second. Motion and second to amend: "insert municipal budget in place of town budget". Amendment passed:

In favor: 93

Opposed: 64

Amended article defeated:

In favor: 83

Opposed: 98

Article #13:

Motion and second. Motion and second to amend: "to delete from taxes". Amendment passed by majority in favor. Amended article passed by majority in favor.

Recorded 220 registered voters as of 8:20 PM.

Article #14:

Motion and second. Article passed by majority in favor.

Article #15:

Motion and second. Article passed by majority in favor.

Article #16:

Motion and second. Article defeated by majority opposed.

Article #17:

Motion and second. Motion and second to amend: "\$0". Amendment defeated by majority opposed. Main article passed by majority in favor.

Article #18:

Motion and second. Article passed by majority in favor.

Article #19:

Motion and second. Article passed by majority in favor.

Article #20:

Motion and second. Article passed by majority in favor.

Article #21:

Motion and second. Motion and second to amend: "\$500". Amendment passed:

In favor: 77

Opposed: 40

Amended article passed by majority in favor.

To see if the Town will vote to prevent elected or appointed officials of the town from receiving other monies from businesses/companies/contracts or individuals conducting business with the Town of Gouldsboro.
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General Fund Budget Warrant Articles

To see if the Town will vote to apply the following 1994/1995 receipts to the General Fund appropriations.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Estimated Amount</u>
Automotive Excise Taxes	\$120,000
Auto Graveyard Permits	250
Building Permits	700
Clerk Fees	4,000
Community Center	8,750
Concealed Weapons Permits	200
Dog License Fees	600
Interest Revenue	11,500
Lien Fees	500
Portable Classroom Rental	12,544
Victualers Licenses	30

The Budget Committee recommends approval.

To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend the following categories of funds as provided by the Maine State Legislature.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Estimated Amount</u>
Block Grant for Certification	\$600
Court Officer Fees	1,000
Education Tax Relief Block Grant	4,900
General Assistance Reimbursement	2,000
Local Road Assistance	37,300
Small Community Grant	25,000
Snowmobile Registration Reimbursement	150
State Library Grant	100
State/Municipal Revenue Sharing	54,200
Tree Growth Reimbursement	1,000
Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement	1,000
Witness Fees (Police Reimbursement)	1,000
Other State Grants or Funds	10,000

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To see if the Town will vote to have the town budget presented and voted on by department rather than as a lump sum budget.

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The Budget Committee recommends approval.

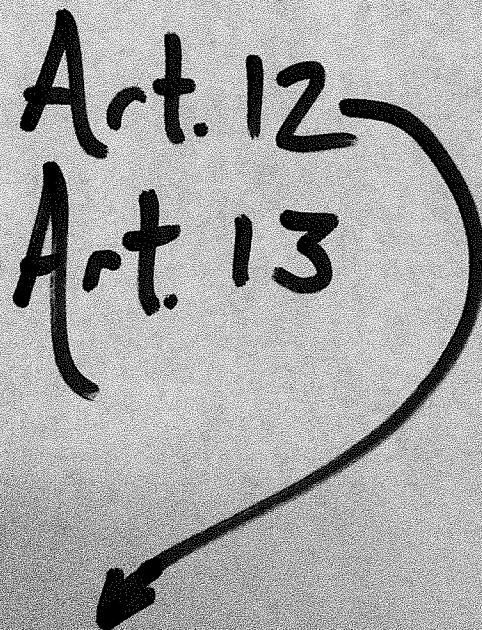
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