

MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2025
GOULDSBORO SELECT BOARD MEETING
AND BUDGET WORKSHOP

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 801 872 7702

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Present: Robert Harmon, Danny Mitchell Jr., Peter McKenzie, Jackie Weaver

Staff: Town Manager Joshua McIntyre
Town Clerk Brianna L. Mitchell
Superintendent of Town Infrastructure Mike Connors
Police Chief James Malloy
Fire/EMS Chief Ken Monroe
Shellfish Warden Michael Pinkham

Audience: 21 (Twenty-One)

Zoom: 0 (Zero)

Meeting held at the Gouldsboro Town Office.

Mr. Harmon called the meeting to order at 5PM



Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Harmon read aloud the Select Board resolution declaring a period of mourning for Dana Rice Sr. Beginning April 11, 2025 and ending April 17, 2025, all flags at all municipal buildings shall be lowered to half-staff for the duration of this period. Be it further resolved, that this resolution be entered into the permanent record of the Town of Gouldsboro as a testament to our deepest gratitude and sorrow.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – *See attached*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2025

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of March 27, 2025; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0.

PAYROLL WARRANT #41

Mr. Mitchell moved to approve Payroll Warrant #41 in the amount of \$34,218.17; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0.

A/P WARRANT #42

Mr. Mitchell moved to approve A/P Warrant #42 in the amount of \$434,349.76; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0.

SELECT BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Weaver – Ms. Weaver has been receiving calls about the mourning of Dana. She mentioned how much people miss him and honored him.

Mr. Harmon – Dana has been a great leader and didn't know anyone who has a great love for our community like he did.

Mr. Mitchell – Dana was a great leader and we will sure miss him.

Mr. McKenzie – We will miss Dana dearly.

TREASURER- See attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Board – Chair Raymond Jones reported there will have to be an amendment to the Shoreland Ordinance to be brought to the town meeting in June.

Shellfish Committee – Shellfish Warden Michael Pinkham presented a picture of an experimental crab trap they are going to try. He is in hopes it will help with thumbnail green crabs as they eat the small clams before they get a chance to settle and grow. The Committee is unsure if they will crawl into the trap.

Emergency Management – Jackie Johnston updated the Select Board about FEMA funding. Funding for the generator at the Shellfish Lab won't be needed. Funding has been obligated for reimbursement for protected measures around the town. It has now been moved onto to MEMA for funding flow. There's a pause on funding currently but hope to be only for a few weeks. Jackie mentioned we could be getting up to \$10,000. The paperwork for making permanent repairs to the Prospect Harbor Parking Lot damages is complete on our end, just waiting for the State for funding. The Environmental team will be pushing the Crowley Island Road project to the State for funding. The Bunkers Pound Road contract has been signed and is with the State. Jackie mentioned as soon as the pause is over, she can then move forward and receive specifications. Jackie will give the Select Board updates as she knows more.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Jim Malloy pays his respects to Dana and will miss him. Chief Malloy reported Sargeant Robbins is out on military leave currently. Chief and Officer LeBlanc are covering and trying to answer all calls they can. The Select Board thanks Jim for his dedication and being great.

FIRE DEPARTMENT / EMS

Chief Monroe gives his condolences to Dana. Ken reported the new ambulance is at Bangor Ford for electrical issues – the doors lock on their own.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – See attached

CEO Mike Connors reported:

- He has issued 3 permits from 03/11/25 – 03/24/25 with 2 new residences.
- Assessment Quote- Design Group Collaborative provided a quote to assess;
 - Prospect Harbor Women's Club – \$13,000
 - Jones Pond Cabin – \$12,000
 - Town Office Vault Design - \$15,000
 - Rec Center Acoustic Design - \$5,000

Mike recommends the Prospect Harbor Women's Club and possibly Vault design. This would give us specs to allow a contractor to follow through with the project completion.

- Road Paving- Work areas identified for remainder of FY25. Culvert/prep work and paving bids to be posted this week.
- 6 Unit Apartment Building- Contractor presented proposed development to the Planning Board at pre-application meeting on 04/01/2025. No significant concerns raised.

Mike also discussed about a complaint for a property on Watlers Road being cluttered and unregistered vehicles in the yard still. They have been told in the past about cleaning it up as this imposes a public health issue. Mike would like to get input from the Select Board on this matter and if this is something the town wants to pursue. Can expenses be tied to the land owner, as this property is leased, to recoup the towns expense on the issue? Town Manager Joshua McIntyre will consult with the town attorney to get these questions answered.

RSU#24 REPRESENTATIVE – Absent

Town Manager Joshua McIntyre reported Mary Cowperthwaite was unable to make it as this is busy season for RSU 24. Mary sends her condolences for Dana's passing. Josh reported Gouldsboro's assessment may possibly be lower but won't know until they hold their meeting Monday night.

TOWN MANAGER – See attached

Old Business-

Presentation from representative of Eagle Point Energy Center

Town Manager Chris Backman for the Town of Orrington came and presented updates. The Town of Orrington is an equity partner with EPEC. The subdivision Eagle Point owns in the business park, 24 of 34 lots are under contract to be purchased. The 10 that are left, are under auction. EPEC is currently negotiating contracts and is offering new contracts for a term of 15 years. There is an offered discounted tipping fee for \$89. Boiler A is \$60M to upgrade and Boiler B is \$30M to upgrade. There is a total of \$160M for all upgrades needed to EPEC. Chris mentioned they are hoping to have full processing incineration for Boiler B by summer. Boiler A will take longer for upgrades. EPEC has applied for transfer station permitting through the State. The plant has been cleaned for the most part, they removed about 17,000 tons of trash that was left behind. The end goal is to be running both incinerators at the same time. The Town of Orrington is putting in two microgrids to supply power to the business park. The permitting allows 22.1 to be on grid. The EPEC plant will need to use about 2-3 megawatts and utilizes parasitic energy. The first client they obtained needs to use 8 megawatts. They are in hopes to accept trash by the beginning of June.

New Business-

Opening of bids and possible award of Solid Waste Pickup contract

Mr. Mitchell opened two bids; one from Schoodic Curbside Recycling and Pine Tree Waste INC.

- Schoodic Curbside Recycling
 - Year 1 - \$132,000
 - Year 2 - \$138,000
 - Year 3 - \$144,000
 - Year 4 - \$150,000
 - Year 5 - \$156,000
- Pine Tree Waste INC. – Casella Company

- Year 1 - \$198,000
- Year 2 - \$ prior year plus CPI
- Year 3 - \$ prior year plus CPI
- Year 4 - \$ prior year plus CPI
- Year 5 - \$ prior year plus CPI

Ms. Weaver moved to accept the bid from Schoodic Curbside Recycling, 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 3/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Raymond Jones mentioned some town history with Dana Rice. In Spring of 1996, Ray and Carol Lingle sat down with Dana and asked if he would be interested in running for a select board seat. He never thought about it, but the rest is history.

FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET WORKSHOP – Town Property; Public Works

Town Manager Joshua McIntyre welcomed all and introduced to the Town Property and Public Works budget.

TOWN PROPERTY

Dwight Rodgers mentioned Versant will have a rate increase. Was this taken into account for the upcoming budget? Josh replied yes.

Dwight mentioned propane lines could be decreased for town properties. Mike Connors, Superintendent of Infrastructure, mentioned if we have significant power outages, we need to have the \$200 to cover costs.

Dwight asked if we are going to be tracking hours for actual hours worked for Rec Center Custodian? Yes, this will be tracked. Brenda Young mentioned someone should go inspect after supposed cleaning as she has witnessed the Rec Center is not properly cleaned.

Dwight asked if the Town is responsible for cleaning the sidewalks? Yes, Liz Bridges cleans them.

Dwight asked about the ballfield line 30-02-35-10 for \$250, is this enough? Mike Connors responded that this will help cover supply expenses for the Rec Committee to paint the field. Mike also mentioned he would like to repair a spot in the fence.

AJ Higgins mentioned about possibly collecting an admission fee for the Jones Pond Rec area? Discussion was this wouldn't be realistic and would not make towns people happy and possible liability issues with that. The Select Board does not see benefit for charging. Brenda Young mentioned she was on the Jones Pond Committee years ago when the Town received funding for that property. The land was donated by Ms. Bradley and was meant for the use of free access for all people.

Raymond Jones asked if the gate at the Transfer Station has been replaced yet? Mike responded it is on his list and will be sure it gets done.

Mike Connors mentioned he has done some repairs to the Salt shed at the DOT lot and the doors work well now.

PUBLIC WORKS

Dwight asked how many hours a week for a part time assistant? Discussion was about 16 hours a week year-round position.

Bob Harmon asked what the road projects line consists of? Mike Connors replied projects outside of ditching and sweeping. Beyond standard paving costs, raising roads, maintenance on the dirt road on Recreation Road, etc.

Solid Waste Disposal – Dwight asked if this line will change as the new contract is to anticipate \$89/ton. Yes, presumably.

EXECUTIVE SESSION was not held.

ADJOURN: Mr. McKenzie moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15PM; 2nd by Ms. Weaver. Passed 4/0.

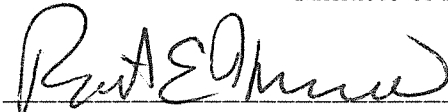
Respectfully submitted,
Brianna L. Mitchell, Town Clerk

Please note: These minutes are not verbatim. A tape recording of the meeting is available at the Town Office during regular business hours.

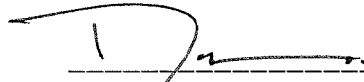
Enclosures: Agenda, Special Town Meeting Warrant 04.10.25, Minutes of 03.27.25, Payroll Warrant #41, A/P Warrant #42, Treasurer's Report, Shellfish Committee experimental crab trap picture, Grants information reported by Jackie Johnston, April 2025 EMS Schedule, EMS & Fire Calls Report, CEO Report, Town Managers Report, Design Group Cooperative Architecture Assessment, Eagle Point Energy Business Park Demographics, Solid Waste Collection Bid from Schoodic Curbside Recycling, Solid Waste Collection Bid from Pine Tree Waste Inc, Action Alert from MMA about FY 2026-2027 State General Fund Budget email, Maine PERS Retirement System information.

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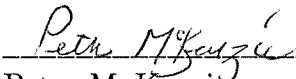
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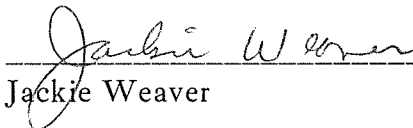
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