

TOWN OF GOULDSBORO

Maine



Dana B. Rice Sr., in his glory, commanded the mic as the voice of the Winter Harbor Boat Races back in the day. His booming voice echoed across the harbor, building excitement as the local fishermen raced through the waves with their lobster boats. *Photo courtesy of Sam Murfitt.*

Annual Town Report

July 2023 - June 2024

Dana B. Rice Sr.



Dana lead Board meetings with heartfelt dedication, his deep love for our community was apparent.

Photo Courtesy of Francis Chung with E&E News



Dana was presented a Bell Award for his 40+ years of service being our Town Harbormaster.

Photo Courtesy of Brianna L. Mitchell

TOWN OF GOULDSBORO, MAINE

*Annual Report of the
Municipal Officers 2024*



*Fiscal Year & Audit for the Year Ending
June 30, 2024*

DEDICATION



Dana Blanchard Rice Sr., 77, passed away peacefully on April 9, 2025 surrounded by his loving family.

The Town of Gouldsboro is proud to dedicate our town report to the man who led this town since 1996 as Chair of the Select Board and served as our Town Harbormaster for over 40 years.

Dana was born May 26, 1947 in Bar Harbor, Maine. He was raised by his grandparents in the house his great-great-grandfather built in Birch Harbor. It was the values of growing up with his grandparents, the earlier generation, that molded him into the man he was.

Dana met the love of his life, Barbara Chipman, and happily married on April 9, 1965. They spent 60 years of their lives loving each other, raising four beautiful children, and spending countless hours with grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The love and commitment Dana and Barbara had for one another is something many people admired.

Growing up in the fishing industry since he was the age of 3, Dana mirrored his grandfathers' footsteps. He started helping tend a herring weir in Jonesport, Dana knew he found a lifetime career in the fishing industry. But to no surprise, he was the "jack of all trades." He decided to quit school after freshman year to fish full-time. His grandfather supported his decision and helped him buy his first boat and a gang of traps. This was just the start.

As a devoted member of the fishing community for most of his life, he was known for being a skilled captain on his F/V Jacob Pike and for his passion for herring fishing. He sold his catch to Stinson's Canning Factory in Prospect Harbor and local fishermen. Later in life, Dana established DB Rice Fisheries and began buying lobster in Bunker's Harbor.

Expressing his dedication to the fishing industry, Dana participated in fisheries management through multiple roles on advisory councils such as NEFMC (New England Fisheries Management Council), LAC (Lobster Association Council), DELA (DownEast

Lobstermen's Association), Import/Export Dealers Association and the University of Maine Lobster Institute, where he gave his advice to help keep the councils in tune with the needs of the lobster industry.

But it didn't stop there. At Town Meeting in 1981, Dana became one of three volunteer Harbormasters. Over the years as people retired, he became the only Harbormaster holding the responsibility of managing six harbors. Some other duties he held included enforcing the Town Harbor Ordinance and state laws, managing approximately 180 moorings for commercial and pleasure use, managing town piers and wharves, boat launches, and plenty of paperwork. Dana put all his expertise and love into his position as Harbormaster up until the summer of 2022, when he decided it was time to retire.



Dana was often known as “President Rice” as well as “Father Rice.” Not only did he tirelessly advocate for community projects and planning, he cared about our community and resident concerns. Dana was always a listening ear. He always understood concerns that people raised, even if he didn't agree. He believed although you can always find ways to disagree, there's always something you can agree on and build on. Dana was an active member of many organizations and committees, and championed multiple initiatives supporting growth and community. This philosophy and attitude earned him the respect of his peers and respect throughout the fishing community. Dana was also a proud member of the Masonic Lodge, Shriners and Knights of Pythias.

Dana will be remembered as a true wealth of knowledge and a pillar of our community. The Select Board is honored to dedicate this year's town report in his memory, recognizing the lasting impact he made in our town. His unwavering dedication, insightful contributions, and commitment to making our town a better place touched the lives of so many. Whether through his guidance on key decisions or his thoughtful approach to problem-solving, Dana's influence was felt. His legacy of service, wisdom, and kindness will continue to inspire us.

IN LOVING MEMORY



Morna Lois Dunbar Briggs. 100, passed away May 30, 2024, just shy of her 101st birthday. Born June 10, 1923, to Raymond & Amanda Dunbar of Corea.

She was awarded Gouldsboro's Boston Post Cane in October 2018 by the Select Board and the Gouldsboro Historical Society.

*Ellsworth American Photo
By Maxwell Hauptman*

She graduated from Bar Harbor High School in 1940 but bounced between Bar Harbor and Corea. In December 1941, just weeks after the Pearl Harbor bombing, she traveled to California with her parents to visit her brother, who was stationed at a naval shipyard. She then returned to Corea where she worked at Stinson's Canning Factory for 20 years. During those years, she found the love of her life, Earl "Junior" Briggs, who was a local lobster fisherman. Morna and Earl then settled in Corea and began their married life in 1948.

Morna had many hobbies and interests including baking, painting, gardening, roller skating, crocheting, knitting, and raising her three children. She also took pride in her riding lawn mower!

Living in the same harborside home in Corea since 1952, Morna grew up lobster fishing with her father and her husband. She would often go out by skiff to haul traps by hand until she was 82.

At the age of 97, Morna published a book "Morna's Memories," stories and photos from her lifetime of living in the Village of Corea. She wanted to pass along her memories and experiences within the community.

Morna was the proud holder of the Boston Post Cane for five in a half years, receiving it after the passing of the former recipient, Everett Potter Sr.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Holly Duesenberry, 71, of Gouldsboro passed away at home April 5, 2024. Born in Boston, MA to James & Margaret (Torbert) Duesenberry on June 14, 1952.



Holly's childhood included much classical music at home, as well as a parade of pets.

Those two interests returned in adult life as she became a small farmer in Gouldsboro, raising sheep and chickens as well as pet cats and a series of rescue dogs, and her much beloved dog, Sunny. Her interest in gardening was first sparked by her grandfather, J. Keith Torbert, who loved to grow roses but also created a Victory Garden during World War II.

Holly's move to Maine in the 90s brought her much healing. She was involved in AA and later became a substance abuse counselor, eventually studying for an MA in Social Work. At home, she worked to bring her old farmhouse back to life and was about halfway through that project. Whether it was sanding, painting or installing solar panels and heat pumps, Holly got much joy from this work. After retirement from social work, she became involved in community music organizations, at first somewhat bemused to find herself singing tenor parts in chorus but enjoying it immensely.

For the Town of Gouldsboro, Holly became more involved in town projects after becoming upset by the ending of recycling facilities. She had a strong desire to find solutions. Holly served on the town Solid Waste Committee, the Comprehensive Planning Committee, and was involved in the recent efforts to stop possible wreckage of nearby coastal waters by a proposed salmon fishery. She also volunteered at the local library and was a dedicated Meals on Wheels volunteer.

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SELECT BOARD

We, the Select Board, are pleased to provide this town report to accompany the financial reports for fiscal year 2024.

This has been a year of change, rebuilding, looking toward the future, and, sadly, a difficult goodbye.

First Selectman Dana Rice Sr., passed away April 9, 2025, after a brief illness, leaving his family, friends, fishermen near and far, and our town, bereft. Not only was Dana a significant presence on the Select Board, he was well respected in the fisheries industry throughout the state and beyond. When told of his passing, people universally said, "I really liked him. I'll miss him. He was one of a kind."

This annual report is dedicated to Dana.

One welcome change is that the officer in charge of our Police Department, James Malloy, will move to full time as Gouldsboro Police Chief at the beginning of July upon his retirement from the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Malloy has added one full-time and one part-time officer and is in the process of hiring one more full-timer, bringing our Police Department to full staff. We know this is a service the town values greatly.

There are changes in two other Public Safety departments as well. With the recent resignation of our former Fire/EMS Chief, staff is working to restructure the departments to make them more flexible and efficient. Our Assistant Fire Chief, Gary Greenlaw, is serving as Interim Fire Chief and Rachel Hudson is helping with the administration of EMS. A search is underway to replace these positions on a permanent basis, and in the meantime EMS services are continuing without interruption.

Our town manager, Josh McIntyre, has been with us more than one year and we could not be more pleased with his stewardship. He arrived in March 2024 at the height of the budget season and at a time when towns statewide were still grappling with the wreckage left by back-to-back January 2024 storms.

McIntyre puts in countless hours, drawing on the talents of our office staff, reassigning responsibilities, and attending to one challenge after another. He has been working as a part of a Schoodic regional group of

Sullivan, Sorrento, and Winter Harbor, where discussions are ongoing about how municipalities can combine efforts.

McIntyre also is participating in a statewide discussion on revamping the school funding formula to reflect property owners' capacity to pay. His letter explaining the challenge for Gouldsboro taxpayers whose property values have soared—with no leap in corresponding income—was included in testimony that was presented at the State Capitol.

For the first time in more than a decade, Gouldsboro will have a capital improvement budget, which was prepared by McIntyre and department heads and then reviewed by the Select Board and Budget Committee. This means we will be earmarking funds every year to pay for capital expenses in the future—everything from a new fire truck to paving roads and repairing culverts.

The new owners of the former Stinson sardine cannery offered the gift to the town of a swath of land that runs from the shore on one side to below the former company housing, which will enable us to provide parking for fishermen and the public. There is the potential, in the future, if the town so desires, to build a launch on the left-hand side of this new town property.

The Climate Resilience Committee applied for and received two \$50,000 grants to work with engineers, climate experts, and the community to make its harbors more resilient in the face of big storms. Leading this group is Bill Zoellick, who provides expert grant writing services at no cost to the town.

The Schoodic Food Pantry, a private, non-profit operated by Donna Harmon, continues to service a record number of area residents. Harmon and her tireless group of volunteers help those in need, a number that is continually growing.

And last, but not least—Schoodic Shines. This is an example of Gouldsboro at its best. Some 60 volunteers signed up to help clear litter and other debris from roadsides the month of April. The group collected a record number of bags of litter. It is truly heartening to see our residents take the time to volunteer to beautify the Schoodic Peninsula.

It is an honor to have been a part of these developments in Gouldsboro over the past year and to continue to serve all residents. Thank you.

TOWN MANAGER

As we reflect on the past year, I want to express my appreciation for the dedication and resilience of our town staff, elected officials, and residents. Gouldsboro continues to thrive due to the collective efforts of those who work tirelessly to serve the community.

This year, we have built upon past efforts to strengthen town operations, ensuring that essential services remain efficient and responsive to residents' needs. Brianna Mitchell was promoted to Town Clerk in June 2024 and she quickly stepped up and grew into the role. Her day-to-day management of the office has been critical. Rachel Hudson and Magen Merchant as our Deputy Clerks have provided exceptional service. My office is directly off the main lobby, and it is always gratifying to hear how residents enjoy their interaction with our friendly, knowledgeable, and helpful clerks. Rachel was also responsible for overseeing all election activity in a presidential election year and she excelled! Aleta Fusco has exerted heroic efforts to manage the town's financial operations with precision and care, and we appreciate her dedication. Pam Linscott's expertise in the assessing office remains invaluable as we maintain accurate tax data and property records. Pam's presence and knowledge was instrumental in retaining the services of RJD Appraisal for our assessing needs when they were recently cutting back on the towns they serve.

Mike Connors became the full-time employee Superintendent of Infrastructure at the end of April 2024 after several months as part-time. The position really is three roles: Code Enforcement Officer, Road Commissioner, and Manager of Town Property. Mike has tackled the job head-on and produced amazing results in a short time. His time and attention in 2024 were dominated by answering questions from residents trying to rebuild after the January storms. He passed the exams to be a certified CEO in September, and has strengthened our ability to oversee local development while ensuring compliance with town ordinances. Continued infrastructure investments, including road maintenance projects and stormwater management initiatives, have been key priorities. Marcia Messier joined us on a part-time basis in the Summer of 2024 to help clean up and maintain Jones Pond and we are excited to have her back this year.

Our Police Department experienced complete turnover in the last year, but we are on a positive trajectory thanks to Jim Malloy joining us late in the last fiscal year. Chief Malloy has been part-time but will become

full-time in July 2025. He has brought in one full-time and one part-time officer and is looking to add another full-timer to bring us to complete the department (along with K9 Kia). Our Fire Department is under the interim guidance of Gary Greenlaw while Schoodic EMS is temporarily helmed by Rachel Hudson as we search for a permanent EMS Director. The appreciation for our roster of EMTs and drivers cannot be overstated – they play an essential role to the well-being of our community, and we appreciate their dedication and care. As Harbormaster and Shellfish Warden, Mike Pinkham has been steady in administering the policies and ordinances enacted by the Select Board and town voters. He worked to get a new float into Prospect Harbor and played a key role in our interaction with FEMA over the last year.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers and community organizations who continue to make Gouldsboro a wonderful place to live and work. The Schoodic Community Fund made multiple donations to our Power Fund over the last year, and the Schoodic Food Pantry is an increasingly integral service to the area. The Coastal Resilience Committee, chaired by Bill Zoellick, has been doing some wonderful work in Corea and other harbors. Jackie Johnston has been invaluable as the point person in dealing with FEMA as we seek to reimbursement for municipal property damaged in the January 2024 storms. Jackie has handled the bulk of paperwork and interaction with FEMA staff that I simply could not have managed without her. Again, this Spring, I have been amazed at how much better the town looks after the efforts of the many volunteers for Schoodic Shines – thank you!

Finally, I want to note the passing of Dana Rice, Sr. He was a steady presence on the Select Board for nearly 30 years and as Harbormaster for even longer. Dana's knowledge and love of Gouldsboro was unsurpassed, and his absence is already dearly felt. It was an honor to be able to work with him in my first year, and I hope that the efforts of all town staff would make him proud.

My heartfelt thanks to the Select Board, many volunteers, and our dedicated staff for a successful year. We encourage residents to stay engaged with town matters. Your input and participation are critical as we navigate the opportunities and challenges ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,
Josh McIntyre, Town Manager
May 5, 2025

AWARD WINNING TOWN REPORTS!

2018 - 2019

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Gouldsboro*



*Annual Town Report
July 2018 - June 2019*

2ND PLACE

2019 - 2020

*Town of
GOULDSBORO*



THE FIRST BUTTLE'S STORE

Over 100 years of history and tradition. The first bottle's store in 1898 has been around ever since. A building of history and tradition. The first bottle's store in 1898 has been around ever since. A building of history and tradition. The first bottle's store in 1898 has been around ever since.

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1ST PLACE

2021 - 2022

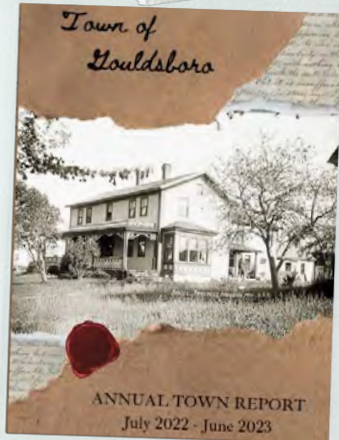


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3RD PLACE

2022 - 2023

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2ND PLACE

Town Officials + Boards

All elected terms of office expire as of the Town Meeting in the year stated.

SELECT BOARD

Robert Harmon, <i>Chair</i>	Term expires 2027
Danny Mitchell Jr., <i>Vice Chair</i>	Term expires 2027
Peter McKenzie	Term expires 2025
Jackie Weaver	Term expires 2025
<i>Vacant</i>	Term expires 2026

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Dwight Rodgers, <i>Chair</i>	Term expires 2025
Larry Peterson, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Term expires 2024
Arthur Higgins, <i>Secretary</i>	Term expires 2026
Jay Bricker	Term expires 2026
Raymond Jones	Term expires 2027
Tim Smith	Term expires 2026
Paul Stewart	Term expires 2025
Roger Dean	Term expires 2027
Brenda Young	Term expires 2025

Alternates: Yvonne Wilkinson, Vacant

PLANNING BOARD

Raymond Jones, <i>Chair</i>	Term expires 2025
Jeff Grant, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Term expires 2025
Deirdre McArdle, <i>Secretary</i>	Term expires 2026
Steven "Shepsi" Eaton	Term expires 2026
Arthur Higgins	Term expires 2027

Alternates: Deb Bisson, Jed West

Appointed + Elected Officials

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Dan McKay

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Zeb Pike, *Assessor*

Pamela Linscott, *Assistant*

BOARD OF APPEALS

Barbara Bateman

Dale Church

Kate McCloud

CIVIL EMERGENCY

PREPAREDNESS DIRECTOR

Jackie Johnston

COASTAL RESILIENCE

COMMITTEE

Bill Zoellick, *Chair*

Dwight Rodgers

Jonathan Renwick

Tim Fisher

Tom McKeag

CODE ENFORCEMENT

OFFICER

Michael Connors

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Vacant

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTORS

Brianna Mitchell

Magen Merchant

Rachel Hudson

E-911 COORDINATOR

Michael Connors

EMERGENCY PLAN

COORDINATOR

Jackie Johnston

EMS SERVICES

Rachel Hudson, *Interim*

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gary Greenlaw, *Acting Chief*

Brianna Mitchell, *Secretary*

FREEDOM OF ACCESS

Joshua McIntyre

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

ADMINISTRATOR

Brianna Mitchell

HANCOCK COUNTY

PLANNING COMMISSION

Raymond Jones

Deb Bisson

Deirdre McArdle, *Alternate*

HARBOR COMMITTEE

Michael Hunt

John Chipman Sr.

Ben Follette

Chris Urquhart

Jonathan Renwick

Patrick Presnell

Patrick Weaver

HARBORMASTER

Michael Pinkham

JONES POND CARETAKER

Marcia Messier

NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR

Brianna Mitchell
Magen Merchant, *Deputy*
Joshua McIntyre, *Editor*

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Millard Billings, *Interim*

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief James Malloy
Sargeant Wayne Robbins
Officer Taylor LeBlanc
Admin Asst. Brianna Mitchell

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Rachel Hudson
Mariela Church
Brittanie Smith

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Rachel Hudson
Brianna Mitchell, *Deputy*
Magen Merchant, *Deputy*

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Michael Connors

RSU #24 REPRESENTATIVE

Mary Cowperthwaite

SCHOODIC BYWAY COMMITTEE

Tom Towle

**SCHOODIC PENINSULA
BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

Roy Gott
Rhiannon Alley
Sandy Fortin
Mark Perka
Mike Summerer
Tom Towle

SHELLFISH COMMITTEE

Wayne Bishko
Allan B. Church
Allan N. Church
Michael Cronin
David Deniger

SHELLFISH WARDEN

Michael Pinkham

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Ray Jones, *Chair*
David Hottle
Jerry Kron
Annetje Meyer
Becky O'Keefe
Patrick Weaver
Stephanie Ingignoli

TOWN CLERK & DEPUTIES

Brianna Mitchell, *Town Clerk*
Magen Merchant, *Deputy*
Rachel Hudson, *Deputy*

**TOWN MANAGER,
TAX COLLECTOR,
DEPUTY TREASURER**

Joshua McIntyre

**TOWN REPORT
COORDINATOR**

Brianna Mitchell

TREASURER

Aleta Fusco

VETERANS' COMMITTEE

James Guest, *Chair*
Barbara Flaherty, *Secretary*

Town Clerk Statistics Report

Reporting numbers run from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

DOG LICENSES

Total Dogs Registered: 392

LIQUOR LICENSES

Renewal Permits Issued: 2

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

ATV Registrations: 110

Boat Registrations: 261

Documented Vessels: 62

Snowmobile Registrations: 21

REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTIES

Unenrolled: 554

Republican: 662

Green Independent: 69

Democrat: 458

Libertarian: 3

No Labels: 22

Total Registered Voters: 1,768

SHELLFISH LICENSES

Commercial Resident: 12

Commercial Non-Resident: 2

Commercial Senior: 1

Resident Recreational: 12

Non-Res Recreational: 0

Senior Recreational: 60

Junior Resident Recreational: 0

Junior Non- Resident Recreational: 0

One Week Non-Resident: 4

SPORTING LICENSES

Hunting & Fishing Licenses: 186

VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Registrations: 2,537

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Building permit applications are available at the Town Office or on our website at www.gouldsborotown.com. Here are just a few things for which you need a permit:

- Construction or alteration of any building or structure
- Demolition of a structure
- Buildings and structures moved into or within the Town of Gouldsboro – regardless of size

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Our Code Enforcement Officer is in and out of the office everyday Monday through Friday. Please give Mike Connors a call at (207) 546-0940 or email ceo@gouldsborotown.com with any questions.

CURBSIDE TRASH PICKUP

Every Thursday trash must be curbside by 7AM. Trash tags are required for pick up; a partial tag will NOT be accepted. Tags are \$1.25 each and available at Mc's Market, Young's Market and the Gouldsboro Town Office. DO NOT exceed 40lbs per bag. ****Garbage is always picked up on Thursday, even if it falls on a holiday.***

DOCUMENTED BOAT REGISTRATIONS

All boat registrations expire December 31st. The excise tax must be paid in the town where you live. To register a new boat, you will need to bring in the documentation with your information and the bill of sale. The bill of sale must include the hull identification number, year and make of the vessel, buyer/seller signature, purchase amount and date of sale. If this is a commercial lobster fishing vessel, bring in your tax-exempt certificate if applicable.

DOG REGISTRATIONS

The State of Maine requires that **all dogs** be registered every year in your town of residence when the dog is six months and older. New dog tags are available for purchase starting October 15th of each year. Dogs must be registered by December 31st. A state mandated late fee starts February 1st if you have yet to do so. You are required to bring in the current rabies vaccine certificate and the spay/neuter certificate if applicable. Non-neutered/spayed is \$11 and \$6 for neutered/spayed. The Town of Gouldsboro also participates in the on-line program where you can register your canines at https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl.

ELECTIONS

You can obtain an absentee ballot three ways: Order via website <https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>. Hand deliver or mail an absentee request form to the Town Office. Go to <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/upcoming/index.html> to print the form. Or, call the Town Office at (207) 963-5589 to request one. Voters may visit Maine.gov and not only order their absentee ballot but also track every aspect of their ballot's path. If you would like to be added to the volunteer list as an election clerk for our elections, please give us a call and let us know!

FIRE, POLICE, OR MEDICAL EMERGENCY: CALL 911

Give your name, location, 911 street address and type of emergency. If we cannot locate you, we cannot help you. If possible, station someone by the road to assist emergency personnel in finding you. Your assistance with this request will result in a quicker response to your emergency. For non-emergencies, please call the Hancock County Dispatchers at (207) 667-8866.

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

The Town Office provides genealogical research but requires an appointment be made to do so. Requested copies of vital records held here will be provided for a fee. Certified copies can be purchased for \$15 and will require you to provide correct documentation showing proof of relationship to persons listed on the vital record. There will be a fee associated if research takes longer than a half hour due to the time needed to research and locate such documents. Vital records are not to be publicly viewed.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Looking to inquire about General Assistance? General Assistance is a program that provides assistance for basic needs to those who are eligible and is not intended to be a continuing aid. This program is for a limited period of time and is a last resort program for those who have exhausted resources from community/state agencies. The application can be picked up here at the Town Office in person during business hours or on the Town website at www.gouldsborotown.com under the "office services" tab.

HOMESTEAD & VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Applications need to be turned into the Assessor's office by April 1st of each year to be applied to the next tax bill. Check our website for applications under the "Assessor" tab or grab one at the Town Office.

INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

The Town of Gouldsboro is a registered agent for the State of Maine Inland Fisheries & Wildlife. Here's how you can obtain the following:

- Hunting/Fishing licenses: First time hunters will need to show proof of completing the hunter's safety course to purchase a hunting license. Completion of courses for crossbow and archery will need to be shown as well if purchasing these licenses.
- Register a snowmobile or ATV: Please bring the bill of sale that includes the year, make and model, VIN/serial number, the buyer/seller signatures, date of sale and purchased amount.

MOORINGS

All individuals who have a salt water mooring(s) in Gouldsboro waters, are required to be permitted. This includes boats, jet skis, rafts, floats, etc. The Harbor Ordinance contains mooring regulations. If you would like to view this, please go to our website under the "Ordinances" tab. Please ensure you comply. For new and renewal moorings, you must submit a complete mooring application and pay the required fees.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

We are a full truck level agent for the State of Maine BMV. Here is what you need to register:



- New / used vehicle purchased at dealership: Monroney Label (window sticker), current proof of insurance, current mileage, bill of sale, and the certificate of title application.
- Purchased vehicle by private sale: current proof of insurance, bill of sale (dated and signed by seller), and the state title signed over by seller(s) to new buyer(s).
- Re-registering a vehicle: current proof of insurance (has to be valid on the date of registration), the most recent yellow registration of the vehicle and current mileage.
- Re-registering a vehicle that has never been registered in our town before? We **REQUIRE** a copy of the most recent registration, current proof of insurance and current mileage.

If you would like to renew your registration online using Rapid Renewal, go to <https://www1.maine.gov/online/bmv/rapid-renewal/>. You will need your current registration (data must be entered exactly as it shows on the registration), proof of insurance and current mileage on the vehicle.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline for submissions is the 21st of each month. Anything after this

date may or may not make it into the newsletter, depending on time and space. **Please submit all submissions to: bmitchell@gouldsborotown.com.**

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Select Board meetings are held every other Thursday at 5PM. The public is encouraged to attend. Minutes are posted on our website at www.gouldsborotown.com.

TAX BILLS

Tax bills are sent out *ONCE* a year with two coupons on the bottom; first half is due October 31st and the second half is due March 31st. Interest begins accruing November 1st and April 1st. If you pay after these dates, please call the Town Office for an updated amount. Please include any address changes with your payment! You can also pay your tax bill online with a card, keep in mind there is a 2.5% charge fee. This same fee is charged when payments are made in person with cards as well. <https://epayment.informe.org/payportonline/disclaimer/1502>.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Wednesday 8AM – 4PM, Tuesday 8AM – 5PM, Thursday 8AM – 6PM, Friday 8AM – 1PM.

TOWN OFFICE IS CLOSED ON THE LISTED HOLIDAYS

New Year’s Day	Labor Day
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Indigenous Peoples Day/Columbus Day
Presidents’ Day	Veterans’ Day
Patriots’ Day	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Thanksgiving Friday
Juneteenth Day	Christmas Day
Independence Day	

TOWN BUILDING RENTALS

The Prospect Harbor Women’s Club and the Gouldsboro Community Center are available for private functions for a fee. Insurance is required for rental. Our rental application with more information can be found on our website under the “Office Services” tab or can be picked up the Town Office.

VITAL RECORDS

We issue Birth, Death and Marriage certificates. Please call before coming in to help expedite the process. Proof of relationship and ID MUST be provided to obtain certificates.

Gouldsboro Transfer Station

**See the Transfer Station attendant
for load inspection and direction.**

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Appliances (see fee schedule)
- Tires (see fee schedule)
- Furniture
- Brush (punch card required)
- Metal
- Empty or dried paint cans

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ***CARDBOARD***
- Household rubbish
- Batteries
- Tree stumps
- TVs / Computers
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Household rubbish
- Special hazardous waste

The Town of Gouldsboro provides town wide curbside pickup for household rubbish on Thursday (must be curbside by 7AM.) Trash stickers can be purchased at the Town Office, Mc's Market and Young's Market.

*For these items, please prepay
at the Town Office during
regular business hours listed
below:*

**Monday + Wednesday
8AM – 4PM**

**Tuesday Thursday
8AM – 5PM 8AM – 6PM**

**Friday
8AM – 1PM**



LOCATION

56 WALTERS ROAD, GOULDSBORO, ME

HOURS OF OPERATION

FRIDAY	SUNDAY
12 – 4PM	10AM – 4PM

NO LARGE LOADS AFTER 3:30PM

The Transfer Station pass costs \$1 and will also need to purchase a punch card for \$25. Each trip taken to the transfer station will equal one punch on the card. Once you've finished a punch card, if you need to take more to the Transfer Station, you will need to visit the Town Office to purchase another punch card. You cannot enter the facility without the pass and punch card.

**THE ANNUAL PASS IS
REQUIRED ON YOUR VEHICLE
WINDSHIELD FOR USE OF
THIS FACILITY.**

FEE STRUCTURES

- | | |
|---------------------------|------|
| • Tires WITHOUT rim | \$5 |
| • Tires WITH rim | \$10 |
| • Truck tires WITHOUT rim | \$20 |
| • Truck tires WITH rim | \$40 |
| • Propane tanks | \$10 |
| • Freon units | \$20 |
- (Fridges, AC units, dehumidifiers, etc.)

CONTRACTOR LOADS - per load

***Pickup or small trailer**

- | | |
|--------------------------|------|
| • Construction debris | \$60 |
| • Clean wood/Scrap metal | \$40 |

Have questions? Call the Town Office at (207) 963-5589.

FAREWELL TO THESE GOULDSBORO RESIDENTS

(Deaths reporting from July 2023 – June 2024)

EVA NEWENHAM – 95 – JULY 7

BRIAN MCAULIFFE – 56 – AUGUST 2

ETHAN TAYLOR – 32 – AUGUST 6

CHRIS BAGLEY – 57 – SEPTEMBER 14

MICHAEL DARIS – 61 – SEPTEMBER 19

STEPHEN STODDARD – 59 – SEPTEMBER 19

EARLE COWPERTHWAITTE – 69 – OCTOBER 21

KENNETH KELLY – 92 – NOVEMBER 29

TRAVISSE STANLEY – 60 – DECEMBER 2

BESSIE SNYDER – 88 – DECEMBER 3

RONDA SAUL – 74 – DECEMBER 9

FREDERIC COOK – 85 – DECEMBER 25

NANCY ARONSON – 89 – JANUARY 6

ROBERTA DRAKE – 80 – FEBRUARY 6

VILLE KIISKINEN – 74 – MARCH 2

JOHN FOURNIER – 82 – MARCH 5

LORRAINE DIMARCO – 66 – MARCH 21

LORI READ – 61 – MARCH 22

PRISCILLA CONLEY – 73 – APRIL 1

HOLLY DUESENBERRY – 71 – APRIL 5

JOHN BERKEY – 78 – MAY 6

BETTY LOUISE SAWYER – 87 – MAY 13

MORNA BRIGGS – 100 – MAY 30

CRAIG ROBINSON – 67 – JUNE 27

MARRIAGES

BERKELEY BARON + MICHELLE SEAVEY

CALEB BUTEAU + ISABEL CHIPMAN

LUCAS POTTER-HARMON + EMILY YOUNG

CLARENCE HARDWICK + SANDRA ROWE

ROBERT DRISCOLL + SHAYNA ST. PETER

BIRTHS



THERE WERE **5** NEW BABIES BORN
TO RESIDENTS OF GOULDSBORO!

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

April 1st is the day property taxes are assessed every year. Property is assessed to the owner of record and new construction projects are assessed annually by the percent of completion as of April 1st. Tax maps are updated as of April 1st as well.

Applications for tax exemptions (Homestead, Veterans, etc.) and current use programs (tree growth, etc.) must be filed with the Assessor on or before April 1st.

The total valuation was increased by over \$3.5+ million dollars and I would anticipate a similar trend going forward.

The last revaluation occurred in 2006. It is time to consider the cost of updating cost files. What's needed is at least an inspection of three years' worth of sales to produce a sales survey, and the manpower to visit and review each property.

I would recommend reaching out to RJD Appraisal to get an idea of the cost of that overall project and to set aside $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ of that amount each year to pay for it.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Town for 3 years. I feel we are in a much better place from an assessing standpoint than when I arrived in the Fall of 2021. The Assessor's Assistant, Pam Linscott, has come up to speed very quickly and has been a huge asset.

Please call in advance to make an appointment with the Tax Assessor. The Tax Assessor's Assistant is in the office Tuesday and Wednesday 8AM – 4PM.

Respectfully,
Everette "Zeb" Pike, CMA

Tax Year Rates

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>MIL RATE / \$1,000</i>	<i>COUNTY TAX</i>	<i>LOCAL EDUCATION APPROP.</i>	<i>MUNICIPAL APPROP.</i>
2024/2025	\$14.40	\$269,014	\$4,002,022	\$3,198,399
2023/2024	\$13.92	\$230,655	\$3,785,239	\$2,992,393
2022/2023	\$12.25	\$218,229	\$3,534,280	\$2,530,499
2021/2022	\$10.25	\$209,373	\$3,053,003	\$1,955,239
2020/2021	\$10.45	\$200,865	\$3,106,676	\$1,835,535
2019/2020	\$10.15	\$187,498	\$3,000,425	\$1,759,949
2018/2019	\$9.20	\$178,728	\$2,845,165	\$1,523,738
2017/2018	\$8.90	\$176,968	\$2,825,248	\$1,427,799
2016/2017	\$8.74	\$170,920	\$2,793,939	\$1,422,263
2015/2016	\$8.45	\$164,987	\$2,720,187	\$1,425,073
2014/2015	\$8.30	\$158,309	\$2,487,531	\$1,525,774
2013/2014	\$7.95	\$158,061	\$2,401,980	\$1,317,731
2012/2013	\$7.95	\$163,668	\$2,295,091	\$1,332,280
2011/2012	\$7.95	\$160,494	\$2,278,560	\$1,319,862
2010/2011	\$7.95	\$161,828	\$2,203,963	\$1,342,430
2009/2010	\$8.00	\$157,632	\$2,015,051	\$1,624,312
2008/2009	\$7.40	\$168,599	\$2,152,467	\$1,278,833
2007/2008	\$7.60	\$167,104	\$2,141,589	\$1,149,159
2006/2007	\$7.60	\$156,723	\$2,241,588	\$1,100,960
2005/2006	\$11.00	\$143,595	\$2,115,958	\$1,067,841
2004/2005	\$13.20	\$138,381	\$1,851,127	\$950,983
2003/2004	\$16.20	\$137,712	\$1,904,126	\$954,212
2002/2003	\$15.50	\$118,648	\$1,775,664	\$924,408
2001/2002	\$15.61	\$90,526	\$1,640,234	\$913,208
2000/2001	\$13.72	\$79,376	\$1,455,124	\$841,071
1999/2000	\$13.72	\$76,531	\$1,439,624	\$741,423
1998/1999	\$13.82	\$76,767	\$1,364,472	\$653,777
1997/1998	\$12.94	\$76,593	\$1,328,426	\$699,846
1996/1997	\$13.14	\$71,483	\$1,166,945	\$689,933

Reserve Account Balances

As of June 30, 2024

AMBULANCE	\$35,571
BUILDINGS + GROUNDS	\$64,643
COMMUNITY CEMETERY	\$2,774
EMS	\$220,227
FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$105,809
FOREST FIRE / CIVIL EMERGENCY	\$12,544
HARBOR	\$44,308
JONES POND	\$23,729
LAND PURCHASE	\$40,353
LEGAL	\$86,087
PAVING	\$70,268
POLICE CRUISER	\$48,763
PUBLIC WORKS	\$24,502
RECREATION	\$5,697
SHELLFISH	\$12,450
TRANSFER STATION	\$62,924

TOTAL RESERVE BALANCES = \$860,649

2023 UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES

<u>Acct#</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
1123	Area Properties, LLC	\$12,755.94
97	Barclay, John & Michelle	\$1,333.75
98	Barclay, John & Michelle	\$1,346.78
1486	Bishop, Donald & Amy	\$1,606.37
198	Bradstreet, Arvid	\$1,147.86
268	Burge, Leola & Eugene	\$1,025.95
782	Chipman, Zachary	\$600.11
2791	Chipman, Zachary	\$158.75
401	Cole, Peter & Crabtree, Paula	\$3,888.75
267	Crocker, Kim A.	\$263.91
331	Desjardins, Cher	\$294.30
429	Duston, Heidi	\$2,279.15
175	Duston, Seth & Heidi	\$1,403.63
30	Greene, Julie A. & Alton P.	\$2,027.07
2825	Greene, Julie A.	\$297.54
2574	Hayward, James & Katrina	\$909.03
1863	Hibbard, Marleine Jean	\$2,831.87
2833	Jordan, Stephen & Cole, Jacquelyn	\$157.92
1961	JREA, LLC	\$1,799.38
914	King, Elijah Everrett	\$995.84
1189	Koenig, Kenneth & Lisa	\$63.59
2839	Moore, Anthony	\$188.81
1225	Morse, Lewis & Lois	\$271.51
2925	Poirer, Michael G.	\$1,444.73
2285	Red Knights Motorcycle Club Ch. 3	\$1,586.40
2493	Reed, Adin S. III & Valencia M.	\$131.80
1442	Rolfe, Scott & Beth	\$735.47
2907	Sebastian, Scott	\$363.75
2526	Stanley, Lisa	\$171.74
1697	Strater, Lillian – Devisee	\$2,303.73
1698	Strater, Lillian – Devisee	\$7,615.23
2389	Walker, Misty	\$540.38
787	Weiss, Sally	\$79.92
2961	Whynott, Daniel & Jacobs, Page	\$749.28
2025	Young, Bonnie J.	\$598.76
2035	Young, Bonnie J.	\$2,250.98
2042	Young, Ida May	\$2,383.06
2802	Young, Morris G. & Morse, Angela L.	\$396.00
Totals as of 05/01/2025	Balance Due	\$58,999.04

2023 THIRD PARTY REQUESTS

American Red Cross

Community Health + Counseling Services

Downeast Community Partners

Downeast Transportation, Inc

Eastern Area Agency on Aging

Ellsworth Free Medical Clinic

Ellsworth Public Library

Ellsworth YMCA

Emmaus Homeless Shelter

Families First Community Center

Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County

The LifeFlight Foundation

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

Maine Public

Narraguagus American Legion

Northern Light Home Care & Hospice Foundation

Schoodic National Scenic Byway

WIC Nutrition Program

TOWN INFRASTRUCTURE

During the FY July 2023 – June 2024, the Code Enforcement office continued to enforce and help educate residents and contractors about our town ordinances. Permits are required for several things including new house structures, sheds, home additions, shoreline stabilization and more.

If you would like to view our town ordinances, they are listed on our website at <https://www.gouldsborotown.com/ordinances/>. Some of these include Land Use Ordinance, Shoreland Ordinance, Floodplain Ordinance and many more. These may come in handy if you are looking to build a house, and even put in a septic system.

We were able to accomplish many things and here are a few to list:

TOWN INFRASTRUCTURE/PROPERTY

- Following the January 2024 storms, immediate repairs were completed to damaged areas of town roadways. The most significant damage was in the Village of Corea.
- A team met with FEMA staff to determine the best road repair strategies and mitigation efforts to minimize damage from future storms.

ROADS

- Roads were posted from March 1st – April 6th.
- 11 culverts were replaced on Gouldsboro Point Road.
- In May, the Gouldsboro Point Road was paved from Redding Road to where it transitions to a dirt road.
- A roadside mowing bid was accepted and completed by Bosley's Outdoor Services.
- Town roads were then swept in June 2024.

Below are permits issued during July 2023 – June 2024:

19 new homes / camps, 6 garage permits, 4 home additions, 5 deck/porches, 16 sheds and 32 Other*.

**Other includes such things as floodplain, land use, shoreland stabilization, permits issued by the Planning Board, demolition, driveways and signs.*

I am honored to keep serving the residents of Gouldsboro.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Connors
Superintendent of Town Infrastructure

GOULDSBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Another year has passed and we are staying busy! On behalf of the men and women of the Gouldsboro Fire Department, I am happy to write this year's report. During July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, we were called to service 228 fire calls. These calls included fire alarms, structure fires, MV accidents, mutual aid response throughout Hancock and Washington Counties, grass fires and more. Our department has been fortunate to maintain and gain firefighters to continue 24/7/365 services to our community.

The storm season brought several weather events that caused heavy winds and an immense amount of rain falls causing significant flooding. Our crews were out tirelessly through the days and nights, cleaning up downed trees in roadways, being available for service, and offering help where it was needed to local fishermen as they were largely affected by these storms. We worked closely with town departments, Emergency Management and the Police Departments to be sure our citizens stayed safe and were provided with a proper emergency shelter, when needed.

We continued trainings throughout the year to improve our skills and knowledge. Some trainings consisted of ladders, pumps, proper use of fire hoses, and much more. Department members also attended a joint training with EMS for a table top training regarding Mass Casualty Incidents.

If you don't currently have a house number visible roadside, please post one. This makes it easier for our department members and rescue services to easily locate your emergency. If you have a mailbox roadside, it is important to mark both sides with your house number. This will help alleviate time members may need to take to find your correct location.

Thank you to all our department members and families who continuously make time to make our community safe! I would also like to give a special thanks to our residents, the Town Manager & Office Staff, the Select Board, Gouldsboro Police Department, Emergency Management Director Jackie Johnston, and Winter Harbor Police & Fire Departments. We couldn't do it without you!

Best wishes,
Brianna L. Mitchell, Secretary & Treasurer

During this fiscal year, Schoodic EMS responded to 417 calls of service, providing critical medical assistance to the communities of Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor.



We at Schoodic EMS are truly grateful for your continued support. Without the backing of our residents and local support, our ability to respond to medical emergencies and serve our communities would not be possible. Your support enables us to maintain and improve the quality of care you all deserve.

This year brought significant changes. We experienced a slight increase in call volume, coupled with a major setback when one of our ambulances – along with valuable supplies and equipment – was lost in a fire while undergoing maintenance at a mechanic's shop. Despite the circumstance, our team continued to respond without interruption, utilizing our second ambulance and a rented ambulance. Thanks to insurance coverage, we were able to purchase a brand-new ambulance and a new Stryker Power Load System, allowing us to continue operating at full capacity.

Our dedicated staff continues to participate in monthly training to strengthen their skills. These trainings cover a wide range of topics, including advanced life support techniques, trauma response, CPR, medical protocols, and much more. A majority of our staff are now certified EMTs.

On behalf of the Schoodic EMS team, a heartfelt thank you goes out to all of our members, whose time, dedication, and quick response ensure that our communities receive timely and professional emergency medical services when the need arises. We extend our sincere thanks to the Select Boards, Town Managers, and office staff of Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor, as well as the Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor Police and Fire Departments, for their ongoing support and collaboration.

**Sincerely,
Schoodic EMS Team**

GOULDSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

It is with great pleasure that I present this year's annual report for the Gouldsboro Police Department. When the former Police, Chief Patrick McNulty, stepped down, the Town began its search for a new police chief. I felt a strong sense of duty to step forward and give back to the community that has given me so much. Thank you, Chief Patrick McNulty, for your dedicated service to Gouldsboro.

For a period, I have stepped up to fill in as part-time Officer in Charge to help maintain stability within the department. As we prepare for the upcoming fiscal year, I am proud to announce that I will be serving as the full-time Police Chief. Thanks to the Select Board and the Town Manager for giving me this opportunity.

I first began my law enforcement career with the Gouldsboro Police Department in 2002. After leaving in 2012, I served for several years as a Deputy under Barry Curtis and was promoted to Sargeant, leading a five-man section with the Washington County Sherriff's Office. Now having returned to where it all began. I look forward to serving the residents of Gouldsboro for the remainder of my career.



In addition, I pursued a goal of becoming a K9 handler. I work alongside my partner, a highly trained German Shephard. K9 Kia is a dual-purpose canine, fully certified in narcotics detection, tracking, and Patrol. One of her favorite assignments is visiting the students and staff at local schools.

The past few years have presented challenges, especially in staffing. Like many departments, we experienced turnover and the difficulty of recruiting officers. I have successfully hired two well-qualified officers along with retaining an Administrative Assistant to help with records management, Concealed Weapons permits, records disposition, etc.

Our Current Police Department Roster

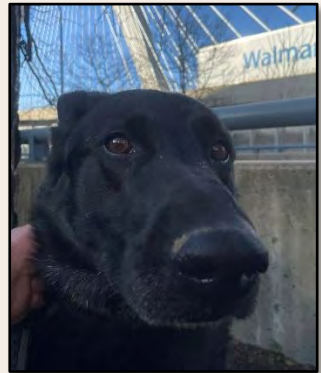
- Chief James Malloy & K9 Kia
- Sargeant Wayne Robbins
- Officer Taylor LeBlanc
- Administrative Assistant Brianna Mitchell

Sargeant Robbins brings over 11 years of experience in law enforcement. He previously served for the Towns of Milbridge and Machias Police Departments, as well as the Washington County Sherriff's Office. In addition to his role in our department, Wayne is a Staff Sargeant in the Maine National Guard, where he has served for more than 15 years.

Officer Taylor LeBlanc works part-time for our department while also holding a full-time position as a Deputy with the Washington County Sherriff's Office. LeBlanc graduated the 44th BLETP class at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in 2023 and looks forward to building his career in law enforcement.

As we prioritize safety, we also place a strong emphasis on fostering positive relationships within the community. We find ourselves working efficiently and effectively through our everyday interactions with you. Our department goals are to serve and protect the people of Gouldsboro with honor, respect and with professionalism. One of our important goals is to help guide young individuals who are interested in seeking careers in law enforcement.

We are proud to continue our close relationships with the Winter Harbor Police Department, Washington County & Hancock County Sherriff Departments, Maine State Police, Maine Marine Patrol, and the Maine State Game Warden Service.



With change, we launched a new Facebook page. This page will be for informational use to keep the community up to date and post positivity. Visit www.facebook.com/gouldsboropd.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the residents of Gouldsboro for your continuing support. Your trust and partnership have been invaluable in helping us maintain a safe and secure community. Your support not only strengthens our efforts but also ensures that we can deliver the highest level of service to every individual and family.

Respectfully,
Chief James Malloy



Gouldsboro Police Department

Law Total Incident Report, by Nature of Incident

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
911 Call	70
Abandoned Vehicle	6
Assist Law Enforcement	22
Assist Other	12
Alarm	21
Animal Problem	41
Assault	1
Complaints with ATV's	1
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION-APPLI	3
Non-sufficient Funds Check	1
Burglary	1
Check well being	19
Citizen Requested Assistance	11
Neighborhood Dispute	1
Civilian Ride-Along	1
Civil Problem	5
Court Activity	2
Concealed Weapons Permit	16
Directed Patrol	8
Disabled/Stranded Motorist	4
Disorderly Conduct	7
Domestic Call	6
Drug Intelligence Information	1
Drug Take back	1
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	3
Escort	2
Fire	1
Odor Investigaion gas etc.	1
Found Property	2
Fraud	7
Shots Fire, Shots Heard	3
In Person/phone/text/internet	10
Information Report	49
Juvenile Problem	4
GBPD Complaints Only	7
Keep the peace	6
Littering/Illegal Dumping	2
Lost Property	1
Incident Made in Error	2
Medical Emergency	6
Person with Mental Illness	5
Missing Person ALL	4
Motor Vehicle Complaint	31
Noise Complaint	1

Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
All Court Paperwork	32
Parking Violation/Obstructing	3
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	31
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	5
Property Damage, Non Vandalism	3
Public Relations - Talk or Lec	1
Records Check	5
Property/Buisness Check	142
Registration of Sex Offender	1
Rape/Statutory Rape/Sex Assaul	3
Any Special Detail	11
Storm Detail	1
Suspicious Person/Veh/Incident	19
Theft	7
Threatening	2
Traffic Control	1
Road Hazards (Sign/Signal/Debr	11
Traffic Violation	1
Trespassing	7
Unattended Death	3
Criminal Mischief/Damage	3
Vehicle off road	6
Bail Violation	2
Violation of Protection Order	1
Warrant Arrest	5
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Total reported: 714	
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Report Includes:
All dates between '00:00:00 07/01/23' and '23:59:59 06/30/24', All agencies matching 'GBPD', All natures, All locations, All responsible officers, All dispositions, All clearance codes, All observed offenses, All reported offenses, All offense codes, All circumstance codes

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

During this town report period ending in June 2024, your Emergency Management Team (EMT), which brings together our Town Manager, Fire, Police, Emergency Medical Services, Infrastructure Officer, and Emergency Management Director (EMD), continued to address emergent situations impacting large segments of the community. There was great focus on responding to storms and the subsequent recovery, with the latter part of the reporting period spent on preparedness and prevention. Each of those components of emergency management was frequently accomplished with partners on and off the peninsula.

Recovery and mitigation: The mid-January 2024 storm resulted in a federal disaster declaration for specific Maine coastal counties which provided the opportunity to seek available federal disaster funding. Our EMT partnered with FEMA and MEMA staff to identify those municipal infrastructure assets which required repair and to develop possible mitigation actions to lessen impacts of future storms. For example, one significant targeted area was the potential for full repair and modest elevation of Crowley Island Road as a near-term interim measure while our community's Coastal Resilience Committee's broad range of work included alternatives for potential longer-term solutions.

Preparedness and prevention: Members of the EMT and other municipal staff participated in discussion-based exercise scenarios facilitated by Hancock County Emergency Management Agency to prepare for possible emergency events such as response roles and responsibilities following a violent incident at the Schoodic Campground, and a review of potential issues that may arise during the annual Winter Harbor Lobster boat races. Additionally, the team convened with all stakeholders to review the notification and response plans relating to an emergency incident of the West Bay (Guzzle) dam. These training opportunities included relevant law enforcement, fire, EMS, and other federal, state and municipal

representatives who would normally be pulled into such events.

Our EMT identified several facilities in the community that are key parts of Gouldsboro's critical infrastructure should significant power outages occur. These included present and potential areas for citizens to shelter, municipal emergency dispatch and communications sites, and businesses that provide food/fuel/and typical supplies so necessary during power outages. Versant will use this list as a guide to establishing priority restorations.

Our Lifeline Center team expanded to include Donna Harmon, and Donna and Bob Bernabeo. This team began working on consolidating, updating and identifying additional needed assets in the recreation center related to emergency management events. It also set a target in the new year of acquiring internet access at the Center and alternate means of maintaining emergency communications.

Each EMT town report submission repeats this important information: The Town of Gouldsboro website includes telephone numbers to call for assistance. When in the midst or aftermath of a significant weather or other event, the site indicates if our daytime Lifeline Center has been activated. It also includes a reminder that calling 211 will inform you of all open assistance centers, including those which accommodate overnight stays, in the region. That said, if your life or property is in imminent danger, please dial 911. You are not alone when the community is enduring an extreme event. We are here for you.



Best Regards,

Jackie Johnston
Emergency Management Director

COASTAL RESILIENCE



Crowley Island Causeway at 10:16AM on January 10, 2024. (photo: Brett Ciccotelli)

Gouldsboro joined Maine's Community Resilience Partnership (CRP) program in September 2023. Joining the CRP expanded Gouldsboro's access to state funding that it can use to address sea-level rise, more powerful storms, and other impacts connected to Maine's changing climate. The town created its Coastal Resilience Committee to serve as the liaison between Gouldsboro and the numerous state funding opportunities. The Select Board has appointed Brett Binns, Tim Fisher, Tom McKeag, John Renwick, Dwight Rodgers, Cynthia Thayer, and Bill Zoellick to the committee. Bill serves as its chairman.

Joining the CRP was the culmination of several years of work by the town and its residents. In early 2021, Gouldsboro residents and town staff worked together in an informal collaboration called "Gouldsboro Shore" to identify where Gouldsboro is most vulnerable to climate impacts and begin addressing those vulnerabilities. The Gouldsboro Shore volunteers teamed up with town officials and staff to submit a proposal to the Maine Coastal Program for funds to support that work.

On June 9, 2021, Gouldsboro saw what climate vulnerabilities look like. A violent thunderstorm dropped more than six inches of rain on the Schoodic Peninsula. The storm's sudden, violent runoff took out the culverts and road between Prospect Harbor and Birch Harbor. Getting from Prospect Harbor to Birch Harbor expanded from just a few minutes to 30 minutes or more.

Two days later, on June 11, 2021, the town and its Gouldsboro Shore team learned that the Maine Coastal Program would fund its proposal. Any doubts about the importance of this work were gone. What followed was more than a year of collaboration by volunteers, town staff, and environmental scientists at Environmental Associates, culminating in Gouldsboro's ***Vulnerability Assessment and Action***

Plan in October 2022. Residents met in May 2023 at Peninsula School to dig into the plan and add their knowledge and perspectives. You can find a link to the plan on the home page of Gouldsboro Shore (www.gouldsboroshore.me) website.

Knowing where Gouldsboro and its residents are most vulnerable to climate-related damage and danger is tremendously valuable because it helps the town focus its resources. But that is just the first step. The town also needs to find financial support beyond the town budget to undertake the engineering and construction work required to implement the plan. That is why Gouldsboro joined the CRP and created the Coastal Resilience Committee, transforming Gouldsboro Shore's fundraising and project management activities into part of the town's governance structure. The Gouldsboro Shore website (www.gouldsboroshore.me) continues to be how the town keeps residents updated on its activities along its coast.

During the final months of 2023 and early 2024, the Coastal Resilience Committee prepared three proposals seeking funds to hire environmental and engineering expertise to:

1. Develop and analyze alternatives to the current **Corea Road infrastructure at Sand Cove** that would be more resilient and less prone to damage or closure caused by expected sea level rise and more frequent and severe storms and storm surges. Loss of the road at this point would cut Corea off from emergency services.
2. Develop and analyze alternatives to the current road structures at the **Crowley Island causeway** and at the intersection of **Corea Road, Cranberry Point Road, and Francis Pound Road**. Both areas were damaged and impassable during the January 2024 storms.
3. Bring residents and stakeholders together to plan for sea level rise and storm impacts on working waterfront infrastructure in **Prospect Harbor, Bunkers Harbor, and South Gouldsboro**.

After the close of the town's fiscal year at the end of June 2024, it received notice that the state would fund the second and third proposals. Work on both projects is now underway. For more information, see the Gouldsboro Shore website.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Zoellick, *Chairman*
Coastal Resilience Committee

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

Gouldsboro's Comprehensive Plan Committee has been working diligently to finalize the plan with the help of the Hancock County Planning Commission and the town's board members. The Comprehensive Plan helps guide official town policies towards land use and growth and is an integral part of helping the town find and plan for economic development, sustainability and quality of life for all residents.

While the vision statement from last year's annual report remains the same, we have revised it slightly to better reflect concerns of community members. Communities that adopt comprehensive plans can take advantage of certain state initiatives such as grants and funding opportunities. Once the committee was formed in early 2021, previous town goals from 2005 were reviewed, inventory & analysis was completed and a public survey was sent to residents. Public outreach events were organized as well as one on one conversations with key community stakeholders and town employees. Data and public comments were then compiled to create goals for each chapter within the plan to guide the town to achieve the community vision as follows:

Gouldsboro seeks to create and maintain a vibrant, sustainable and connected community that celebrates our working waterfront, rural heritage and history, protects and conserves our valuable natural resources, and provides a high quality of life for people of all ages and backgrounds.

Gouldsboro will also continue to develop its own character. Defined by its citizens, history, geography and natural resources. Fending off inappropriate development, while encouraging the kind of development that is consistent with what the residents value, will be one of our major challenges in the next decade. Affordable housing needs to be at the forefront to allow our community to grow at an acceptable pace.

Gouldsboro will continue to assess its vulnerability to climate change, implement appropriate adaption strategies, and collaborate with surrounding communities to strengthen regional adaptation efforts.

Deb Bisson, Chair, and Jim Guest, Vice-Chair, would like to thank all of our committee members both past and present for all of their dedication and continued support to see the plan come to completion. We appreciate you all.

Committee members: Marriane Urquhart, John Korth, Paul Stewart, Colt Neidhart, Holly Duesenberry, Lily Strater, Sandy Gerlock, Barbara Bowen.

HARBOR COMMITTEE

This report is for period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. The Harbor Committee worked together making updates to the current Harbor Ordinance. When drafting a new ordinance, it is a work in progress for a period of time. We will continue making updates as needed.

I submitted all the paperwork to DEP, DMR, IF&W and worked with Submerged Lands to get a permit to replace 10 old planks on the boat ramp in South Gouldsboro along with 6 new planks to extend the ramp.



Throughout the year, I worked with a Town Team to address the storm damage from our two winter storms. The Committee met with FEMA to present the damage sustained by the Town Pier Parking Lot. We submitted paperwork showing expenses that were incurred in temporary repairs. I got estimates for repairs to bring the damage back to pre-storm condition. There were weekly phone calls with FEMA to find out other information needed and answer questions they had.

The Town has a Harbor Ordinance that authorizes the Town to charge a fee for the privilege of placing a mooring in the waters of Gouldsboro.

As I continue to work on identifying all moorings in Town, there are still some folks who have not paid their mooring fee(s). If the Town didn't have a Harbor Ordinance every boat in Town would have to get a mooring permit from Army Corp of Engineers.

I have ordered a new float that will be attached to the Prospect Harbor Town Pier in the Spring. There is still work to be done in both maintaining and improving the Harbor Infrastructure.

Respectfully,
Michael A. Pinkham, *Harbormaster*

PLANNING BOARD

As reported in last year's town report, finfish aqua farming maintained major attention during the beginning of this year. Fortunately, the proposed project went into bankruptcy and was sold and the board was able to write a clause in the Land Use Ordinance restricting finfish farming to a family size operation. With the sale of the property to a non-fishing application, a special town meeting changed the property to general development, allowing multi-use of the property. The Planning Board also approved various site plan applications including a new radio tower on Route One for 97.7 FM station.

SOLID WASTE

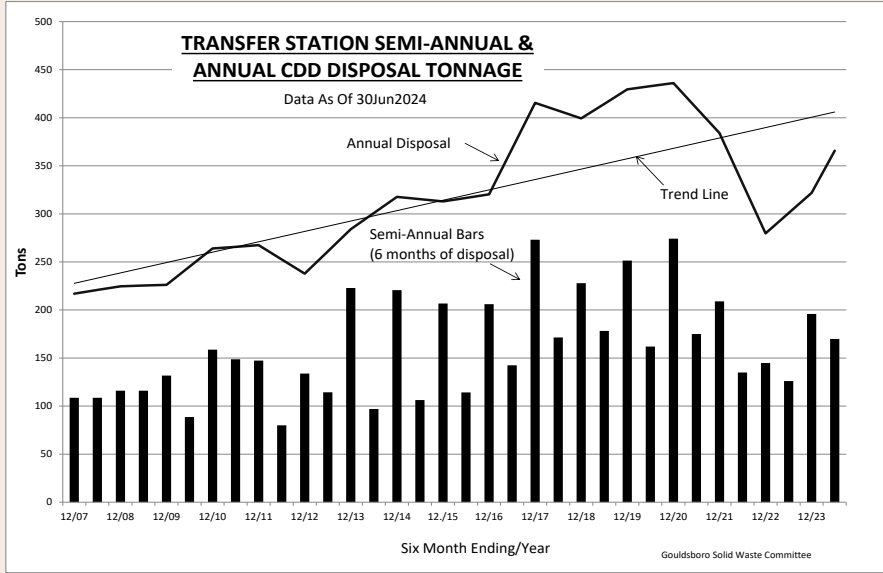
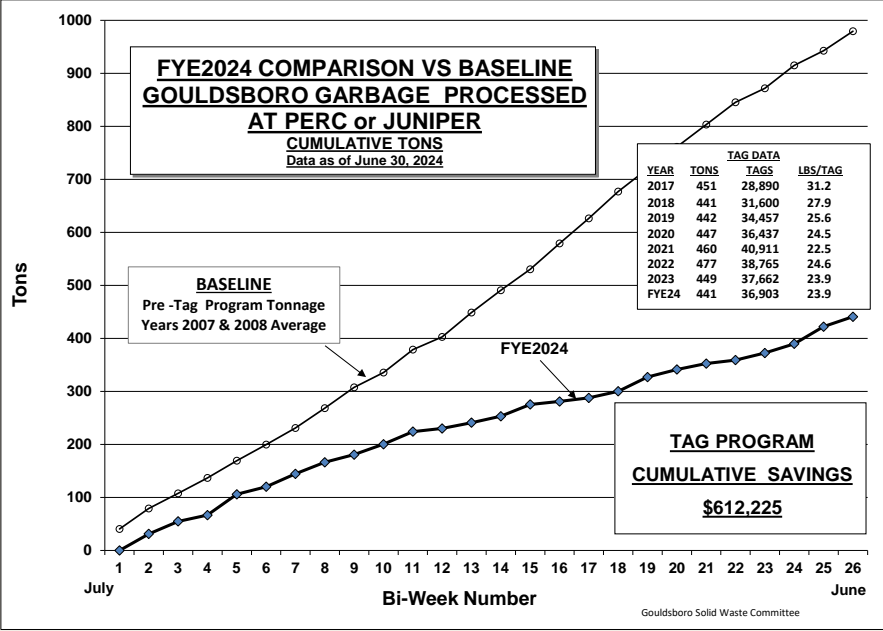
April has been declared as the annual clean-up month. This year, we along with many more volunteers, gathered more material from the shores and islands. We appreciate all the help that is put into making our community clean!

Schoodic Shines and the Town of Gouldsboro thank over 30 Sumner High School students that participated in the "Storm Cleanup" in the villages of Wonsqueak, Bunkers Harbor, Prospect Harbor, Corea and other areas along our shoreline. Working together, Schoodic Shines!

We implemented a better way of moving cardboard thru the waste stream with bundling of dry cardboard in clear plastic bags, leaving curbside every Thursday (without a green tag). This helps reduce the amount of wet cardboard that goes through the Transfer Station. Every effort from each of us helps keep Gouldsboro green and clean!

For the report of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, our garbage waste totaled 441 tons, our Transfer Station waste totaled 366 tons, we employed 36,903 green trash sticker tags for roadside pickup and our weight per tag remains constant at 23.9 pounds per tag. The tag program continues to provide the Town tax dollar savings now totaling \$612,225 netted over the 16-year span in operation.

Users paid \$46,128 for garbage disposal this fiscal year. The Transfer Station had \$32,159 in punch cards, plus the vehicle pass revenue which is set aside and added to the balance in a reserve account for planned maintenance and capital improvements. More than 600 residents have used the Transfer Station this past year.



RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee has had another great year! This report covers the time period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

We started the year off with Soccer for our Peninsula Bulldogs. Soccer is offered for the ages of PreK- 5th grade. A huge Thank you to our coaches this year, Brittanie Smith, Jon Smith, and Sasha Alsop!



In October, we hosted a Trunk or Treat at the Gouldsboro Community Center! We had a great turn out, and can't wait to do another one this coming year! Congratulations to SERC, the "Leap Frog" trunk was judged by the community as best trunk. They won a

\$25 Pickled Wrinkle gift card!

Basketball started for the season in November, for ages PreK-5th grade. The Gouldsboro Recreation Committee, as well as surrounding committees, met and decided to keep our games within the RSU 24 for the basketball season. Our teams played Hancock, Mountain View, and Cave Hill. It was a great basketball season! A huge Thank you to our coaches, Brittanie and Jon Smith.



Cheering also happened for our Mini Bulldogs as a winter rec. sport! Robin Faulkingham coached our PreK-2nd grade Peninsula Bulldogs! They even participated at the Showcase that was held at Sumner in February of 2024. Great job, Mini

Bulldogs!! Thank you, Robin and Carrie Faulkingham for coaching!

In December, we hosted a Christmas Movie night. We had about 20 people in attendance. We had Popcorn and Hot Chocolate, and enjoyed the movie “Elf” at the Gouldsboro Community Center.



At the end of Basketball season, in February of 2024, we hosted a Family vs Bulldogs Basketball game to end the season! Watching the growth of the athletes, and the amount of fun playing their families was a fun time had by all! Thank you to everyone who

participated! We already have a request for another one to happen this season!! Way to go, Bulldogs!

Sunrise Little League T-Ball, Baseball, and Softball took place in the Spring of 2024. Our field at the Recreation Center was used for practices, as well as games. It is so nice to see our facility and field being used again!

We ended our year with a Sports Banquet for all sports in May of 2024. We decided to do Ice Cream Sundaes! Each athlete brought their favorite gummy candy, and we made the viral Gummy Salad as well! Each player received a medal, and certificate, as well as some of their famous Gummy Salad! We are proud of each and every Bulldog for their accomplishments this year!



We are always taking suggestions for events in town, so if you'd like to see a special event, let us know! We have some fun events planned for this coming year, and can't wait to see what this new year will bring!

Rachel Hudson
Gouldsboro Recreation Committee

SCHOODIC PENINSULA BROADBAND

The Schoodic Peninsula Broadband Committee (SPBC) was formed in early 2022 to facilitate the development of a Schoodic Peninsula-wide broadband internet network, leveraging the then upcoming rounds of funding for such projects. The committee gathered survey data from residents and businesses of both Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor and then researched options for broadband, including working with incumbent providers and developing a community-owned/operated, open-access, dark-fiber network like what has been built and successfully operated in Washington County - the Downeast Broadband Utility (DBU).

Over the course of a number of community outreach events in 2023, the communities demonstrated a strong interest in replicating the DBU model which offered local control over the network and improvements to it, alongside being an eventual revenue source for the towns. The committee submitted an RFP in late 2023 to gauge interest from providers in working with our communities to build a network and specifically inquired about the possibilities of the community-owned option. The results of the RFP, however, indicated that there weren't providers in the area that were interested in undertaking such a project, and the funding round that we might have been able to tap into for such a project was closed before we could get the responses.

The next and current round of funding offered by the federal government, Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) is administered by the Maine Connectivity Authority (MCA) and is currently in progress. Through this program, interested, pre-qualified providers will be able to "bid" on Project Service Areas (PSAs) - chunks of Maine where clusters of BEAD-eligible addresses needing broadband access exist - and submit proposals for how to serve them. These PSAs can be as small as one address, or have hundreds. Within Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor, there are three PSAs (one covering the islands between the mainland and MDI, one

covering Birch Harbor and Schoodic Point, and the largest covering all other parts of the two towns).

There is no community investment required for a provider to build out a network to BEAD eligible addresses through this process, and some providers may elect to provide for other customers that their project runs past along the way. If there are areas that are not included in a BEAD project that the communities wish to be built out at the same time, that may be able to be negotiated with the provider building the network, but would likely require some investment from the community.

BEAD pre-qualification ran from mid-September through mid-October. Proposals from prequalified providers will be accepted during the winter of 2024-25. Those providers should be engaging with the communities they wish to serve and the communities have the ability to show their support or opposition to specific providers which will be considered in the scoring process. MCA has a 102-point rubric which includes 8 points for community engagement. Priority will be given to fiber optic-based solutions and points are awarded for a number of criteria, including the ability to build their proposed network within 2 years.

Once proposals are selected for all PSAs, the MCA will submit the final BEAD proposal to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) which is the federal agency administering the BEAD program, for approval. This submission is anticipated to happen in the spring of 2025. Once approved, the providers will be able to begin construction which will progress according to their own timelines.

SPBC will continue to monitor the progress through BEAD and inform the communities regarding opportunities for engagement and developments along the timeline as appropriate.

SHELLFISH COMMITTEE

It has been very busy in the world of Gouldsboro Shellfish. We entered into a project with Downeast Institute doing a clam project in West Bay which consisted of putting boxes on the flats with clams in them at the low, mid and the upper intertidal at different intervals of time with different treatments. The object of the project was to see if clams could grow in the boxes therefore reducing the labor involved in planting and netting clams to protect them from green crabs. The netting of the clams



is very labor-intensive consisting of putting nets over the clams and removing the nets in the fall. The nets get heavy with mud. We ended up with approximately 33,000 seed clams from the project. It was discovered the boxes had too many

green crabs for the project to be worthwhile. The clams were over-wintered at DEI and planted in the spring.

We are working with the Department of Marine Resources doing a green crab trap project. The project involves modified green crab traps by placing $\frac{1}{8}$ inch mesh on some traps, others had the mesh on the inside. We did the same treatment with $\frac{1}{4}$ inch mesh. The objective was to see if we could catch thumbnail size crabs. Thumbnail green crabs eat like size soft shell clams. The volunteers are counting and sexing the crabs, and are noting the mesh size of the trap that the crabs came from. The location of the trap is tracked along with the soak time of the trap. The data is being tracked to see when if there is any rhyme or reason as to where clams are the thickest.

There were approximately 100,000 seed clams planted and netted that we raised in the clam lab. The nets will be removed in late fall.

The committee worked with Maine Coast Heritage Trust to develop a shore access document that allows the Shellfish Committee to enter into an agreement with land owners, allowing for dedicated access to the shore across their property. This agreement makes the Town responsible for enforcement of any violations.

I would like to express my thanks to all the volunteers for all the time they dedicated to Gouldsboro Shellfish. I also want to thank the Town Office staff for all the help throughout the year.



My final thought, I want to thank everyone who allowed the diggers access to the flats across their property. Without you the diggers would have a harder time accessing certain flats safely to make a living.

Respectfully,

Michael A. Pinkham
Shellfish Warden



VETERANS' COMMITTEE

The Committee continues to strive to follow our mission statement of raising the level of patriotism in our community and to always treat our veterans with the honor and dignity they deserve and to remember all those veterans who have given their lives in service to our nation.

The annual committee fundraiser began in June 2023 with the offering of a handmade patriotic quilt, a framed limited-edition photo, a chain saw and wine. The lucky winners were drawn at the Veterans' Dinner in November.



The annual Veterans' Dinner was well attended by our local veterans and their family and friends. The raffle drawing was held as well as numerous door prizes for the attending veterans. The meal of haddock chowder and the addition of baked ham with potatoes and carrots was enjoyed by all.

Several days before the dinner a few of our local veterans attended the Peninsula School's Veteran Appreciation program. We appreciate the students showing their respect to our veterans.

The Veterans' Angel tree, for the second year, was placed at Anderson Marine and Hardware store thanks to Brent and Cheryl Hurd. This is their way of showing their appreciation to the veterans in our community. The tree was filled with name tags of veterans in need of items and the community once again stepped up and selected the tags and purchased the gifts. The gifts were wrapped and delivered before Christmas to surprised and grateful veterans.



The committee had their annual winter hiatus from January to April. The meetings resumed in April 2024 with the planning of the Memorial Day ceremony. Days prior to the ceremony, several of the Peninsula School students helped Chairman.

Jim Guest cleaned the memorial area and plant flowers. Before their work began, Jim presented a lesson on the history and importance

of Memorial Day. We appreciate the help provided by the students.

The speaker for the Memorial Day ceremony was a local veteran, CTTTCM Larry Peterson, USN (Ret) who spoke on the significance and importance of remembering Memorial Day. The emcee for the ceremony, in the absence of chairman James Guest, was Lt Col Catherine McLoud, US Air Force (Retired).

Thank you to those community members who continue to show their support and remembrance of our fallen local veterans by attending this ceremony.

The committee decided to revive the previous town project of offering memorial bricks for the Gouldsboro Veterans Memorial. The bricks will be engraved locally and will be placed in the spring of 2025. These bricks will honor and memorialize local veterans.

The annual raffle was begun in June to raise funds for helping our local veterans in need, especially during the winter heating season. Thank you to those who helped by purchasing tickets.

As in previous years, we are still collecting worn and damaged American flags in the collection boxes at the Town Office and the Gouldsboro Post Office. These flags are given to the Ellsworth VFW for proper ceremonial retirement. We have collected over 1,000 flags since the beginning of this project.

This committee continues to be a resource for veteran information and assistance. We welcome all community members who have an interest in supporting veterans to attend our meetings. Please visit our Facebook page for veteran information, announcements and upcoming events.

Thank you to the Gouldsboro community for supporting this committee and our local veterans.

**Respectfully,
James Guest, Chairman
CRD USN (Retired)**





ACADIA NATIONAL PARK ADVISORY

Acadia National Park (ANP) has an advisory commission that includes representatives from towns that border Park lands. Commission meetings give the public another way to share their priorities and concerns about how the park is managed and developed. They also help inform the public about what's happening in the park. This report's focus is on the Schoodic District of Acadia.

In 2024, Acadia National Park experienced a total of 3.96 million visits, marking a 2% increase compared to 2023. At Schoodic, the visitation figures remained stable, accounting for 9% of the Park's overall visits. The Schoodic Woods campground recorded over 336,000 overnight stays, with a notable rise in RV camping. In 2025, the campground will be open from May 21st to October 13th. For those interested in camping at Acadia, reservations can be made through [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).

General Park entrance fees are collected year-round with no price increase in the new year. Visitors to Schoodic District should also have a park pass, though there's no manned fee station.

If you venture over to the MDI part of Acadia, the reservation system (vehicle fee) for Cadillac Mountain is in effect from May 21st through October 26th and will remain the same at \$6. Reservations can be made online at [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov). Also, the Acadia Gateway Center construction in Trenton made substantial advances. The Center, includes a transportation hub

and visitor center, will be open in early summer of 2025.

Overall Island Explorer ridership for Acadia increased by 10% in 2024, while use at Schoodic decreased by 7%. Schoodic daily use average was 52 riders with a peak day of 128 passengers. The two Island Explorer buses serving Schoodic Peninsula will continue to operate from May 21st to October 13th in 2025. Schoodic park infrastructure was significantly impacted by the elements but also benefited from continued improvements.

The January storm damage launched a flurry of coordinated efforts, beginning with volunteers and park staff clearing debris from roads and road shoulders on the loop road. Interim repairs were carried out on roads and roofs, while planning for more comprehensive solutions began. Contracts for long-term restoration will be awarded in 2025.

The project to rehabilitate the water and sewer networks was substantially completed during this reporting period. A contract was also awarded to construct a new sub-surface wastewater treatment system in the former ballfield area, with work to progress through 2025.

The Schoodic District remains a hub of activity and educational adventures for all ages. 841 participants from 21 schools visited the SERC campus in 2024 for 3-day outdoor school experiences through the Schoodic Education Adventure (SEA) Program which is available to students in grades 5-9.

Public programming served 7,297 participants for activities such as touch tank tours, geology hikes, evening campground programs, meditation, pop-up junior ranger stations and coastal ecology sessions.

Having had 120 young fishing enthusiasts in 2024, the Junior

Angler program will begin its third season this coming year where children are guided while fishing from the Frazier Point dock.

You can find out about all onsite Ranger led public programs at [Attend a Ranger Program - Acadia National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#).

2024 saw a tremendous outreach effort through web-based experiences. Virtual programs for K-12 reached over 11,585 students through 398 programs and can be found at [Distance Learning - Acadia National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#).

Eighteen Summer school and YMCA youth group programs drew in 577 online participants. Park staff was also invited to present at 16 different school on-line venues, including a virtual science fair, all of which engaged with 4,250 students. Lastly, during the Halloween Season, in addition to Park staff hosting an on-site adventure named “Eek! Of Ecology” with various ranger science stations, SERC facilitated a virtual “Eek! of Ecology” program involving 20 additional National Parks from Maine to Hawaii with 20 programs educating 4,717 students over three days.

Gouldsboro volunteers again made significant contributions to the Schoodic District in 2024. Eight volunteers dedicated 485 hours to performing trail clearing, drainage management and bog walk construction, as well as supporting citizen science programs. As previously mentioned, storms pushed tons of cobbles to the inland side of the outbound road and into wetlands, causing blocked culverts and preventing pedestrians from using greens spaces to safely walk out of the roadway. Gouldsboro residents were part of the volunteer team which removed these rocks, supported by Park maintenance staff with heavy equipment.



(Left) Volunteers and Park staff perform shoreline cleanup and restoration near roadway from storm activity. (below)

Photos courtesy of NPS



Ranger Mike Eastman provided public assistance and safety for the Schoodic District in 2024 and you will see him patrolling the roads again in 2025.

Our town office staff not only had half price Park passes in limited quantities during the month of December but will have passes available during the rest of the year for the regular fee.

You deserve to escape to the park for a class, a hike, a drive, or to watch the sunrise. Have a great rest of the year!

**Best Regards,
Jackie Johnston
Acadia National Park Advisory Commission**

ACADIAN COMMUNITY WOMAN'S CLUB

In 86 years, the Acadian Community Woman's Club has built a vibrant organization of more than forty women from Winter Harbor and Gouldsboro. One of our greatest efforts is to maintain a Community Aid fund, helping residents who need financial support. In 2024 we spent over \$7,500 on a variety of expenses including support for families who are battling illness or struggling with food insecurity. In recent years we have paid for heat, electricity, rent, childcare, auto repairs, cell phones, travel expenses, internet bills, Christmas gifts, and more. We have also paid for basketball sneakers, prescriptions, backpacks, and eyeglasses. In 2023 and 2024 we donated snacks to Sumner for the guidance counselor or school nurse to share with students. We open our eyes and ears widely so that we can remain connected and contribute where there is a need. We are proud to have made a large donation in 2024 to help support the Schoodic Food Pantry.

In 2024 we awarded **five** \$1,000 scholarships to residents pursuing post-secondary education and summer camp scholarships to several local youngsters. *Anyone from Winter Harbor or Gouldsboro attending a college, community college, or trade school is eligible to apply for the ACWC scholarship. We encourage people of **all ages** to apply.* Applications can be found in the guidance office at Sumner High School. The deadline is May 1st. Applications for summer camp support can be found on our Facebook Page or at the office of the Peninsula School.

2025 scheduled fundraisers will include THREE bake sales held in the parking lot at the Winter Harbor Provisions. We sell whole cakes and pies and sometimes some other surprises such as yeast rolls, pot pies, pickles and spaghetti sauce! 2024 sales were on Saturdays until the pies were gone, usually before 10!! We will

also resume our bottle collection and encourage folks to donate their returnable cans and bottles so we can redeem them and use the money to fund our scholarship fund. Of course, anyone can donate to the women's club at any time by mailing a check, payable to ACWC to the attention of our treasurer Holly Kritter, PO Box 95 Prospect Harbor, ME 04669. We greatly appreciate all the donations that help us help our neighbors.

In addition to our robust community giving, the Acadian Community Woman's Club purchased and maintains the flower planters by the post office in Winter Harbor, the Ann Joy Memorial Garden on Harbor Road in Winter Harbor, and the planter surrounding the sign at the Peninsula School in Prospect Harbor. The ACWC assists in organizing the annual Memorial Day observance in Winter Harbor. In February 2024 club members mailed handmade valentines to many women in the community for a special treat and will do this again in 2025! Finally, several club members worked to introduce the **Yellow Tulip Project** to our community in 2025. This nationwide campaign is youth-driven to "smash the stigma surrounding mental illness". Unfortunately, Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor have not escaped this epidemic and we are ready to bring more attention and awareness to the importance of mental health.

This is truly a remarkable group of women who are doing their part to improve the quality of life in our little corner of the world and we appreciate your help!

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Alley Moshier, *Co-President*
Sarah Alley Christensen, *Co-President*



DORCAS LIBRARY

From July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, Dorcas Library continued to sponsor a writer's group, Yoga classes, a knitting group, Qigong sessions, children's story hours, a book club, a Spanish Club, author talks, and much more. Over 100 such events were held, with more than 1,100 people actively participating in one or more of these experiences, demonstrating our community's vibrant and engaged nature.

Numerous other community groups used the library facilities free of charge to hold meetings related to their contributions to Gouldsboro. Groups like the Schoodic Community Foundation, the Paul Bunyan Road Association, and the College of the Atlantic used the Dorcas + building.



Dorcas Library sponsored Healing Support gatherings and Herb and Plant talks to foster well-being within our community. Through sewing classes and needle felting, community members learned new skills and found great hobbies.

We sponsored the first SHOW AND TELL—MEET GOULDSBORO event in April. The participating non-profits were the Gouldsboro Historical Society, Peninsula School Art Class, Schoodic Food Pantry, Seabreeze Society, Hardy's Friends, and Healthy Acadia. The Gouldsboro Coastal Resilience Committee also participated. The event attracted 70 to 80 visitors, ranging in age from young children to senior citizens. Attendees were able to learn about the activities of each group, view the artwork of the children from Peninsula School, and find ways to become more engaged with their neighbors.

While all this activity was going on, over 4300 visits were made to the library, and more than 4060 items were lent and returned.

The collections were extended by 227 new books and 43 new DVDs.

Our former Librarian, Yumi Young, retired in June 2024. We are grateful for her hard work and dedication. Our new Librarian, Ruth Mapleton, has joined us. Ruth, an author herself, is an accomplished Librarian and a great addition to the team.



Encouraging young readers is a vital part of our mission. We held a Halloween event attended by 60 little ghostly readers who received candy from each of the five haunted stations and a free book. Story hours, special visits, and the offer of library cards also encouraged young readers. A summer game called Book Bingo lets children earn books to keep at home by reading books from the library.

An army of volunteers gave hundreds of hours to staff the library, order, shelve, and catalog items, clean and repair the buildings, run the Attic Treasures sales and plant sales, and hold countless fundraisers. We are proud of the work of our volunteers, and we are pleased to be able, through their dedication, to serve our neighbors here in Gouldsboro.



We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to provide extensive and excellent service to our community. We look forward to seeing you at The Dorcas Library and continuing to serve you in the future

**Respectfully,
The Board of the Dorcas Library**

GOULDSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The ongoing mission of the Gouldsboro Historical Society is three-fold: preserve the documents and artifacts that help us identify and understand the proud and vital heritage of our town; celebrate that heritage by way of events, displays and other means; and educate the Town and its seasonal and year-long residents regarding our heritage. This year we have discovered once again the need for a fourth emphasis - advocacy.

There are two landmarks around which our advocacy centered in 2024: the Keeper's House at the Prospect Harbor Lighthouse, and Big Jim the Fisherman, a.k.a. the Stinson Man.

As we all know, the Keeper's House suffered a tragic fire in 2022. Since then, we have sought to remind the property owners that the Keeper's House is an important part of the nautical heritage that is Gouldsboro's, and should be restored and renovated. That task has been complicated by the fact that the US Navy has been in the process of transferring the base to the US Space Force. Our latest information is that while the tasks performed within the base are now transferred, the custodianship of the property, including the Keeper's House, will be handed over in 2025. In the meantime, it would appear that no action has been taken regarding the Keeper's House since the initial repairs were undertaken shortly after the blaze. Evidence of the incompleteness of the repairs can be seen from as far away as the base gates; blue tarp covers some surfaces at the house. We continue, through Maine's Congressional delegation, to advocate for permanent repair and renovation, and a decision to use the structure for some continuing purpose lest it fall into decay as vacant buildings in a marine environment inevitably do. We urge town residents to add their voices to ours, seeking such an outcome.

On a much happier note, Big Jim will soon be taking a field trip! The Penobscot Marine Museum in Searsport will present a major exhibit on Maine's Sardine Industry in 2025. By arrangement with the owners of the former Stinson plant, Big Jim will be disassembled (he's a giant metal jigsaw puzzle), brought to Searsport for one year, repainted in his original design while there on display, and then returned to Gouldsboro with his refreshed paint scheme.

The agreement for all this has been between the owners of the former Stinson plant and the museum. Gouldsboro Historical Society has acted as “honest broker” in facilitating the arrangements.

The Society continued its series of six summer season public programs, with topics varied to appeal to a broad constituency. Topics include, among others, the creation of the duplicate Victorian Ship’s bell, the development of the Maine Shore Railroad, and a presentation of songs of the Downeast Rivers and Seashore. We are grateful for the program sponsors who underwrite the programs.

In August, Bea Buckley, President of the Society for twenty years, was named President Emerita by the Society. Bea’s leadership in gathering and organizing the collection of artifacts and documents, beginning at the Old Town House, formed the Society’s future for decades to come.

Gouldsboro’s Boston Post Cane, one of 700 originally sent by the Post to towns across New England, is awarded to the eldest resident of the town. In September 2024, the Society and the Gouldsboro Select Board were pleased to award the cane to Lois Crowley, a former US Postal Service worker known for her knitting and her dry wit. Our thanks to the staff at the Town Office for their inevitable service in locating the town’s eldest residents.

Dorcas Library cooperates with the Society, hosting historical displays at the library. We are grateful for their help in educating patrons about the heritage of the Town.

The Society’s digitization project continues apace. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, the documents, maps and photos of artifacts in the Society’s collection are being preserved in digital form, with the long-term goal of making the entire collection available electronically to any who wants to view it. This will be a valuable resource for researchers, students and any who are simply curious about the history of the Town. Our thanks to all who are helping in this project.

Through our annual newsletter and occasional publications, the Town is better informed about the proud legacy that is Gouldsboro’s. These too are made possible by the time and effort

given so freely by volunteers.

The Society maintains two buildings: the Old Town House, located at the intersection of Route One and Clinic Road; and our headquarters building at 88 Old Route One. The Old Town House is the location for historic displays and artifacts that do not require climate control, as the structure is not heated. The headquarters facility house paper, fabric and other documents and artifacts in a climate-controlled environment. Plans are underway to improve the historic displays and their interpretation at both facilities. The fact that the Society now receives a discounted price on propane because of our purchase of our own tank (thank you Town of Gouldsboro for making this possible) has helped to offset the price increases for propane we have all experienced.

If you are a year-round or seasonal resident of Gouldsboro, you are invited to become involved in the Society. Your talents and your time are a valued resource! Contact the Society at gouldsborohistory.org.

**Respectfully submitted,
Gouldsboro Historical Society**



West Gouldsboro Library, picture taken in July 1984.

SCHOODIC COMMUNITY FUND

The Schoodic Community Fund had an excellent year, thanks to the remarkable generosity of our area residents. Another record level of donations combined with a strong year of investment growth will continue to allow SCF to support this wonderful community in 2025. We were able to fully fund all requests during the 2024 season, totaling \$40,900. Local groups received the following grants:

The Schoodic Food Pantry, \$10,000 to purchase food, groceries, and general supplies; Peninsula School, \$12,000 to support their weekend food backpack program; Dorcas Library, \$3,600 to buy new computers and printers; Winter Harbor Library, \$2,300 to buy new computers and printers; Schoodic Arts for All, \$4,000 to provide free live concerts at the summer arts festival; the towns of Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor, \$4,000 for the emergency heating funds; the Schoodic Food Pantry, \$5,000 for their fund-raising campaign to build a new addition on the existing facility.

The current SCF Advisory Committee consists of Susan Bruce, Dolora Conley, Mary Dyer, Roxanne Renwick, Mark Berry, Susan Towle, Paul Tracy, Marian Ide, Lenny Young, Roberta Parritt (Treasurer), Tim Fisher (Chair).

The mission of the Schoodic Community Fund is to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Schoodic Peninsula by awarding grants to area non-profits, schools, and municipalities. SCF's endowment is managed by the Maine Community Foundation. Learn more about SCF at schoodiccommunityfund.org or contact Tim Fisher at timliza@gmail.com.

The SCF advisory committee would like to recognize the following individuals, businesses and organizations for donating to the fund in 2023:

Anonymous
Jeff + Cindy Alley
Lucille Anderson
Don Ashmall
Jack + Cathy Barron
Ann Barton
Ken Bahm + David Brass
Patty + Jon Bailey

Linda Barron
Shelley + William Barron
Pearl + Roger Barto
John + Margaret Bennett
Lori Berkey
Julia + Mark Berry
Celina + Brett Binns
Barbara + Roger Bowen

Carl Brauer + Nancy Schieffelin
 Dallas + Tim Briney
 Emma + T. Wister Brown
 Mary Alice Bruce
 Hope + Bob Buckner
 Susan Burke
 Ann Butterworth & Warren Ross
 Pat + Joe Cahill
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 Debbie + Dave Cerendolo
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 Mercedes Karabec
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 Margo Klass
 Jana + David Kleiser
 Karen Kohlmeyer
 Nancy + Steve Kosub
 Holly + David Kritter
 Lawrence Libby
 James Lilly
 Lister Family Fund
 Jane + Kelly Littlefield
 Littlefield Gallery
 Jennifer + Thomas Lloyd
 John Lord

Rita + Herbie Lowell
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Carissa + Andrew Marino
Deborah + Wayne Martin
Mac + Margaret Marshall
Janet + Arnold Mascaro
Marge Mazzei
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Kate McCloud
Louise McShane
Ellin + Bruce Miller
Alex Mishkin +
Jennifer Newstead
Glenn + Megan Moshier
Ted + Suzanne Murphy
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Kathy + Alan Nauss
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Gillian Newstead +
Robert Schmidt
Amanda Nichols
Jim + Barbara Nichols
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Sylvia Ong
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Ethel + Ossie Ossolinski
Roberta Parritt +
George McLaughlin
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The Pickled Wrinkle
Angel Schilling + Bill Putnam
Vicki Rea + Josh Edgerly
Renaissance Char. Foundation
Mary + Mike Riley

Arthur Roberts +
Sui Witherell
Lisbeth + Alan Rosenfeld
Ruth Sargent
Claire + Randall Shumaker
Kim Sichel
Shirlee + Tim Smith
Dave Shiplier Family
Nick Speranzo
Charles Steinecke
Barbara + Paul Stewart
Ilene Stinson
Linda + Andrew Straz
Pat + Mike Summerer
Sunset Family Charit. Fund
Lynell + Kent Syler
Jean Symmonds
Gretchen + Tom Tietenberg
Susan + Tom Towle
Kasey Tracey
Sherri + Jason Tracey
Melissa + Paul Tracy
Thomasina Watson
Kathy + Craig Wayman
Inez + Pat Weaver
Mary Lou Weaver +
Dale Torrey
Betty + Bill Weidner
Truth Whitten
Charles Wiggins
Karen + David Wilcock
Eve + Steve Wilkinson
Roberta Williams
Sam + Joann Williams
The Winter Harbor Agency
Jean + Allen Workman

SCHOODIC FOOD PANTRY

In July of 2023, the Schoodic Food Pantry was in its 8th month of operation at its Route One location. We were feeding 185 adults and children in 80 Gouldsboro households, and 23 adults and children in 15 Winter Harbor households, along with 238 adults and children in 95 households in surrounding communities. By June of 2024, there were 411 households on our rolls representing a total of 1,034 adults and children. We were growing. Quickly!

Because we are a market pantry we enjoy limited support from Good Shepherd Food Bank, and much of the food on our shelves is purchased. The rest is donated by local growers, grocery stores, community organizations and individuals. To support our purchases we write grants, petition each of our neighboring towns for funding through their budgeting process and count on the many generous donors who contribute to us on a regular basis. By the close of the year we had plans for two exciting summer fund raisers, a concert by the Carol Bailey String Band from Litchfield, ME and a huge Chinese Auction.

At the June Town Meeting, Director Donna Harmon, was awarded the Spirit of America Award for her vision and leadership. We were fortunate to receive a number of grants this year, including \$10,000 from the Schoodic Community Fund and \$2,800 from the Grassroots Grow Grant. We are so grateful to report that as the demand for food has grown this year, so has the community support for our work. Thank you all!



**Respectfully submitted,
Schoodic Food Pantry Team**

Donna Harmon, *Director*
Barbara Bateman, Jackie Johnston,
Rocky Stenger, Rachel Hudson,
Susan Burke, Matt Harmon
and Marie Harmon.

Schoodic Food Pantry is a 501(c)3 public charity. Donations can be sent to PO Box 173, Corea ME 04624 and are tax deductible.



Left to Right: Jenny Saucier, Susan Burke, Rocky Stenger, Jackie Johnston, Donna Harmon, Noah Shoemaker





Volunteer citizen scientists are important contributors to research on bird populations in Acadia. Schoodic Institute works with dozens of volunteers each year. Contact us to learn about our many volunteer opportunities with our science and campus operations teams!

2024 SCHOODIC INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS

Workforce

In 2024, we employed 30 year round staff, 24 seasonal positions, and 44 technicians and fellows.

98
Jobs

Science

Roughly 4,000lbs of soil was hiked to Acadia's summits as part of Save Our Summits, a partnership of NPS, Friends of Acadia, and Schoodic Institute.

4,000
Pounds of Soil

Learning

Students from 21 Maine middle schools participated in the Schoodic Education Adventure (SEA) program, a 3-day, 2-night outdoor educational experience.

706
Students

Community

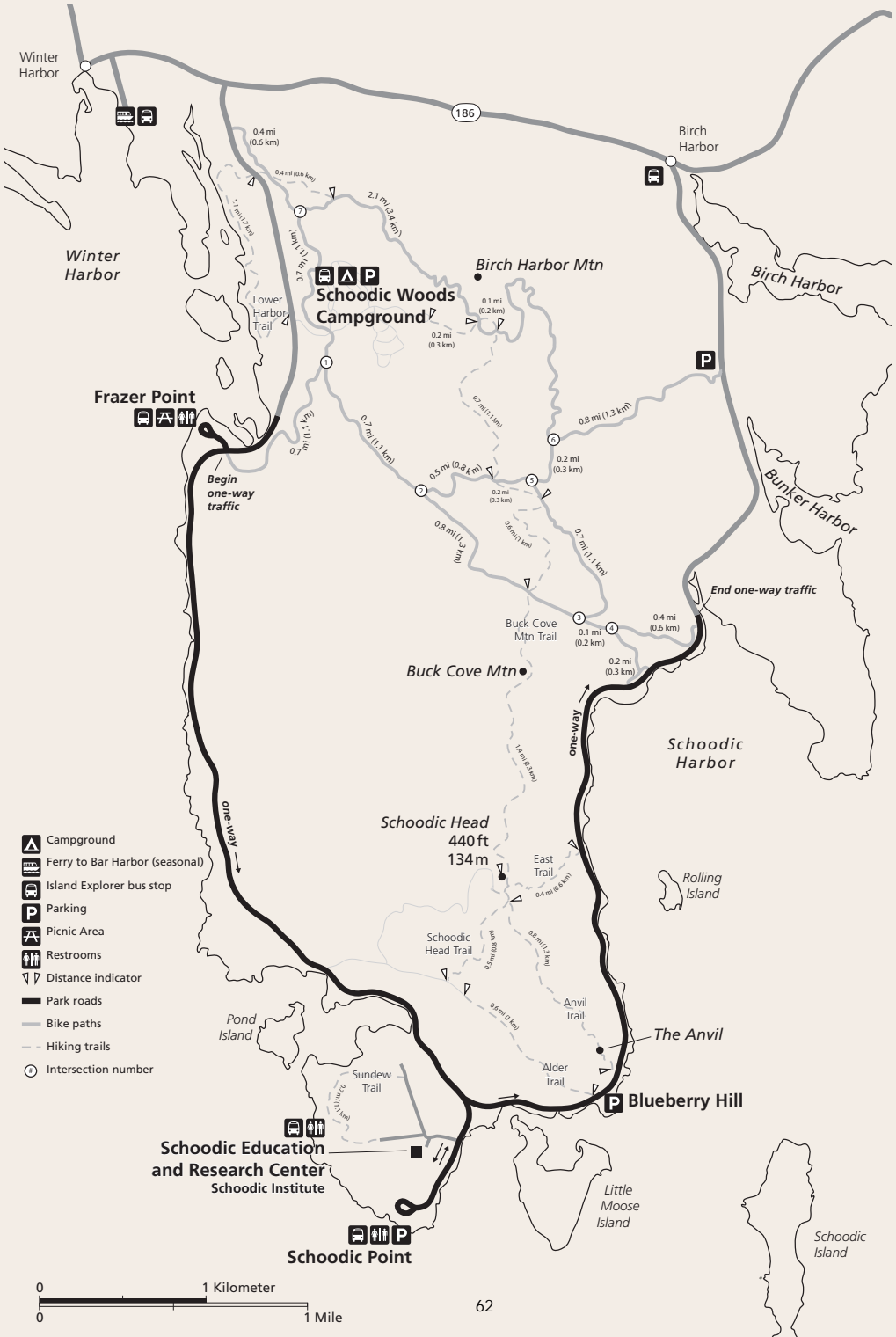
We welcomed over 31k visitors to campus via our Welcome Center in Rockefeller Hall, and we hosted 118 private groups.

31,290
Visitors

Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park is a primary science and education partner of the National Park Service. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, our mission is inspiring science, learning, and community for a changing world. We conduct and support science to understand and respond to environmental change in Acadia and beyond. Our goal is to be a national leader in research and education that inspires environmental stewardship and fosters bright futures for parks, people, and the planet. Our year-round campus provides an inspirational setting with protected shorelines and evergreen forest. We host public and private events, education and art programs, workshops, and conferences. Our campus includes classrooms, laboratories, meeting spaces, overnight accommodations, and a modern 124-seat auditorium.

Plan your visit and support our work at
SCHOODICINSTITUTE.ORG

Schoodic Trail System Map





The Schoodic National Scenic Byway had another very busy year. The Byway completed the \$5,000 Maine Office of Tourism grant to upgrade our existing website and increase our social media marketing efforts. We created an interactive map with a searchable directory and listed the Schoodic Chamber businesses, each with their own page. We will continue to work with the chamber on updates.

The Byway is delighted with the results of the Long Cove site cleanup. Thanks to Frenchman Bay Conservancy and Maine Coast Heritage Trust for removing old buildings, doing site work, and planting grass. We will work with them and the Sullivan Parks and Recreation Committee to provide simple signage, safe parking, and access to the waterfront for local fisherman and the public.

We continue to collaborate with Hancock County Planning Commission on Sullivan's Active Transportation Plan as well as updating the Schoodic National Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan. The Byway promotes Kids Quest and its map directory as outdoor learning opportunities for teachers, parents, and children. Now there is a direct link to the Healthy Acadia website "Teach me Outside" making learning a fun activity.

The Federal Highway Administration made 27 million dollars available for National Scenic Byways grant program on September 16, 2024. After much collaboration between Sullivan residents, area organizations, and byway towns, the Byway through MaineDOT applied for 1 million dollars. If awarded, grant funding will be used for improvements at the Sullivan-Sorrento Recreation Center. Some highlights include a large outdoor pavilion, a new Kids Quest site, picnic tables, business information, bike repair station, and ADA access to building restrooms and site amenities. We believe the project will be a significant Byway visitor facility helping to bring economic growth to the Schoodic Region.

We thank all the Town Select & Planning Boards, Historical Societies, Chamber of Commerce, Maine Office of Tourism, Maine

Coast Heritage Trust, Frenchmen Bay Conservancy, Friends of Taunton Bay, Healthy Acadia, Hancock County Planning Commission, DownEast Acadia Regional Tourism, Sunrise County Economic Council, MaineDOT, and Acadia National Park for their continued support.

Sincerely,
Barbara Shanahan
Chairperson of Schoodic National Scenic Byway Committee



Match 'em up!
For example:
7 Tail Fins

Homarus americanus
MATCH GAME
Write the number of "Homer's" body part inside each circle.

- ☐ Crusher Claw
- ☐ Knuckle
- ☐ Carapace
- ☐ Large Antenna
- ☐ Pincer Claw
- ☐ Walking Legs



Prospect Harbor

Visit Prospect Harbor to find the Downeast Beast, a lobster boat for kids, a mini lighthouse, and learn about lobster fishing.

44°24'23.48"N 68°1'38.78"W



You can check this page out in the Schoodic Scenic Byway Kids Quest Guide at <https://schoodicnationalbyway.org/kids-quest/>.

CHARLES M. SUMNER LEARNING CAMPUS

Greetings! This fall marks our first year with a new building leadership model. We now have Principal Amy A. Watson heading Sumner Memorial High School and Principal Devin Young heading Sumner Middle School. This enables students, families, and staff to have access to leaders who are directly focused on the academic and developmental needs related to the different age levels of the students in our building. This aligns well with the rollout of the RSU 24 Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiative. The PBIS model emphasizes outlining and implementing clearly defined schoolwide expectations that align with core values. This is an evidence based tiered framework for supporting students' social emotional competence, academic success, and school climate.

There is a lot to celebrate here at CMSLC, and here are just a few highlights that we are excited to share with our communities: We are happy to welcome the HCTC Carpentry program to our campus this fall, drawing in students from throughout the county. The soccer teams played their first home games on our new field in October, and we will host the first home baseball and softball games on the completed fields in the spring. HCTC carpentry students helped construct the dugouts for both fields.

The CMSLC campus continues to flourish thanks to our dedicated staff and strong community involvement. The growth and success of our students remains at the center of all that we do, and our Tiger Pride remains unstoppable!

Warmly,

Ms. Amy A. Watson, SMHS principal

Mr. Devin Young, SMS principal



PENINSULA SCHOOL

Creating a lasting and positive school culture is a journey that requires time, dedication, and a collective effort. This year at Peninsula School, we remain focused on three key priorities: improving school climate and culture through Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), increasing student achievement and attendance rates, and building meaningful partnerships with community organizations. These goals are guiding us as we work together to provide a nurturing and supportive environment where all students can thrive.

Through the implementation of PBIS, we've seen a significant, positive shift in our school climate. You can see it every day in the way students and staff greet one another, the strong relationships that span across grade levels, and the shared celebrations of student successes. PBIS has helped us create a school culture where students feel safe, supported, and empowered to make responsible choices. This positive climate directly impacts their ability to learn and grow as active, engaged members of our community.

We are equally committed to increasing student achievement and attendance. Our teachers are continuously enhancing their instructional practices to create engaging and meaningful learning experiences that challenge and inspire our students. Within our rigorous curriculum, students are encouraged to explore, ask questions, and deepen their understanding of the world around them. We are also focused on improving attendance because we know that regular attendance is key to academic success. By supporting families and working with students to overcome barriers to attendance, we are seeing positive growth in both achievement and participation.

Partnerships with community organizations play a crucial role in enriching our students' educational experiences. Collaborations with groups like the Acadia National Park, Maine Outdoor School and Healthy Acadia provide our students with hands-on, experiential learning opportunities that extend beyond the classroom. This year we continue to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students in our school. Thanks to the support from the Schoodic Community Fund and other generous local donors, the addition of our Fresh Fruits and Vegetable and Weekend Backpack programs ensures that our students' nutritional needs are met, supporting their overall well-being and readiness to learn.

As leadership expert John C. Maxwell said, "Teamwork makes the

dream work.” Peninsula School thrives because of the passion and collaboration of our dedicated teachers and staff, the hard work of our students, the engagement of our families, and the generous support of our wider community. Together, we are creating a school where every child is set up for success and growth.

Best Regards, Principal Chris Beals

PENINSULA SCHOOL STAFF

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Kristen Mowry	Kindergarten
Katie Parker	1 st Grade
Gabriella Grant	2 nd Grade
Lydia Gatcomb	3 rd Grade
Donna Dalangauskas	4 th Grade
Marguerite Leighton	5 th Grade (long term sub)
Nora Holloway	Art
Sherry Blais	Physical Education
Jill Jeude	Guidance Counselor
Pam Campbell	Music (long term sub)
Nick Ulecka	Librarian
Roxanne Renwick	Interventionist
Sarah Hurlbert	Occupational Therapy
Jordan Smith	School Nurse
Christine Simmons	Administrative Assistant
Jessica Richards	Special Education
Ashley Carter	Special Education
Rosalie Mitchell	Ed Tech
Marina Magee	Ed Tech
Robyn Walton	Ed Tech
Margaret Grammer	Ed Tech
Kayla Balsam	Ed Tech
Carrie Richardson	Ed Tech
Skyler Merchant	Ed Tech
Aspin Schoppee	Ed Tech
Donna Haycock	Food Service
Debbie Cunningham	Food Service
Kate Beske	Custodian
Matt McLain	Maintenance
Danny Mitchell Jr.	Bus Driver
Ted Sterling	Bus Driver
Pieter Porsius	Bus Driver

RSU 24 SUPERINTENDENT

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Here is a brief district summary of the communities we serve and the services we provide to a student population of 796 of which 142 of these students reside in the town of Gouldsboro. RSU 24 serves nine communities residing in Hancock and Washington counties providing educational services, special education programming, food services, transportation, technology support & integration, general administration, and centralized business services for PreK

through Adult Education.

- 47 attended the Peninsula School (PreK – 5th)
- 83 attended the Charles M. Sumner Learning Center
 - 33 attended Middle School (6th – 8th)
 - 50 attended High School (9th – 12th)
- 12 student attends another RSU school
- 9 students attended Hancock County Technical Center (included in the High School count)

Our FY25 budget is \$24,588,012.41 – 25.7% (\$6,318,709.61) was received from State funding and 25.66% (\$3,941,964.65) was received from the town of Gouldsboro. State funding is determined by the Essential Programs and Services formula that bases state aid on local property valuations and the number of resident students. In addition to these sources, the district receives federal funding for several categories of services and we take every opportunity to apply for grant funding to supplement educational programming.

There are many exciting things happening throughout our district for the 2024-2025 school year with three (3) new buses scheduled to be delivered and various updates at many of our elementary schools identified by their ten-year Capital Improvement Plan. These updates are reported throughout the year and can be found at rsu24.org Board > Facilities & Transportation Minutes.

Your community representative, Mary Cowperthwaite, began serving our RSU Board in September 2023 and her current term runs through June 2027. Mary serves on our committees for Finance & Budget, Policy, IT Planning, and is our MSBA Alternate Delegate.

As we move forward, we continue to celebrate the achievements of our schools. We are grateful for the dedication of our students, teachers, and staff and the support of the community.

Respectfully,

Michael Eastman, Superintendent RSU #24

meastman@rsu24.org

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Cemetery Master Database 2024

NAME	ADMIN	CEMETERY	EST	PRINCIPAL	04/30/24	
Cemetery Trusts		Location			4/30/2025	
BEECH HILL						
Sargent, Epps H.	Trust	Beech Hill-"Our Cemetery"	1942	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Sargent, Simpson (by Ralph Allan)	Trust	Beech Hill-"Our Cemetery"	1982	\$300.00	\$316.25	\$9.56
Total				\$400.00	\$416.25	\$12.58
BIRCH HARBOR (HILLCREST)						
Bishop, Allison & Corinne	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	2015	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$15.11
Cole, Arthur & Aida	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$15.11
Crane, Henry E.	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1971	\$500.00	\$635.97	\$19.22
Davis, Lilla. C.	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1950	\$100.00	\$126.88	\$3.84
Forsmark, Olof	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1995	\$250.00	\$261.55	\$7.91
Getchell, Harold & Avis	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.05
Hancock, Florence J.	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1976	\$300.00	\$380.84	\$11.51
Joy, Carlton & Emma	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$4.53
Joy, Maxwell & Venita	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$4.53
Kane, John & Amanda	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1974	\$100.00	\$127.03	\$3.84
Lewis, Ray	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
McKay, Zelma	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$15.11
Nash, Frelon & Avis	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1995	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Sargent, Grace	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$9.07
Stanley, Gordon	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1993	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Stanley, Roy & Mabel	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1995	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Stevens, Emma Rice	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1997	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Stricker, Esther	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.05
Total				\$4,250.00	\$4,532.27	\$136.99
COREA						
Bridges, Elisha W.	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1931	\$100.00	\$120.63	\$3.65
Bridges, Erwin & Mary	Trust	Corea Cemetery	2010	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$1.51
Clark, Arthur	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1985	\$200.00	\$246.78	\$7.46
Conley, Louis & Norma	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1981	\$300.00	\$439.67	\$13.29
Crowley, Emma	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1946	\$200.00	\$278.03	\$8.40
Crowley, Ephriam & Harvard E.	Trust	Corea Cemetery	2010	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.05
Crowley, Florence & Marena	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1969	\$200.00	\$254.21	\$7.68
Crowley, Monroe E.	Trust	Corea Cemetery	2010	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.05
Ginn, Bessie B.	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1958	\$687.54	\$897.47	\$27.13
Lutes, Thomas Q. & Ellen A.	Trust	Corea Cemetery	2013	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.05
Ray, Robert & Kathleen	Trust	Corea Cemetery	2006	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.05
Scofield, Roy & Hattie	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1999	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02

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Urquhart, Derwood	Trust	Corea Cemetery	2000	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.05
Urquhart, Howard & Eleanor	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1999	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.05
Wasgatt, Harry & Katie	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1974	\$200.00	\$399.24	\$12.07
Woodward, Helen Crowley	Trust	Corea Cemetery	2009	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$30.23
Young, Elisha	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1967	\$100.00	\$122.42	\$3.70
Total				\$4,337.54	\$5,108.45	\$154.41
OLD MAIDS HILL						
Libby, Joseph (great-grandfather)	Trust	Old Maids Hill Cemetery	1972	\$60.00	\$117.68	\$3.56
Libby, Samuel(great-great-grandfather)	Trust	Old Maids Hill Cemetery	1972	\$60.00	\$117.68	\$3.56
Total				\$120.00	\$235.36	\$7.11
PROSPECT HARBOR						
Alley, Erastus, Viola & Roger	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Backman, Fulton & Ethyl	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1993	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Bickford, Fred	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1996	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Bridges, Elisha	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1963	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.05
Bryant, Carl	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1982	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$9.07
Cole & Noonan	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1966	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.05
Cole, Ellery & Guy	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1964	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Cole, James Woodbury	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1963	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Deasey, Daniel	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1970	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.05
Dodge, Nellie C.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1945	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Farley, Irving	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1977	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.05
Hamilton, Alfred M.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1927	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Handy, Joseph	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1970	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.05
Hinckley & Sprague Lots	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1969	\$100.00	\$199.50	\$6.03
Jordan, Angie	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	2003	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Jordan, Lawrence, Jr.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1983	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Larabee, Dr. Charles C. & Fay F.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1938	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Libby, Daniel (son)	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1972	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$1.81
Merriam, Ann Van Ness	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1968	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$4.53
Moore, Byron M.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1958	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.05
Moore, Gilbert L.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1978	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$4.53
Moore, Samuel Oscar	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1961	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$15.11
Noonan, John	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1977	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.05
Peters, Carl	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1964	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$1.51
Phalen, Charlotte Robertson	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1968	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$4.53
Ray, Justice	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1974	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02

Cemetery Master Database 2024

NAME	ADMIN	CEMETERY	EST	PRINCIPAL	04/30/24	
Cemetery Trusts		Location		4/30/2025		
Robinson, Ezra	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1970	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Seavey, Fred M. & Galen	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1941	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$12.09
Seavey, William	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1981	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.05
Sewall, Jane	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1966	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Stinson, Calvin L., Sr.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1958	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.05
Strout, Arthur L.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1948	\$151.25	\$151.25	\$4.57
Sullivan, Eugene	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1992	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Sullivan, Ruth Arline	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1992	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Tracy, Alden, Sr. & Annie	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1992	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Tracy, Alden & Pamela	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	2005	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.05
Tracy, Calvin & Sarah	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1992	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Tracy, Issac & Edith	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1992	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Tracy, Marcellus & Emma	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1992	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Urquhart, Howard & Ida	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1999	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Wass, Alfred	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1967	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$4.53
Whitaker, Iva	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1968	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$4.53
Total				\$6,311.25	\$6,410.75	\$193.77
SOUTH GOULDSBORO						
Bullard, Sophronia	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1947	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.05
Bunker, James M.	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1946	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Bunker, James W., Leonora & Family	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1930	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$9.07
Bunker, Uriah & Hannah	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1956	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Colwell & Bickford	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1987	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$12.09
Hanna, George & Florence & family	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1990	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$7.56
Hooper & Daley Lots	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1974	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Johnson, Gussie (Hanna Trust)	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1990	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$7.56
Colwell, Carrie	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1993	\$420.00	\$420.00	\$12.70
Total				\$2,120.00	\$2,120.00	\$64.08
LAKEVIEW						
Chick, Calvin & Etta	Trust	W. Gouldsboro-Lakeview	1931	\$100.00	\$120.63	\$3.65
Soderholtz, Eric, E.	Trust	W. Gouldsboro-Lakeview	1961	\$500.00	\$635.72	\$19.22
Tracy, Clarrissa	Trust	W. Gouldsboro-Lakeview	2012	\$880.00	\$880.00	\$26.60
Young, John, Jr. & Vida	Trust	W. Gouldsboro-Lakeview	1974	\$100.00	\$127.07	\$3.84
Total				\$1,580.00	\$1,763.42	\$53.30
WEST BAY						
Batson, Alton A.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1994	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02

Cemetery Master Database 2024

NAME	ADMIN	CEMETERY	EST	PRINCIPAL	04/30/24	
<i>Cemetery Trusts</i>		<i>Location</i>		<i>4/30/2025</i>		
Buckley, Robert	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1985	\$100.00	\$123.29	\$3.73
Coffin, Leigh & Gladys	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1968	\$100.00	\$131.52	\$3.98
Dow, Frederick C.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1998	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Dow, Marcia G.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1998	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Duniver, Franklin	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1983	\$200.00	\$263.35	\$7.96
Duniver, Thomas	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1985	\$200.00	\$246.78	\$7.46
Guptill, Curtis	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1948	\$100.00	\$113.58	\$3.43
Guptill, Hayden C.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1951	\$100.00	\$113.58	\$3.43
Guptill, Philip W.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1983	\$100.00	\$127.00	\$3.84
Haycock, Guy	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	2009	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$15.11
Libby, Daniel (grandfather)	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1972	\$60.00	\$112.25	\$3.39
Libby, Samuel W. (father)	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1972	\$60.00	\$112.25	\$3.39
Lounder, Pamela R.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	2007	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Newman, Iris	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1969	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Rolfe, Abbie	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1997	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Rolfe, Carlton	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1997	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.02
Spurling, Allan, Leveretta & Walter	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1959	\$300.00	\$502.67	\$15.19
Spurling, Marcia	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	2006	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.05
Tracy, Howard	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1983	\$300.00	\$385.82	\$11.66
Tracy, Willard L. & Abbie	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1951	\$500.00	\$694.05	\$20.98
Tuttle, Allan	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1985	\$200.00	\$246.78	\$7.46
Whitaker, Amanda	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1939	\$100.00	\$113.58	\$3.43
Whitaker, John & Gertrude	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1990	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$30.23
Whitaker, Millard & Orrin	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1990	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$30.23
Young, Bertha & Elisha, Sr.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1988	\$300.00	\$348.21	\$10.53
Young, Henrietta	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1988	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.05
Young, John S., Sr., Mr. & Mrs.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1954	\$100.00	\$246.61	\$7.45
Young, Theodore, Nellie & Family	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1978	\$5,000.00	\$5,304.32	\$160.33
Young, Tracy & Frances	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	2013	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$302.26
Total				\$21,420.00	\$22,785.64	\$688.73
GRAND TOTAL				\$40,538.79	\$43,372.14	\$1,310.98
Non-Distributed Trust Funds						
Ministerial & School Fund	Trust		1940	\$285.00	\$613.68	\$18.55
Young, Henry G.	Trust	Gouldsboro-H. Young Family	1953	\$200.00	\$478.70	\$14.47
Rosebrook, Cecil & Linley	Trust	Gouldsboro-Hillcrest	1969	\$300.00	\$532.10	\$16.08
Rollins, Beulah B./Bunker family lots	Trust	S. Gouldsboro-Bunker family	1977	\$1,000.00	\$2,226.31	\$67.29
Wood Family	Trust	W. Gouldsboro-Wood Family	1978	\$4,000.00	\$8,867.43	\$268.03
GRAND TOTAL				\$5,785.00	\$12,718.22	\$384.43

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Gouldsboro
Prospect Harbor, ME 04669

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Gouldsboro, Maine (the Town) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, including the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Gouldsboro, Maine as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statements date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 7 and pages 22 through 25 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Respectfully Submitted,

James W. Wadman, CPA

James W. Wadman, CPA
October 22, 2024

TOWN OF GOULDSBORO, MAINE
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Management of the Town of Gouldsboro, Maine (the Town) provides this *Management's Discussion and Analysis* of the Town's financial performance for readers of the Town's financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the financial statements and accompanying notes that follow.

The financial statements herein include all of the activities of the Town using the integrated approach as prescribed by Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34 and related subsequent Statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS – PRIMARY GOVERNMENT

Government-wide Highlights:

Net Position – The assets of the Town exceeded its liabilities at fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 by \$5,480,357 (presented as “net position”). Of this amount, \$2,826,825 was reported as “unrestricted net position”. Unrestricted net position represents the amount available to be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Changes in Net Position – The Town's total net position increased by \$737,156 (an 15.5% increase) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Fund Highlights:

Governmental Funds – Fund Balances – As of the close of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Town's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$2,992,300 with \$1,725,283 being general unassigned fund balance. This unassigned fund balance represents approximately 26% of the total general fund expenditures for the year.

Long-term Debt:

The Town has outstanding general long-term debt obligations of \$125,088 as of June 30, 2024. No new debt obligations were issued during the fiscal year. Existing obligations were retired according to schedule.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements include three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains additional required supplementary information (budgetary comparison) and other supplementary information. These components are described below:

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Government-wide financial statements present the financial picture of the Town from the economic resources measurement focus using the accrual basis of accounting. They present governmental activities and business-type activities (if applicable) separately. These statements include all assets of the Town (including infrastructure) as well as all liabilities (including long-term debt, if applicable). Additionally, certain elimination entries have occurred as prescribed by the statement in regards to inter-fund activity, payables and receivables. The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 7-8 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements include statements for each of the three categories of activities – governmental, business-type (if applicable) and fiduciary. The governmental activities are prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the Town government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of these funds are not available to support the Town's own programs. Reconciliation of the fund financial statements to the Government-wide financial statements is provided to explain

the differences created by the integrated approach. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 9-10 of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and the fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 11-20 of this report.

Required Supplementary Information

This section includes a budgetary comparison schedule, which includes a reconciliation between the statutory fund balance for budgetary purposes and the fund balance for the general fund as presented in the governmental fund financial statements (if necessary). Also included as required supplementary information are the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) schedules as required by GASB Statement No. 75. Required supplementary information can be found on pages 21 - 24 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net Position

45% of the Town's net position reflects its investment in capital assets such as land, buildings, equipment and infrastructure (roads, parking lots and other immovable assets), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The Town uses these assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although, the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt (if applicable), it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

	<i>Governmental Activities</i>	<i>Business-type Activities</i>	<i>Total 2024</i>	<i>Total 2023</i>
<i>Assets & Other Debits:</i>				
Current Assets & Other Debits	3,137,183	-	3,137,183	2,595,403
Capital Assets	2,581,868	-	2,581,868	2,476,673
Total Assets & Other Debits	5,719,051	-	5,719,051	5,072,076
<i>Liabilities & Other Credits:</i>				
Current Liabilities & Other Credits	131,595	-	131,595	183,616
Long Term Liabilities	107,099	-	107,099	145,259
Total Liabilities and Other	238,694	-	238,694	328,875
<i>Net Position:</i>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,456,780	-	2,456,780	2,306,585
Restricted	196,752	-	196,752	216,915
Unrestricted	2,826,825	-	2,826,825	2,219,701
Total Net Position	5,480,357	-	5,480,357	4,743,201
Total Liabilities & Net Position	5,719,051	-	5,719,051	5,072,076

Changes in Net Position

Approximately 90 percent of the Town's total revenue came from property and excise taxes, approximately 3 percent came from State subsidies and grants, and approximately 7 percent came from services, investment earnings and other sources. Depreciation expense on the Town's governmental and business-type activity assets represents \$227,914 of the total expenses for the fiscal year.

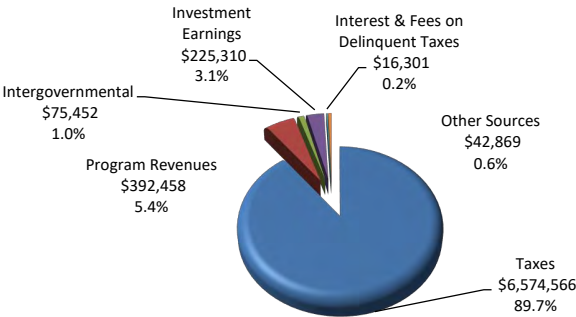
CAPITAL ASSET ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

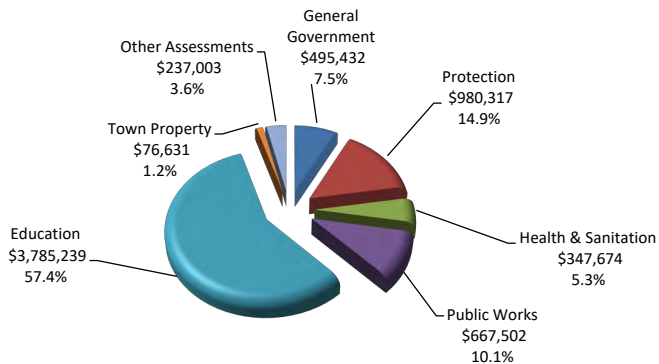
The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities amounts to \$10,944,656, net of accumulated depreciation of \$8,362,789 leaving a net book value of \$2,581,868. Current year additions include \$333,108 in road improvements.

	<i>Governmental Activities</i>	<i>Business-type Activities</i>	<i>Total 2024</i>	<i>Total 2023</i>
Revenues:				
Taxes	6,574,566		6,574,566	5,781,044
Program Revenues	392,458		392,458	304,220
Investment Income	75,452		75,452	14,722
Intergovernmental	225,310		225,310	222,315
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	16,301		16,301	13,721
Other	42,869		42,869	29,783
Total	7,326,955	-	7,326,955	6,365,805
Expenses:				
General Government	495,432		495,432	498,407
Protection	980,317		980,317	756,895
Health & Sanitation	347,674		347,674	326,625
Public Works	667,502		667,502	589,953
Education	3,785,239		3,785,239	3,534,280
Town Property	76,631		76,631	95,555
Other Assessments	237,003		237,003	226,237
Total	6,589,799	-	6,589,799	6,027,952
Changes in Net Position	737,156	-	737,156	337,853

**Revenues by Source - Governmental and
Business-Type**



Expenditures by Source - Governmental and Business-Type



FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN'S INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

Governmental Funds

The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of expendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

At the end of the fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported ending fund balances of \$2,992,300, an increase of \$587,832 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 58 percent of this fund balance constitutes unassigned fund balance. The remainder is reserved to indicate that it is not available for spending because it has been committed to liquidate contracts and commitments of the prior fiscal year or for a variety of other purposes.

Variances between actual General Fund revenues and expenditures and the final amended budget included the following:

- \$60,471 positive variance in revenues. Intergovernmental revenues exceeded budget by \$9,023.
- \$270,748 positive variance in expenditures. All major expenditure categories operated within budget for the fiscal year.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors. This financial report seeks to demonstrate the Town's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to: Town of Gouldsboro, 59 Main St, Prospect Harbor, ME 04669.

TOWN OF GOULDSBORO, MAINE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

(Exhibit I)

	<i>Governmental Activities</i>
<i>Assets and Deferred Outflows</i>	
<i>Assets</i>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,883,618
Accounts Receivable	\$101,675
Taxes Receivable	\$146,577
<i>Capital Assets</i>	
Land	\$776,529
Other Capital Assets, net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$1,805,339
Total Capital Assets	<u>\$2,581,868</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$5,713,738</u>
<i>Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	
Related to Other Post-Employment Benefits	<u>\$5,313</u>
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>\$5,313</u>
<i>Total Assets & Deferred Outflows</i>	<u><u>\$5,719,051</u></u>
<i>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Net Position</i>	
<i>Liabilities</i>	
<i>Current Liabilities</i>	
Accounts Payable	\$65,994
<i>Long-Term Liabilities</i>	
Compensated Absences	\$17,255
Net Other Post-employment Benefits Liability	\$9,756
<i>General Obligation Bonds Payable</i>	
Due within one year	\$45,000
Due in more than one year	<u>\$80,088</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>\$218,093</u>
<i>Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	
Property Taxes Received in Advance	\$8,115
Related to Other Post-Employment Benefits	<u>\$12,487</u>
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>\$20,602</u>
<i>Net Position</i>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$2,456,780
Restricted	\$196,752
Unrestricted	<u>\$2,826,825</u>
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$5,480,357</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Net Position</i>	<u><u>\$5,719,051</u></u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement.

TOWN OF GOULDSBORO, MAINE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

(Exhibit II)

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities</u>
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants</u>	
<u>Primary Government</u>				
<u>Governmental Activities</u>				
General Government	\$495,432	\$71,759	\$18,033	(\$405,640)
Town Property	\$76,631			(\$76,631)
Protection	\$980,317	\$219,602		(\$760,716)
Health, Sanitation and Social Services	\$347,674	\$1,180	\$35,050	(\$311,443)
Public Works	\$667,502		\$46,833	(\$620,669)
Education	\$3,785,239			(\$3,785,239)
Other Assessments and Debt Service	\$237,003			(\$237,003)
<u>Total Governmental Activities</u>	<u>\$6,589,799</u>	<u>\$292,541</u>	<u>\$99,917</u>	<u>(\$6,197,341)</u>
<u>Total Primary Government</u>	<u>\$6,589,799</u>	<u>\$292,541</u>	<u>\$99,917</u>	<u>(\$6,197,341)</u>
<u>General Revenues:</u>				
Tax Revenues, Including Homestead Exemption				\$6,140,557
Excise Taxes				\$434,009
Intergovernmental				\$225,310
Investment Earnings				\$75,452
Interest on Delinquent Taxes				\$16,301
Other Revenues				\$42,869
<u>Total Revenues</u>				<u>\$6,934,497</u>
<u>Changes in Net Position</u>				<u>\$737,156</u>
<u>Net Position - Beginning</u>				<u>\$4,743,201</u>
<u>Net Position - Ending</u>				<u>\$5,480,357</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement.

TOWN OF GOULDSBORO, MAINE
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

(Exhibit III)

	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Capital Projects Fund</i>	<i>Permanent Fund</i>	<i>Other Governmental Funds</i>	<i>Total Governmental Funds</i>
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash	\$1,946,812	\$880,427	\$56,379		\$2,883,618
Accounts Receivable (net of allowances)	\$101,675				\$101,675
Taxes Receivable	\$146,577				\$146,577
Due from Other Funds		\$64,509	\$980	\$216,637	\$282,126
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$2,195,064</u>	<u>\$944,936</u>	<u>\$57,359</u>	<u>\$216,637</u>	<u>\$3,413,996</u>
<u>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows & Fund Balances</u>					
<u>Liabilities:</u>					
Accounts Payable	\$65,994				\$65,994
Due to Other Funds	\$282,126				\$282,126
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<u>\$348,120</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$348,120</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>					
Property Taxes Received in Advance	\$8,115				\$8,115
Unavailable Property Tax Revenue	\$65,462				\$65,462
<u>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	<u>\$73,576</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$73,576</u>
<u>Fund Balances:</u>					
Nonspendable	\$0		\$46,453		\$46,453
Restricted	\$47,488		\$10,906	\$91,905	\$150,299
Committed	\$0	\$944,936			\$944,936
Assigned	\$596			\$124,732	\$125,328
Unassigned	\$1,725,283				\$1,725,283
<u>Total Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$1,773,368</u>	<u>\$944,936</u>	<u>\$57,359</u>	<u>\$216,637</u>	<u>\$2,992,300</u>
<u>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows & Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$2,195,064</u>	<u>\$944,936</u>	<u>\$57,359</u>	<u>\$216,637</u>	<u>\$3,413,996</u>
<u>Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds</u>					\$2,992,300
<i>Net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:</i>					
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds					\$2,581,868
Delinquent taxes are recognized as revenue in the period for which levied in the government-wide financial statements, but are reported as unavailable revenue (a deferred inflow) in governmental funds					\$65,462
Deferred outflows of resources related to other post-employment benefit plans					\$5,313
Deferred inflows of resources related to other post-employment benefit plans					(\$12,487)
Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported in the funds, including:					
General Obligation Bonds Payable					(\$125,088)
Compensated Absences					(\$17,255)
Net Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability					(\$9,756)
<u>Net Position of Governmental Activities</u>					<u>\$5,480,357</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement.

TOWN OF GOULDSBORO, MAINE

(Exhibit IV)

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Permanent Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>					
Property Taxes, Including Homestead Exemption	\$6,132,851				\$6,132,851
Excise Taxes	\$434,009				\$434,009
Intergovernmental	\$225,310				\$225,310
Investment Earnings	\$50,162	\$24,040	\$1,250		\$75,452
Interest and Lien Fees	\$16,301				\$16,301
Licenses, Permits & User Fees	\$28,074	\$263,287			\$291,361
Donations and Grants		\$1,180		\$99,917	\$101,097
Other	\$10,069	\$32,799			\$42,869
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>\$6,896,776</u>	<u>\$321,307</u>	<u>\$1,250</u>	<u>\$99,917</u>	<u>\$7,319,249</u>
<u>Expenditures (Net of Departmental Revenues):</u>					
<u>Current</u>					
General Government	\$447,394	\$12,566	\$820	\$24,511	\$485,291
Town Property	\$70,623	\$6,008			\$76,631
Protection	\$854,601	\$45,551		\$25,651	\$925,803
Health, Sanitation and Social Services	\$305,446	\$3,930		\$38,297	\$347,674
Public Works	\$448,619	\$5,810		\$41,238	\$495,668
Education	\$3,785,239				\$3,785,239
Other Assessments and Debt Service	\$282,004				\$282,004
<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>\$82,363</u>	<u>\$250,745</u>			<u>\$333,108</u>
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$6,276,290</u>	<u>\$324,610</u>	<u>\$820</u>	<u>\$129,697</u>	<u>\$6,731,417</u>
<u>Excess Revenues Over Expenditures</u>	<u>\$620,486</u>	<u>(\$3,304)</u>	<u>\$430</u>	<u>(\$29,780)</u>	<u>\$587,832</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>					
Operating Transfers In	\$56,368	\$505,500		\$0	\$561,868
Operating Transfers Out	<u>(\$505,500)</u>	<u>(\$56,368)</u>			<u>(\$561,868)</u>
<u>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>	<u>(\$449,132)</u>	<u>\$449,132</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses</u>	<u>\$171,354</u>	<u>\$445,828</u>	<u>\$430</u>	<u>(\$29,780)</u>	<u>\$587,832</u>
<u>Beginning Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$1,602,014</u>	<u>\$499,109</u>	<u>\$56,928</u>	<u>\$246,418</u>	<u>\$2,404,469</u>
<u>Ending Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$1,773,368</u>	<u>\$944,936</u>	<u>\$57,359</u>	<u>\$216,637</u>	<u>\$2,992,300</u>
<u>Reconciliation to Statement of Activities, change in Net Position:</u>					
Net Change in Fund Balances - Above					\$587,832
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:					
General Obligation Bond Payments, Compensated Absences					\$37,699
Other Post-Employment Benefit Plans (Deferred Outflows, Net OPEB Liability, Deferred Inflows)					(\$1,275)
Delinquent taxes are recognized as revenue in the period for which levied in the government-wide financial statements, but are recorded as unavailable revenue (a deferred inflow) in governmental funds					\$7,706
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures, while in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over the estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.					
This amount represents capital expenditures					\$333,108
Depreciation expense on capital assets is reported in the Government-Wide Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position but they do not require the use of current financial resources.					
Therefore, depreciation expense is not reported as expenditures in the Governmental funds					(\$227,914)
<u>Changes in Net Position of Governmental Activities</u>					<u>\$737,156</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement.

TOWN OF GOULDSBORO
2024 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Hancock County

State of Maine

To: Adam Brackett, Deputy Police Chief, Town of Gouldsboro

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Gouldsboro in said County of Hancock, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Gouldsboro Community Center on Route 195, Pond Road, Gouldsboro on Tuesday, the eleventh (11th) day of June, A. D. 2024 at Eight O'clock (8:00 AM) in the forenoon, then and there to act on Articles numbered 1 and 2.

You are also to notify and warn said voters to meet at the Peninsula School Gym on Main Street, Prospect Harbor on Wednesday, the twelfth (12th) day of June, A. D. 2024 at Seven O'clock (7:00 PM) in the evening, then and there to act on Articles numbered 3 through 34, all of said Articles being set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Town Manager/Town Clerk Josh McIntyre read the greeting and Article 1.

Motion by Frank Minutillo to nominate Cheryl Brackett as Moderator; 2nd by Thomasina Watson.

Motion by Rachel Hudson to close nominations; 2nd by Martha Metzler.

Moderator election passed 3/0 by secret ballot.

Josh McIntyre administered the oath of office to Cheryl Brackett. The Moderator opened the polls at 8AM.

ARTICLE 2. To elect the following Town Officials by secret ballot:

Two Selectmen	3 Year Terms – Expires June 2027
One Planning Board member	3 Year Term – Expires June 2027
One RSU #24 Representative	3 Year Term – Expires June 2027

Polls declared closed at 8PM by Moderator Cheryl Brackett. 468 total votes cast.

Results of Select Board election: (two 3-yr terms)

*Robert Harmon	272
*Danny Mitchell Jr.	308
Katharine Shoemaker	151
Morris Young	101
Write Ins	8
Blank	84

Results of RSU #24 Rep election: (3-yr term)

Eugenio Bertin	179
*Mary Cowperthwaite	250
Write Ins	3
Blank	31

Results of Planning Board election: (3-yr term)

*Arthur Higgins	385
Write Ins	5
Blank	73

TOWN MEETING June 12, 2024 started at 7PM

Deputy Moderator Stu Marckoon was sworn in by Moderator Cheryl Brackett and opened Annual Town Meeting at 7PM. 100 registered voters attended. (121 total attended)

Bill Zoellick and Donna Harmon were awarded the Spirit of America Award and presented a certificate.

Susan Burke was awarded the Acadian Community Women's Club award for helping pets and families in need on the Peninsula by starting Hardy's Friends 15 years ago.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE ELECTION:

ARTICLE 3. To choose the following members of the Budget Committee:

Roger Dean	3 Year Term – Expires June 2027
Ray Jones	3 Year Term – Expires June 2027
Larry Peterson	3 Year Term – Expires June 2027
Brenda Clough	1 Year Term – Expires June 2025

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Arthur Higgins. Passed as written.

MUNICIPAL GENERAL FUND WARRANT ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$449,678 for the General Administration Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$132,473 for the Services and Committees Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$144,289 for the Town Property Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Margaret Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,055,933 for the Public Safety Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Elizabeth Mathewson. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$814,526 for the Public Works Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

OTHER MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL WARRANT ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for the Dorcas Library request.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for the Historical Society request.

The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend approval.
Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Dana Rice. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,300 for the Schoodic Food Pantry.

The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend approval.
Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Margaret Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for the Paving Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Paving Reserve as of April 2024 is \$336,193.
The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.
Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Margaret Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Public Works Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Public Works Reserve as of April 2024 is \$29,571.
The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.
Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for the Fire Equipment Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Fire Equipment Reserve as of April 2024 is \$98,203.
The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.
Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Elizabeth Mathewson. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer any remaining balance on June 30, 2024 from the Fire Department Division of the Public Safety Department to the Fire Department Equipment Reserve.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.
Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Edward Evelyn. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the Community Cemetery Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Community Cemetery Reserve as of April 2024 is \$2,759
The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.
Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Cruiser and Academy Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Cruiser and Academy Reserve as of April 2024 is \$52,781
The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.
Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Rick Henion. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer any remaining balance on June 30, 2024 from the Police Department Division of the Public Safety Department to the Police Cruiser and Academy Reserve.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.
Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,000 for the Buildings and Grounds Reserve. (\$12,000 earmarked for a new generator; \$10,000 earmarked for fire station roof replacement).

*Estimated balance in the Buildings and Grounds Reserve as of April 2024 is \$64,308
(\$20,000 earmarked for fire station roof replacement).*

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to retain \$10,000 from the EMS Reserve and transfer the remaining balance from EMS Reserve to the general fund to offset medical/ambulance services.

Estimated balance in the EMS Reserve as of April 2024 is \$206,812

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers to amend and reduce the article to \$5,000; no second.

Voters recommend keeping the \$10,000 as written.

Amendment failed.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers to keep article at \$10,000; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the Ambulance Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Ambulance Reserve as of April 2024 is \$35,315.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Barbara Bricker. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Harbor Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Harbor Reserve as of April 2024 is \$40,698.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to allocate mooring fees for Fiscal Years 2023, 2024, and 2025 to the Harbor Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Harbor Reserve as of April 2024 is \$40,698

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a maximum of \$150,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance (surplus) to offset taxes, if necessary and available.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

THIRD PARTY AND OUTSIDE AGENCY WARRANT ARTICLES

The following organizations requested contributions from the Town of Gouldsboro for Fiscal Year 2025:

Red Cross \$190; Community Health and Counseling \$100; Downeast Community Partners \$12,279; Downeast Transportation \$600; Eastern Area Agency on Aging \$600; Ellsworth Public Library \$5,109; Emmaus Homeless Shelter \$1,500; Families First Community Center \$700; Hospice Hancock County \$1,000; The Lifeflight Foundation \$852; Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry \$575; Maine Public Radio \$100; Northern Light Home Care & Hospice \$300, Schoodie National Scenic Byway \$1,500; Sunrise Little League \$1,000; SPCA \$400; WIC Nutrition Program \$1,050.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,700 for the following organizations:

- The sum of \$300 for Community Health and Counseling
- The sum of \$300 for Downeast Community Partners
- The sum of \$300 for Eastern Area Agency on Aging
- The sum of \$300 for Emmaus Homeless Shelter
- The sum of \$300 for Families First Community Center
- The sum of \$300 for Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County
- The sum of \$300 for The Life Flight Foundation
- The sum of \$300 for WIC Program
- The sum of \$300 for Northern Light Home Care & Hospice Foundation

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Margaret Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise general funds to donate to tax-exempt organizations (charities) during the next budget cycle.

Motion by Rick Henion; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

OTHER WARRANT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to have the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 taxes due in two installments: half to be due on or before October 31, 2024 and the other half to be due on or before March 31, 2025 and to have interest charged at the annual rate of 8% on any taxes unpaid after the due dates.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the select board to enter into multi-year contracts for public services.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Rick Henion. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to retain the right to control the harvesting of alewives.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Margaret Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will approve amendments to the Harbor Ordinance.

The Board of Selectmen and Harbor Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Margaret Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will approve amendments to the Land Use Ordinance.

The Board of Selectmen and Planning Board recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to accept donations by the Ray Scholarship Fund for the benefit of Gouldsboro students at Sumner High School.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Elizabeth Mathewson. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to increase the Property Tax Levy Limit established by State Law, in the event that the municipal budget approved at this town meeting results in a tax commitment in

excess of the maximum property tax levy otherwise applicable, such that the increased maximum property tax levy hereby established will equal the amount committed.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

**Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Margaret Jones. Passed as written.
83 Yes / 3 No (raise of hands)**

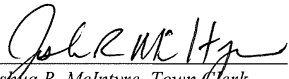
ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to set the next Town Meeting as the second Tuesday in June 2025, to start at 8AM.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Ray Jones. Passed as written.

The Registrar of Voters, or Deputy, hereby gives notice that she will be in session at the Community Center on the Pond Road from 8AM until 8PM on the day of the election, Tuesday, June 11, 2024, and at 7PM at the Peninsula School on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of registered voters.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers to adjourn at 7:46PM; 2nd by Ray Jones.

Warrant signed by Dana Rice Sr., Robert Harmon, Danny Mitchell Jr., Peter McKenzie and Jacqueline Weaver.

Attest: 
Joshua R. McIntyre, Town Clerk
Town of Gouldsboro



Janet T. Mills
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0001

Dear Maine Resident:

I have always been guided by the belief that to strengthen our state, we have to invest in our greatest asset: the people of Maine. With the support of the Legislature, my Administration has been investing in what people need to succeed, like job training, child care, health care, education, broadband, and housing.

We are seeing results — small businesses are expanding their operations; people are moving here to work and raise their families; and graduates are staying in Maine to pursue rewarding, life-long careers. These are all encouraging signs that are reflected in the strength of our economy. In fact, Maine has one of the best rates of economic growth in the nation.

That's good news, but I know that not everyone is feeling the benefits of our strong economy. The cost of living in Maine, as in much of America, is too high. The price of fuel, the cost of supplies, utilities and labor have driven up expenses for families across the country and impacted the budgets of towns, counties and nearly every state, including Maine.

I want everyone to benefit from the availability of good jobs, a good public education, and good health care in our state. That is why I have put forward a balanced budget proposal that proposes some savings and certain targeted revenue increases to maintain things we all support, like the state paying 55 percent of the cost of education and 5 percent municipal revenue sharing, to keep all these costs from being passed along to property taxpayers.

We have made good progress over the past six years to ensure that every person in Maine can find a good-paying job in a rewarding and stable career; go to the doctor when they feel sick because they have health insurance; and have the peace of mind that their children are safe at home and at school.

I look forward to working with communities and citizens across the state to solve problems, manage our finances, and keep our people healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills
Governor



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. It has been an honor to work on your behalf to make our state an even better place to live, work and conduct business. I assure you, I will continue to work diligently on behalf of the people of Senate District 6.

I was sworn in for my fourth term on December 4, 2024, the first day of the First Regular Session of the 132nd Maine State Legislature. It was a ceremonial day steeped in tradition and attended by families and friends of incoming members.

Many of you have reached out to me regarding concerns about the increasingly high costs of energy, childcare, housing, fears about education, mental health, substance abuse, workforce development, and community safety, among others. As your State Senator, I promise to advocate for common sense solutions to these problems.

The 132nd Maine Legislature has much work ahead of us regarding our anticipated budget gap and setting our spending priorities for the next biennium. However, I believe there is nothing we cannot accomplish if we work collaboratively. As your State Senator, I will continue to do all I can to advocate for your priorities in Augusta.

Again, thank you for re-electing me to serve you in the State Senate. Despite many successes over the past two years, lawmakers will have a lot of work to do next session. Please feel free to contact me by calling (207) 287-1505 or emailing me at Marianne.Moore@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,



Marianne Moore
State Senator



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January 2025

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am honored by the opportunity to serve as your state representative for District 12 in the Maine House of Representatives for the 132nd Legislature. For this two-year term, I was once again elected to serve my fellow caucus members as the House Republican Leader. It is a tremendous honor to help lead my peers through the complexities of legislative business.

The Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature got underway on January 8. Legislative committees are expected to debate approximately 2,200 bills this session. In order for me to represent you, I encourage you to provide me your thoughts on all the issues that are important to you.

Using the legislative homepage: Legislature.Maine.Gov you can monitor all legislative proposals being worked on at the State House. From here you can browse bill summaries and roll call votes, view session and public hearing schedules, listen to committee hearings or watch live streaming video of the House and Senate. You can also access committee hearings via Zoom, where you can observe or testify on a bill.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you, the people of District 12. Please reach me by phone at **287-1440** or by email at William.Faulkingham@legislature.maine.gov to keep me updated on those concerns. Additionally, if you have an interest in receiving my regular e-newsletter, please send along your email address so that it can be added to my distribution list.

Again, thank you for providing me the honor of serving you in Augusta!

Respectfully,

State Representative Billy Bob Faulkingham
House Republican Leader



Jared Golden
Congress of the United States
2nd District of Maine

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's an honor to continue serving as your representative in Congress, and I take the responsibility very seriously. Thank you for the opportunity to share an update on the work I've been doing for the people of the Second Congressional District.

Fisheries: This spring, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) announced a gauge increase for lobsters caught in the Gulf of Maine beginning in January 2025. Maine fishermen warned that this decision is founded on incomplete and inaccurate data. Additionally, this gauge increase could put Mainers at a competitive disadvantage to Canadian fishermen with looser regulations. That's why I sent a [letter](#) to the ASMFC urging them to delay their decision until they can evaluate data with fishermen, whose proactive stewardship provides invaluable insight. I have also submitted an amendment to this year's funding bill that would block federal funding from being used to implement and enforce a gauge increase. Because of these efforts, the ASFMC made the decision to delay the implementation of this new requirement. I'll always stand with Maine lobstermen against unfair, unnecessary regulations that threaten their livelihoods and industry.

Veterans: The first meeting I attended as an elected official was with a large group of veterans and the former Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services. We discussed a lot, but one issue rose above the rest: how little was being done for Maine veterans who needed treatment for mental health issues or substance use. At the time, there were no in-patient treatment beds in Maine, so veterans had to wait for a bed to open up at an out-of-state facility. Fast forward 10 years, through unending red tape, and I'm delighted to report we just broke ground on a treatment facility at the Togus VA Medical Center in Augusta. This was the direct result of the tireless advocacy of veterans from across our state — this win is theirs.

Postal Service: This spring, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) announced plans to consolidate and move some processing operations from the Eastern Maine Processing & Distribution Center in Hampden to Scarborough. This would have caused significant mail delivery delays that disproportionately harm rural communities. That's why I introduced the *Timely Mail Delivery and Postal Services Protection Act*, which would have halted this planned consolidation across the country. Following these efforts, the USPS announced they have scrapped their plan entirely. While this is a win for Maine, it is also evidence that we cannot become complacent. That's why I recently introduced the bipartisan *Postmaster General Reform Act*, which would establish term limits for the United States Postal Service's (USPS) postmaster general and require nominations to be confirmed by the Senate.

Regardless of the year, one of my top priorities is ensuring I'm accessible to you. My staff and I can help navigate federal programs; find resources in Maine; and resolve issues with Medicare, Social Security, the VA, and other federal agencies and programs. We are here to help:

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I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

Jared Golden, Member of Congress

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Dear Friends,

Each year comes with renewed hope – to celebrate each other's successes and care for each other in times of need. I am thankful to each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. We always work together to get things done. This past year was no different.

First, it was a true honor to be reelected to the United States Senate for another six-year term. Throughout my travels around the state, I heard many concerns about the cost of living and affordability of housing. Many of you also shared your concerns about access to medical and mental health services. The *Inflation Reduction Act* has been incredible for older people in Maine – Medicare is finally negotiating lower prices for prescription drugs, on top of the \$35 per month cap for insulin that took effect in 2023. We have an opportunity to build on what we have in common and do what Maine people do best; we will continue to help each other and lead through example.

I have also been consistently working to help our veterans. My team has repeatedly been successful in securing long-overdue recognition of military medals for many of Maine's combat veterans and working to resolve issues with claims, travel pay, and access to healthcare and benefits our veterans earned through their selfless service to our country. I have also worked with my Veterans Affairs and Defense partners in Washington to successfully pass a national defense bill that strengthens our national security, takes care of our service members, and supports Maine businesses from Aroostook to York County.

I am also thankful to have such an incredible team across Maine available to you for hurdles you may face with the federal government. Whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, IRS and more, please never hesitate to reach out to my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow us the chance to be part of your solutions.

Together, over the next six years, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2025.

Best Regards,



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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share several key accomplishments for our state from the previous year.

As Vice Chair of the Appropriations Committee, I have secured nearly \$580 million for 230 projects across all of Maine's 16 counties to promote job creation, workforce training, and economic development; expand access to health care; support law enforcement; improve public education and infrastructure; and protect our environment. As the new Congress begins, I am honored to be taking the helm of the Committee, the first Mainier to do so in nearly a century, and I remain committed to ensuring that federal spending produces real results for our state and nation.

Maine has the oldest average age in the country, which is why I have long prioritized health-focused legislative efforts. There were more than 1,860 health care bills introduced during the 118th Congress. Only 15 health care bills were signed into law, and I was a lead sponsor of five of them. These bills will enhance care for individuals with Alzheimer's, autism, and substance abuse issues through improved research funding, strengthened public health programs, and increased support for rural first responders.

Another important bill that I coauthored was the *Social Security Fairness Act*. Since 2003, when I led the first-ever Senate hearing on the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset, I have sought to end these provisions of the *Social Security Act* that unfairly reduce the Social Security benefits that public employees or their spouses have earned. I am pleased to say that with the passage of my bill, the *Social Security Fairness Act*, in December, public sector retirees will now receive the full Social Security benefits they have earned.

When the Maine way of life was under threat, I was certain to defend the interests of our state. I worked to protect Maine's potato farmers when the Department of Agriculture tried to reclassify the potato from a vegetable to a grain. I thwarted efforts to consolidate USPS mail operations at the Hampden postal facility, which would have disrupted mail delivery throughout our state. I sounded the alarm with leaders at the FBI and Departments of State and Treasury on the spate of illicit marijuana growing operations that are destroying properties and providing refuge to foreign criminals in our state. Following damage to our working waterfronts after last winter's storms, I secured \$15 million to help fishing communities recover. I championed funding to support the Maine Air National Guard base, Bath Iron Works, and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

As of last December, I have cast more than 9,100 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997. My ranking as the most bipartisan Senator reflects Maine's tradition of working with a spirit of cooperation and respect.

My highest priority as a Senator is to ensure that Maine's needs are met. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at collins.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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RECORD OF ARTICLES APPROVED TO CONTINUE UNTIL REVOKED

June 21, 1999 – Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE 60 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to take whatever actions are necessary for the Town to become a member of the Maine Municipal Association Property and Casualty Pool Program, including but not limited to the execution of any contract required for such membership and the payment of any required fees or charges. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

ARTICLE 61 – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all Boat Excise Taxes to the Harbor Reserve Fund and to continue such practice until specifically revoked.

June 19, 2000 – Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE 24 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to take whatever actions are necessary for the Town to become a member of the Schoodic Area League of Towns (SALT), including but not limited to the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding for such membership and the payment of minor operating costs. The Selectmen recommend a sum no larger than \$100 to be taken from the administration account to cover minor operating costs. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

ARTICLE 44 – To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes and to vote to pay 0% interest on said payments. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

ARTICLE 45 – To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to pay interest to any taxpayer who makes an overpayment of taxes, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A., Section 506-A, at a rate of 8% per annum. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

ARTICLE 49 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell Town-owned equipment when they determine such property to be of no further value to the Town and to authorize

the Board of Selectmen to return the funds to the appropriate municipal department. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

ARTICLE 50 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, unconditional gifts of property and/or donations which they feel are in the Town's best interest to accept. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

ARTICLE 51 – To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept donations of money or private, state or federal grants for the purpose of supplementing a specific appropriation already made in order to reduce the Town's tax assessment or long-term debt. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

ARTICLE 52 – To see if the Town will vote to have unexpended balances and overdrafts in all accounts at the end of the fiscal year, except those which remain by law or are deemed necessary by the Board of Selectmen, transferred to Unappropriated Surplus. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

ARTICLE 53 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend any miscellaneous revenues received during Fiscal Year 2001 and that such revenues received by each department shall only be expended by that department. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

June 12, 2007 – Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE 18 – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all unexpended expense funds at the end of the fiscal year (current and future years) from the Fire Department account to the Fire Equipment Reserve. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

June 8, 2010 – Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE 17 – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all fees received by the Constable's Department to the Constable Cruiser Purchase Reserve Fund (current and future years) to be used for purchase and major repair of cruisers.

ARTICLE 18 – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all unexpended revenues (current and future years) from the Recreation Committee to the Recreation Committee Reserve.

June 14, 2011 – Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE 21 – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any unexpended funds (current and future years) from the Paving Expense Account to the Paving Reserve.

June 12, 2012 – Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE 45 – To see if the Town will allow the Board of Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

June 10, 2015 – Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE 23 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and/or dispose of any property acquired by tax lien after first offering the property to the previous owners for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest, and, if they decline, advertising by sealed bids of the same **or realtor** for permanent disposal, and to allow the Selectmen to authorize the Town Treasurer to execute a municipal quitclaim deed for such property and to deposit the net proceeds over costs and taxes owed from such sale into the Land Purchase Reserve Account. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

June 12, 2018 – Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE 28 – To see if the Town will vote to allocate all proceeds from the sale of transfer station passes to the transfer station reserve account. The allocation granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

August 26, 2020 – Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE 9 – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any remaining funds in the Police Department on June 30, 2020, and future years, to be deposited into the Cruiser Reserve. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.



Dana & Bill Thayer riding on horse and buggy
in a parade that was held on Main Street.



Dana standing on his most prized possession, F/V Jacob Pike.

*Photo Courtesy of Sam Murfitt, a very good friend of Dana's who
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Dana Rice Sr. captain of his F/V Jacob Pike.

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