

**Town of Gouldsboro  
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 30, 2025  
Gouldsboro Town Office**

**Committee Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

Larry Peterson

**Town Manager:**

Josh McIntyre  
(Absent)

**Number of guests:**

Bob Harmon

**Approval of the minutes from April 23, 2025:**

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

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

Unanimous

**Discussion:**

The Budget Committee made the following recommendations on the Services and Committees and Town Properties sections of the FY26 municipal budget:

**Services and Committee:**

Line 10-08 pertaining to Assessors Maine Paid Medical Leave applies to all employees and may have to be increased.

Left Assessors Postage at \$80

Line 30-06 under computer software should be raised to \$5,400

Line 30-07 for Computer Hardware of \$800 should be rolled over to FY26

Line 30-08 under Civil Emergency should locate Starlink under Communications

Line 10-08 under Harbor Master for paid medical leave and 20-02 advertising and 40-01 Harbor Master Dues and Licenses require further investigation by Bob Harmon.

Harbor Master postage set at \$50

Line 30-06 under Solid Waste of \$57.60 appears to be a posting error.

Planning Board postage line not needed; Advertising set at \$300.

Planning Board HCPC costs estimates appear inadequate; Bob Harmon will investigate.

Planning Board 40-02 fees left at \$3,000

Recreation Committee 20-31 set at \$3,500

Plumbing Inspector – not clear what line independent contractor Plumbing Inspector is being paid from. Bob Harmon will investigate.

Shellfish Inspector travel expenses reflect a drop. Bob Harmon will investigate.

**Town Property:**

The committee seeks further elaboration on the raise for town office cleaning/paid medical leave. Bob Harmon will inquire.

Town Office communications should be raised by \$500; Also recommends that mowing line be increased to \$900 and independent t contractor line to \$1,000.

Community Center; Committee recommends leaving salaries for cleaning at \$2,472. Bob Harmon will inquire about apparent conflicting Communications Star Link costs. Raising Mowing to \$1700. Leave Ballfield line 35-10 as is.

Jones Pond lines left as is.

Fire Station 1 line 15-01 increased to \$2800

Fire Station 2 Bob Harmon will try to get further information on Fire Station 2 math assumptions. Leaves 35-01 Buildings as is  
Fire Station 3 -- math assumptions will be checked by Bob Harmon  
Women's Club -- Leaves salary lines as is; mowing should be raised to \$1200  
Prospect Harbor Pier – Bob Harmon will inquire about camera funding  
Route 1 Site – Bob Harmon answered questions about electric costs. Committee agreed that line 45-01 should be changed from \$6345 to \$2990.  
Town Park -- Bob Harmon said the Select Board will determine whether mowing expenses should come from the Strater Fund or town account.

**Next Budget Committee Meeting:** May 7 at 5 pm

**Meeting adjourned:** 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: AJ Higgins, Secretary