

MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2025
GOULDSBORO SELECT BOARD MEETING

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 801 872 7702

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Present: Robert Harmon, Danny Mitchell Jr., Peter McKenzie, Jackie Weaver
Staff: Town Manager Joshua McIntyre
Town Clerk Brianna L. Mitchell
Superintendent of Town Infrastructure Mike Connors
Audience: 15 (Fifteen)
Zoom: 7 (Seven)

Meeting held at the Gouldsboro Town Office.

Mr. Harmon called the meeting to order at 5PM



Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARING – BUNKER’S SEAFOOD AND SPIRITS

Renewal Class 1 Liquor License

New Special Amusement License

Mr. Harmon opened the public hearing at 5:01PM.

No public comment was made.

Mr. Harmon closed the public hearing at 5:01PM.

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to accept Bunker’s Seafood and Spirits Renewal Class 1 Liquor License and New Special Amusement License; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0.

PUBLIC HEARING – INNKEEPER RENEWALS

Acadia Oceanside Meadows Inn

Bluff House Inn

Elsa’s Inn on the Harbor

Mr. Harmon opened the public hearing at 5:02PM.

No public comment was made.

Mr. Harmond closed the public hearing at 5:03PM.

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to accept the Innkeeper renewal permits for Acadia Oceanside Meadows Inn, Bluff House Inn, and Elsa’s Inn on the Harbor; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2025

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of May 8, 2025; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2025

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of May 15, 2025; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0.

PAYROLL WARRANT #47

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve Payroll Warrant #47 in the amount of \$29,550.26; 2nd by Ms. Weaver. Passed 4/0.

A/P WARRANT #48

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve A/P Warrant #48 in the amount of \$88,268.45; 2nd by Ms. Weaver. Passed 4/0.

SELECT BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Weaver – Wyman’s has contracted for 10 years to utilize the old Stinson’s Factory per the Bangor Daily News.

Mr. Mitchell – *Nothing at this time.*

Mr. Harmon – There will be a re-election for Dana Rice’s vacant seat with regular general election on November 4, 2025.

Mr. McKenzie – *Nothing at this time.*

TREASURER – See attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Board – Bold Coast Seafood, Betsy Lowe, has purchased the factory plant.

Comp Plan Committee – Ray reported the Comp Plan is delayed currently with accusations that the Select Board and Town Manager has not submitted anything to the committee and is 2-years behind. Ms. Weaver spoke that is incorrect, the Select Board is waiting for Comp Plan Committee and the Planning Board to sign off on one version, not having several versions, to pass along to the Select Board to continue with the process.

Coastal Resilience – Bill Zoellick reported their meeting May 17th went well. Will meet back with the fishermen in the Fall.

Emergency Management – Director Jackie Johnston reported she will be attending a coastal hazard training in Northeast Harbor on May 29th. FEMA update: protective measures taken throughout town they have spent \$20,616 total town cost. The Town will be reimbursed for \$18,554. Storm debris removal reimbursement of \$3,914 check is on the way.

Acadia National Park Advisory Liaison – Jackie Johnston reported there will be a meeting held on June 2, if any questions or concerns please let her know.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Absent

Mr. Mitchell mentioned the new officer will be starting soon and will be helping him transfer his law enforcement credentials.

FIRE DEPARTMENT / EMS

Acting Chief Gary Greenlaw has been keeping the Fire Department together. Truck inspections were conducted yesterday and one of the trucks did not pass inspection. Greenlaw will continue working towards getting all fire trucks inspected by the end of the month. Additionally, he is coordinating with Winter Harbor Fire Department for the annual hose and ladder testing through FailSafe.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – See attached

CEO Mike Connors reported:

- He has issued 7 permits from 05/07/2025 – 05/19/2025 with no new residences.
- Driveway/Road on Corea Rd/195 – Inquired with MDOT. Landowner currently working with MDOT for state permit prior to local permits.
- Shoreland Violation – Vegetation removal – Jones Pond. DEP scheduled for site visit on 5/29/25.
- 725 Paul Bunyan Road – Side setback violation (house location), landowner reports progress being made to acquire strip of land from abutting landowner.
- Schoodic Food Pantry Expansion – State permitting in process, town permitting to follow.
- Security Cameras – Mike has been meeting with vendors for estimates for the Rec Center, Town Office, Prospect Harbor Pier, Police Department and DOT Lot.
- Proposed Apt Building – Route One – Mike spoke with the landowner on 5/12/25, they are closing on the land at the end of May.
- Street Sweeping – Sweeping should begin this week, weather permitting. Line painting to follow. Stop bars, crosswalks, Town Office, Prospect Harbor Women's Club, and Rec Center.

RSU#24 REPRESENTATIVE – Absent

TOWN MANAGER – See Attached

Josh reported HCPC, on behalf of the Schoodic Byway Committee, is applying to the Schoodic Community Fund for a grant to help defray costs of proposed changes to the town park. There is a concept plan for the park that was the result of the April 28th site visit and discussion. The grant could provide up to \$7,000 for the relocation of the Kids Quest exhibit (mini lobster boat currently next to the Women's Club), upgrade of the access ramp to the pavilion, as well as tree and flower plantings. The Town would contribute the USCG navigation buoy plus the improvement to the lawn to make it flatter and more usable. The town would also contribute towards the lobster trap tree.

Old Business-

Nothing at this time.

New Business-

Rescheduling of second June Select Board meeting – suggested 6/18

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to move the second June Select Board meeting to June 18, 2025; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0.

Signing of warrant for RSU 24 Budget

The Select Board signed 9 (Nine) RSU 24 budget warrants to be posted around town.

Review and possible signing of warrant for Annual Town Meeting

Mr. Harmon reported that a significant driver of the increase in the budget this year is due to having a capital improvement plan in process as there has been lack of supporting these improvements in previous years. Town Manager Josh McInture has added in a warrant article to include about enrolling employees in MEPEERS. Deanna Doyle with MEPEERS sent the language to include in the warrant.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$414,263 for the General Administration Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. If this article passes, Article 5 already includes the \$10,000 increase. If Article 4 does not pass, the Article 5 will need to be amended and decreased the \$10,000. Eve Wilkinson mentioned she is not married to the idea of bringing back the newsletter but thought it was a good idea to let the townspeople to vote on whether they want to resume the newsletter or continue with not printing and mailing. Mr. Mitchell recommends rewording the article to read “To see if the Town will resume the mailing of a monthly newsletter” along with the words “cost estimated up to \$10,000.”

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Buildings and Grounds Reserve. (\$30,000 ear marked for fire station roof replacement). Eve Wilkinson recommends amending this to read “\$40,000 currently ear marked for fire station roof replacement” appropriated from the past few years.

Article 21. 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. Josh reported he would feel more comfortable maintaining \$10,000 in the reserve to keep the account open. Dwight had previously recommended decreasing to \$1,000.

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. Dwight recommends appropriating up to a maximum of \$250,000 to offset taxes. The Select Board agreed to increase up to \$250,000.

Mr. McKenzie made a motion to sign the warrant as amended in the above four articles; 2nd by Ms. Weaver. Passed 4/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

AJ Higgins asked if there is any speculation what the mil rate will be for the upcoming tax year? The Select Board responded they are unsure at this time as it is too early to know. The Assessor is still completing valuations for building permit applications. As in previous years, we won't know until closer to tax commitment time in August.

ADJOURN: Mr. Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15PM; 2nd by Mr. McKenzie. Passed 4/0.

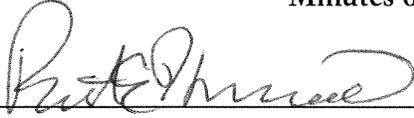
Respectfully submitted,
Brianna L. Mitchell, Town Clerk

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

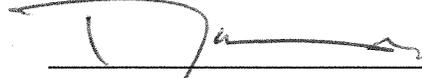
Enclosures: Agenda, Bunker's Seafood and Spirits Liquor License Renewal, Bunker's Seafood and Spirits Special Amusement License, Minutes of 05.08.25, Minutes of 05.15.25, Payroll Warrant #47, A/P Warrant #48, Treasurer's Report, EMS Calls Report, CEO Report, Town Manager's Report, Gouldsboro Town Park updates, RSU 24 Budget Referendum Warrant, Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant, Budget History & Summary, Expense Summary Report 05.09.25, Harbor Ordinance Amendments, Drummond Woodsum Memorandum 05.22.25, Dwight Rodgers Warrant Comments Email.

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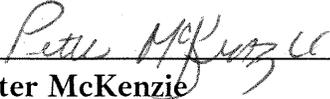
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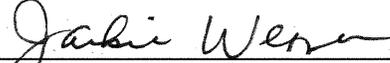
Robert Harmon, *Chair*



Danny Mitchell, Jr., *Vice Chair*



Peter McKenzie



Jackie Weaver