

**Town of Gouldsboro
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2025
Gouldsboro Town Office**

Committee Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Larry Peterson

Town Manager:

Josh McIntyre
(Absent)

Number of guests:

Bob Harmon

Approval of the minutes from April 30, 2025:

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

Motion: Ray Jones ; Tim Smith, 2nd

Unanimous

General Discussion

General Administration

Salary Line for town manager: Dwight Rodgers would like to see the actual salary line in the budget. Currently the town manager's salary is \$111,000. Salary negotiations are ongoing.

Bob Harmon said he believed the BC would receive updated copies of the FY26 Budget on May 8.

Bob said advertising line could increase because of changes to the advertising line for fire chief and EMS director. No advertising line for ambulance or fire department. Will likely have to come out of Administration.

No vehicle maintenance line under Fire Dept.

BC agrees on raise to \$4400 for town report for the coming year.

Newsletter expense should be a separate warrant article.

Copier costs – town is trying to identify a less expensive option.

Special Projects line offered at \$800, proposed cut to \$500. Bob was not able to obtain additional information.

General Supplies left at \$7,000.

Travel/training lines. (6,000 combined) Can these lines be reduced? Bob doesn't know and says the BC might possibly be able to get some clarification.

Police Department line shows a \$300 discrepancy. Bob says it's only \$300 and it's been a long time (August of 2023) since we had three officers.

Police 15-02 Communications line raised from \$2,200 to \$3,000

Police 30-02 postage cut from \$300 to \$50

Bob -- independent contractor under EMS is for billing purposes and budgeted for \$13,000.

No software line in EMS. Should there be?

Concerns raised about the medical supply line for EMS which could be insufficient at \$15,000.

EMS Uniforms left at \$8,000.

EMS equipment left at \$2,000.

SERVICES AND COMMITTEES

Increase Assessors Computer Software to \$5400

No computer hardware line for Assessors \$800?

Civil Emergency General Supplies Line \$750

Postage Line added for Harbor Master at \$50

Planning Board – postage not needed

Plumbing Inspector – not clear how the Plumbing Inspector is being paid

Shellfish Inspector (shouldn't that be inspector) double check travel line

Fire Station 1 electricity line increased by \$200

Fire Station 2 Communications should be \$3240

Fire Station 3 Bob was going to double check math on propane

Pier cameras – Bob was going to check on costs

Sand and Salt shed amortization schedule should be reduced from \$6345 to \$2990

Gazebo at community park will need work this year that can be taken from the Strater Fund.

Concerns remain about how insurance costs will be presented to the voters – could establish precedent that could include other municipal costs.

Take the fuel surcharge to zero for snowplowing

Discussion:

Next Budget Committee Meeting: No meeting date set

Meeting adjourned: 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: AJ Higgins, Secretary