

**Town of Gouldsboro  
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 23, 2025  
Gouldsboro Town Office**

**Committee Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

Larry Peterson  
Roger Dean

**Town Manager:**

Josh McIntyre  
(Absent)

**Number of guests:**

None/ZOOM not functional

**Approval of the minutes from April 16, 2025:**

**MOTION:** Approved as amended YES[☒] NO [ ☐ ]

Motion: Ray Jones; Paul Stewart 2<sup>nd</sup>

8 in favor; 1 opposed

**Discussion:**

The Budget Committee finalized its earlier review of the General Administration and Public Works Departments recommendations:

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

**NEWSLETTER:** The committee recommended allocating \$6,000 for the town newsletter with the appropriation to be presented to the voters at town meeting as a separate warrant article.

**PERSONNEL:** Town Consultant: Reduction of \$6,000; Math question: Reduction of \$386

**20-03:** Should be changed to Town Report heading

**TOWN MEETING MANDATE FOR DEPARTMENTAL STYLE BUDGET:** The BC determined that a departmental approach used historically by the town was mandated by the voters in 1994.

**Special Projects:** Reduced by \$300.

**General Supply:** Reduced to \$5,000

**CONSENSUS BC PRELIMINARY BUDGET DECISIONS 04/02/25 AND 04/23/25:**

## **POLICE DEPT.**

### **Reductions**

Postage reduction by \$250

K-9 Training; Reduced by \$500.

## **FIRE DEPT.**

### **Reductions**

RC/911	\$6500 TO \$5000 PENDING --NEED MORE INFORMATION
Postage	\$100 to \$50
Vehicle Fuel	\$8500 to \$3000
Equipment	\$20000 to \$17000
Training	\$4000 to \$2500
Fire Prevention	\$500 to \$250
Med Evaluations	\$1500 to \$1000

The committee would like a status report on the fire hydrants; how many work, etc.

The committee questioned the criteria and disparity between the salary lines for police chief and ambulance director, particularly since the ambulance director has so many more employees.

## **AMBULANCE DEPT.**

### **Reductions**

Postage	\$600 to \$250
Gen. Supplies	\$1800 to \$1000
Uniforms	\$8000 to \$5000
Travel	\$2000 to \$500
Training	\$5000 to \$3500

### **Increases**

Equipment	\$1,000 to \$2000
Medical Supplies	Increase to \$20,000

\$800 remains from last year's laptop account. Why not use that before appropriating an additional \$800 for a laptop that was in last year's budget?

The committee also wanted to know more about billing for the Ambulance Independent Contractor. Is its fee still collected on a percentage basis?

# **Under Committees**

## **Reductions**

Solid Waste Com Ads \$750 to \$250

Planning Board Ads \$400 to \$300

## **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 to identify existing inventory.

Ditching and brushing line reduced by \$10,000 total.

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.

**RESERVES:** General discussion about reserves without recommendation other than a separate reserve line for the Town Revaluation should be established.

**Next Budget Committee Meeting:** Undetermined at adjournment

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: AJ Higgins, Secretary