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GOULDSBORO
Maine



Annual Town Report

July 2025 - June 2026

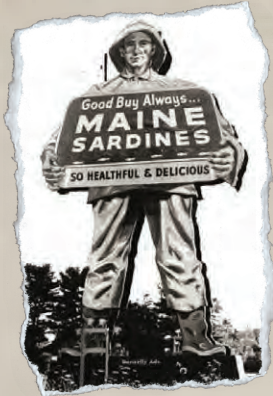
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History of Big Jim



Big Jim in 1959, as he welcomed everyone to the State of Maine.



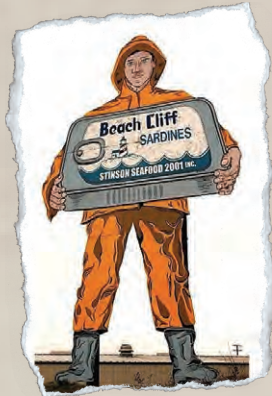
This side bid farewell to anyone traveling south.



Big Jim moved to Prospect Harbor in the 1970s and became ambassador for the Stinson Canning Co.



Stinson Canning Co. changed its name to Stinson Seafood Co.



The last rendition of Big Jim before the factory closed in 2010.



Big Jim was repainted as a Lobsterman in 2010.



In 2026, Penobscot Marine Museum is partnering with the new owners of the factory, Bold Coast Seafood and Gouldsboro Historical Society to restore Big Jim to his original 1959 sardine heritage. Once restored, Big Jim will spend the summer of 2026 standing again along Route One, this time in Searsport, as a feature of Penobscot Marine Museum's Sardineland exhibit. In October 2026, he will return to his home at Bold Coast Seafood in Prospect Harbor!

TOWN OF GOULDSBORO, MAINE

*Annual Report of the
Municipal Officers for
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026*



*Thank you to all departments, boards and committees
that submitted reports for this year's town report!*

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Brianna L. Mitchell, Town Clerk*

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DEDICATION



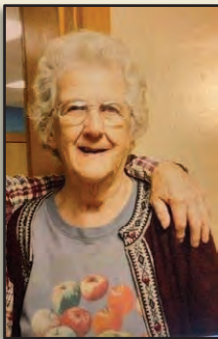
The Town of Gouldsboro is proud to dedicate this year's town report to the memory of **Lois I. (Myrick) Crowley**, 97, who passed away January 10, 2026. She was born on June 5, 1928, in Winter Harbor, ME, the daughter of Lewis and Esther (Webber) Myrick.

Lois spent nearly a century rooted in the place she loved. For many years, she served the town through her work at the Corea Post Office, retiring in 1995. Yet her role there extended far beyond handling mail. The post office was a place of connection, and Lois was its steady and welcoming presence.

The same spirit of care reflected in her life at home, where her hands were rarely still as she enjoyed crocheting and knitting in her free time. Around 2010, she helped launch a program called the "Mitten Tree" at the local school, where she became affectionately known as the "Mitten Lady". This was a title earned not just through the volume of her work, but her consistency and heart. She helped gather other knitters and crocheters in town who would then donate knitted mittens to the program. Lois would help pass the mittens to the children at the onset of winter. Over the years Lois created and donated thousands of mittens to the Schoodic Peninsula's children.

In 2024, she was awarded the Gouldsboro Boston Post Cane, recognizing her as the town's oldest resident – an honor reflected both her longevity and her deep roots in the community for over 70 years.

IN LOVING MEMORY



Ella L. Merchant, 82, passed away April 3, 2026. She cherished spending time with her family and being a part of the community.

Ella volunteered in many areas, a few including serving as Secretary for the Prospect Harbor Cemetery Association, placing American flags on cemetery plots for Memorial Day, and serving as Secretary of the Shellfish Committee. She gave generously of her time and talents. We deeply appreciate her commitment and the many contributions she made to our community.

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 II	Term expires 2028
Jacqueline Weaver	Term expires 2028
Johnathan Renwick	Term expires 2026

PLANNING BOARD

Deirdre McArdle, <i>Chair</i>	Term expires 2026
Jeff Grant, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Term expires 2028
Steven "Shepsi" Eaton	Term expires 2026
Mark Altvater	Term expires 2028
Jed West	Term expires 2028
(Jed is filling the vacant seat until municipal election June 2026)	
Allie Kaerhle	Admin Assistant

Alternates: Roy Gruver, Vacant

Appointed + Elected Officials

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Nicole Rediker

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Zeb Pike, *Assessor*

Pamela Linscott, *Assistant*

BOARD OF APPEALS

Barbara Bateman

Dale Church

Kate McCloud

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTORS

Brianna Mitchell

Karen Malloy

Rachel Hudson

E-911 COORDINATOR

Michael Connors

EMERGENCY PLAN COORDINATOR

Jackie Johnston

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Dwight Rodgers, *Chair*
John Eck
Lynne Altvater
Mark Atlvater
Phil Tiffany

**CIVIL EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS DIRECTOR**

Jackie Johnston

**COASTAL RESILIENCE
COMMITTEE**

Bill Zoellick, *Chair*
Dwight Rodgers
Johnathan Renwick
Tim Fisher
Tom McKeag

**CODE ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER**

Michael Connors

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Vacant

EMS ADVISORY BOARD

Barbara Bragdon
Frank Minutillo
James Guest

EMS DIRECTOR

Andi Both

FACILITIES ADVISORY BOARD

Mark Atlvater, *Chair*
Alfred Dimarco
Brianna Mitchell
Paul Shoemaker
Phil Tiffany

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gary Greenlaw, *Chief*
Roy Chandler, *Assistant*
Brianna Mitchell, *Secretary*

**FREEDOM OF ACCESS
OFFICER**

Joshua McIntyre

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE
ADMINISTRATOR &
OVERSEER OF THE POOR**

Brianna Mitchell

**HANCOCK COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Joshua McIntyre
Deirdre McArdle
Lynne Altvater, *Alternate*

HARBOR COMMITTEE

Ben Follette
Chris Urquhart
Jonathan Renwick
Patrick Presnell
Patrick Weaver

HARBOR MASTER

Michael Pinkham

IONES POND CARETAKER

Amir Force

**MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS
& ADMIN ASSISTANT**

Allie Kaehrle

**NEWSLETTER
COORDINATOR**

Brianna Mitchell
Karen Malloy, *Deputy*
Joshua McIntyre, *Editor*

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Millard Billings

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief James Malloy
Admin Asst. Brianna Mitchell
Officer Allen Corey
Officer Caleb Norton
Officer Dan Leighton
Officer Taylor LeBlanc

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Rachel Hudson
Mariela Church
Brittanie Smith

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Rachel Hudson
Brianna Mitchell, *Overseer/Deputy*
Karen Malloy, *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

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

SHELLFISH WARDEN

Michael Pinkham

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Becky O'Keefe
David Hottle
Jerry Kron
Patrick Weaver
Stephanie Ingignoli

TOWN CLERK & DEPUTIES

Brianna Mitchell, *Town Clerk*
Karen Malloy, *Deputy*
Rachel Hudson, *Deputy*

**TOWN MANAGER &
TAX COLLECTOR**

Joshua McIntyre

**TOWN REPORT
COORDINATOR**

Brianna Mitchell

TREASURER

Aleta Fusco
Joshua McIntyre, *Deputy*

VETERANS' COMMITTEE

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

SELECT BOARD

In the fiscal year just ending, town administration efforts have been focused on how Gouldsboro can build on its existing assets, of which we have many, and make the best use of our capable staff and facilities. Topping the list of assets are the people who work for the town, from our very industrious Town Manager Josh McIntyre, who continues to exceed the Select Board's expectations, to our talented department heads and our dedicated administrative staff.

Under McIntyre's direction, each department is continually examining practices and procedures to make sure we are delivering services as efficiently and effectively as possible. For example, the town office is now helping the all-volunteer Planning Board meet its statutory responsibilities and also is drafting a new digitally accessed permit application system—a work in progress—to make it simpler for homeowners, builders, and developers.

Record keeping in the Code Enforcement office, led by Mike Connors, has greatly improved. With the aid of a new assistant, Connors, who also oversees all town facilities and roadways, can better meet the needs of our residents in a timely manner.

McIntyre created volunteer citizens' committees to look at our buildings and make recommendations ranging from updating plumbing and electrical systems to better utilizing the Town Office's limited space. Another citizens' committee will help guide fundraising efforts to ensure our ambulance service—a life saver in rural Maine--will be sustainable.

Our police, fire, and emergency medical services are stronger and more efficient than ever. The Gouldsboro Police Department headed by Chief James Malloy and fully staffed for the first time in years, initiated a new Sunshine Program with Winter Harbor Police. Under this program our more vulnerable residents will receive at least two calls each week to provide friendly, human contact to those who might be isolated. The service is available on sign up to any resident of the Schoodic Peninsula. The Fire Department with Chief Gary Greenlaw plans to sell off antiquated equipment and has a new system in place to track the department's state mandated safety reporting requirements. Our Emergency Medical Services has made great strides under the leadership of Director Andi Both. EMS now has three paramedics, advanced EMTs, and EMTs to ensure our ambulances are capably

staffed. Administratively, the department has been reorganized top to bottom both in record keeping as well as the physical space.

The all-volunteer Coastal Resilience Committee continues to lead the way in this area in preparing the town for major weather events with plans to shore up roads in vulnerable areas. The committee's vital work encompasses everything from studies on how best to address problem areas to successful grant writing that covers a major portion of the costs.

The private, nonprofit Schoodic Food Pantry in Gouldsboro continues to serve hundreds of hungry families in the area with some support from the town of Gouldsboro, private donors, and neighboring municipalities whose needy residents are aided by the pantry.

In terms of town beautification, landscaping and other improvements are planned for the Gouldsboro Town Park on Main Street. Trees will be added for additional shade; an area will be flattened to accommodate tents for events (see the Town Office about booking), and a large corner section of the park will contain marine artifacts and replicas that celebrate our town's rich maritime history and are designed as an educational and entertainment enhancement for children.

Selectman Robert Harmon built Gouldsboro's first lobster trap tree in the park with buoys and lights. A tree lighting ceremony will be an annual event along with cookies and hot drinks for families.

The former Stinson plant in Prospect Harbor is humming with activity as the new owners, Bold Coast Seafood, process lobster and are gearing up to process Jonah crab, which would be a landmark change in Downeast Maine's seafood industry.

And, the iconic "Big Jim" billboard on the Bold Coast Seafood property has been dismantled and is being restored to its original glory by the Penobscot Marine Museum. A freshly painted, true-to-its original state Big Jim will return home in the fall. Thanks go to Bold Coast Seafood and the Gouldsboro Historical Society.

This year, like any year, had its challenges. There will always be hurdles in this complicated and increasingly expensive world. But for now, Gouldsboro is in an enviable place with an even brighter future ahead.

TOWN MANAGER

This past year has been one of steady progress in strengthening the Town's operations, improving transparency, and positioning Gouldsboro for long-term sustainability. Much of the work has focused not on any single project, but on building systems—clear processes, consistent expectations, and better tools—that allow a small organization to operate more effectively.

Operational Improvements and Service Delivery

A primary focus has been improving how work flows through the organization. In a small town with limited staff, efficiency and clarity are essential. Over the past year, we have implemented more structured internal processes, including clearer timelines for meeting materials, standardized formats for recommendations to the Select Board, and improved coordination across departments.

We also made adjustments to public office hours to better balance accessibility with staff capacity. While public hours were modestly reduced, internal productivity has improved, ensuring that residents continue to receive timely and accurate service. Our goal is simple: every resident interaction should be clear, helpful, and respectful, regardless of who answers the phone or greets you at the counter.

Financial Management and Planning

The Town continues to operate within a disciplined financial framework. The development and adoption of Gouldsboro's first Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) marked a significant step forward. This plan provides a structured, multi-year view of anticipated capital needs, allowing for better budgeting and reduced reliance on reactive spending. We have worked to improve how financial decisions are presented to both the Select Board and the public, not only during the preparation of the budget but throughout the year.

As with many communities, rising costs remain a challenge. Fuel, materials, and contracted services continue to experience upward pressure. Despite this, the Town has maintained a focus on value by seeking competitive bids and ensuring that expenditures align with clearly defined priorities.

Infrastructure and Capital Projects

Infrastructure remains one of the Town's most significant responsibilities. Over the past year, we have advanced planning and procurement processes for road work, facility improvements, and equipment needs.

We refined our approach to bidding and procurement, including the use of more standardized bid documents and clearer evaluation criteria. These changes are intended to ensure fairness, compliance with policy, and better outcomes for the Town.

In addition, we have continued to explore cost-effective tools for infrastructure assessment and planning. This includes evaluating new technologies that can provide better data on road conditions and help guide future investment decisions.

Technology and Systems

Another area of focus has been modernization of the Town's technology systems. Much of our infrastructure—phones, website, and internal tools—has been in place for many years and no longer meets current expectations.

We have begun the process of evaluating and procuring updated systems, including a new website and improved communications tools. These upgrades are intended to make it easier for residents to access information, complete common tasks, and stay informed about Town activities. A new phone system will better enable callers to reach the desired staff person and to leave detailed messages. We intend to take a measured approach to implementation, recognizing that new systems must be affordable, effective, and manageable for staff.

Governance and Transparency

The Town has taken steps to improve transparency and consistency in governance. Meeting materials are now prepared and posted earlier, giving both Board members and the public more time to review information in advance.

We have also clarified expectations for presentations and decision-making with an emphasis on concise, written summaries that clearly

outline the issue, options, and recommended action. This approach supports more efficient meetings and better-informed decisions.

Staffing and Organizational Capacity

Like many municipalities, Gouldsboro faces challenges related to staffing and workload. With a small team covering a wide range of responsibilities, periods of transition or absence can have a significant impact. Over the past year, we have worked to improve cross-training and clarify roles, helping to reduce single points of failure within the organization. At the same time, we recognize the importance of supporting staff and managing workload to prevent burnout.

This year also included several important personnel transitions. Andi Both stepped into the role of EMS Director in June and quickly implemented meaningful improvements in both administration and quality of care. Magen Merchant departed following maternity leave and will be greatly missed for her contributions to the front office. Karen Malloy has since joined the team and has stepped into that role effectively, ensuring continuity of service. Allie Kaehrle is expected to be a strong contributor on the administrative side, particularly in supporting Code Enforcement and the Planning Board.

The dedication of Town staff remains one of Gouldsboro's greatest strengths. Their willingness to adapt, take on additional responsibilities, and focus on serving the community has been essential to the progress made this year.

Looking Ahead

The work of building effective systems is ongoing. In the coming year, we will continue to focus on process improvement, technology upgrades, and long-term planning. This includes further refinement of permitting workflows, continued implementation of the Capital Improvement Plan, and additional efforts to improve communication with residents. Steady improvement continues to be our goal as we seek to best meet the needs of residents.

Respectfully submitted,
Josh McIntyre, Town Manager
April 22, 2026

TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's Office serves as an important resource for the community and is the first point of contact for residents and visitors entering the Town Office. Our office is responsible for a wide range of duties, including conducting elections, vital records, licensing/permitting, motor vehicle registrations, tax collections, record keeping, assisting the public with various municipal services and much more. We strive to provide knowledgeable, efficient, and friendly service while helping residents navigate the many day-to-day functions of local government.

This past year has been a busy one filled with many projects, responsibilities, and continued efforts to ensure the front office operates smoothly while providing friendly and helpful service to our residents and visitors.

As part of our commitment to the community and to serving the residents of the Town of Gouldsboro with the best knowledge possible, we continually participate in trainings and educational opportunities to stay informed and up to date as laws, regulations, and municipal processes continue to evolve throughout the many areas of work we perform.

As many changes took place, we were sad to say goodbye to our Deputy Clerk, Magen Merchant, as she decided to part ways following her maternity leave. She will be greatly missed by both our staff and residents of the community and was a valuable member of our team. We thank her for her service to the Town of Gouldsboro and wish her all the best.

We are pleased to welcome our newest Deputy Clerk, Karen Malloy, who joined us with prior experience in the town office setting. We are excited to have her and look forward to working together in serving the community.

After years of training, time, and dedication, this year also marked an important milestone in my professional career as I became a Certified Town Clerk through the State of Maine! I am incredibly grateful to Town Manager Joshua McIntyre, the Select Board, and my colleagues for their continued support and encouragement

throughout this process. It is truly a privilege to serve the Town of Gouldsboro in my role as Town Clerk and in many other capacities within our local government.

The Town of Gouldsboro continues to offer many online services and payment options, allowing residents to conveniently conduct business from the comfort of their homes. Residents are able to renew motor vehicle registrations, dog licenses, boats, ATVs, snowmobiles, hunting and fishing licenses, as well as make online tax payments. Many residents continue to take advantage of these online services throughout the year.

A new addition this year is the installation of a newsletter box located in the Town Office alcove, allowing residents convenient 24/7 access to town newsletters and important information outside of normal business hours.



Another successful rabies clinic was held in October 2025, provided by Dr. Brandi Smith with GoVetGo. This clinic offers residents a convenient and affordable opportunity to have their pets vaccinated, helping to protect both animal and public health within the community. We appreciate GoVetGo for continuing to provide this valuable service to the animals of Gouldsboro and allowing many other communities to attend!

Elections were conducted in November 2025 with both a State Referendum and Municipal Ballot. A total of 801 votes were cast the

day of election. The two items on the municipal ballot included one Select Board seat for a remaining term, with Jacqueline Johnston receiving 368 votes and Johnathan Renwick receiving 388 votes, with Renwick elected to the seat. The other item included a Planning Board seat for a remaining term, with Mark Altvater elected as a member onto the Planning Board. Congratulations to you both as you now step into these volunteer seats. We had a pleasant and successful election season and appreciate all those who participated in the voting process.

Effective March 2026, the Town Office implemented a daily lunch closure from 12:15PM to 1PM. In addition, Thursday office hours now conclude at 5PM. These adjustments help improve workflow efficiency and allow staff to better serve the public throughout the day.

Town Manager Joshua McIntyre, Allie Kaerhle, and I have been working diligently toward the implementation of a new town website. Through numerous demonstrations and webinars with vendors, we are focused on selecting a platform that will improve accessibility, be ADA compliant, and provide residents with expanded online services and information available 24/7. The new website will also allow residents to sign up for notifications and alerts for important town information, including newsletters, meeting minutes, announcements, and much more! We look forward to a smooth transition and hope residents will watch for updates in the coming year.

Serving the residents of Gouldsboro remains our top priority. If you ever have questions or need assistance, we are always happy to help in any way we can. I hope your experiences in our office are always friendly, welcoming, and helpful. We look forward to continuing to serve our community in the year ahead.

Respectfully,

Brianna L. Mitchell, CCM

Certified Town Clerk & Office Manager

Town Clerk Statistics Report

CLERK LICENSES

Auto Graveyard/Junkyard Renewals: 3
Innkeeper/Tavern Renewals: 3
Liquor License Renewals: 2
Special Amusement Permit Renewals: 1

DOG LICENSES

Total Dogs Registered: 472

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

ATV Registrations: 73
Boat Registrations: 133
Documented Vessels: 67
Snowmobile Registrations: 36

REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTIES

Unenrolled: 418
Republican: 561
Green Independent: 49
Democrat: 404
Libertarian: 4
Total Registered Voters: 1,436

SHELLFISH LICENSES

Commercial Resident: 9
Commercial Non-Resident: 1
Commercial Senior: 3
Resident Recreational: 12
Non-Res Recreational: 3
Senior Recreational: 66
Junior Resident Recreational: 0
Junior Non-Resident Recreational: 0
One Week Non-Resident: 1

SPORTING LICENSES

Hunting & Fishing Licenses: 122

VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Registrations: 1,966

(Deaths reporting from July 01, 2025 – April 30, 2026)

ALEXIS SOUDERS – 71 – JULY 20
ROBERT WEBBER – 86 – JULY 28
JOSHUA BOOTH – 35 – AUGUST 01
JEAN SYMONDS – 92 – AUGUST 25
MICHAEL HALL – 68 – SEPTEMBER 22
JANE RIBBLE – 96 – SEPTEMBER 29
FERN KELLEY – 86 – OCTOBER 04
MARVIN MOORE – 82 – OCTOBER 20
HUNTER CLEMENT – 26 – OCTOBER 31
THOMAS ALLEN – 77 – NOVEMBER 08
WAYNE SNYDER – 67 – NOVEMBER 10
ALLEN MACKENZIE – 59 – NOVEMBER 28
MATTHEW LAWLER – 59 – DECEMBER 20
DAVID WHITE – 74 – DECEMBER 20
AGATHA HUGHES – 71 – DECEMBER 22
HOLLIS SMITH SR. – 80 – DECEMBER 23
LOIS CROWLEY – 97 – JANUARY 10
PHYLLIS PETERSON – 82 – JANUARY 15
SHARON MOORE – 78 – FEBRUARY 06
DAVID SUGARMAN – 95 – FEBRUARY 08
EVERETT HAYCOCK – 82 – FEBRUARY 22
DAVID WILKINSON – 80 – FEBRUARY 23
SHAYNA ST. PETER – 40 – MARCH 11
ELLA MERCHANT – 82 – APRIL 03
JOAN QUINTAL – 87 – APRIL 11

MARRIAGES

Walker Child + Stephanie Sleda

Richard Noble + Raye Ann Passmore

Landon Bernier + Ceanna Wallace

Christopher Beattie + Lauren Hanna

Richard Snyder + Kellie Reed-Carter

Benjamin Souders + Katherine Eaton

Alexis Church + Jade Wood

Rodger Oxford + Shanae Carroll

Harmon Dorr + Deanna Monroe

BIRTHS



THERE WERE [11](#) NEW BABIES BORN
TO RESIDENTS OF GOULDSBORO!

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

Looking to send an inquiry to the CEO, please email ceo@gouldsborotown.com.

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 are 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 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 not registered your dog by that time. 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. Voters may visit Maine.gov and not only order their absentee ballot but also track 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.

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 last resort emergency program for those who have exhausted resources from community/state agencies. It provides assistance for basic needs to those who are eligible and is not intended for a continuing aid. An application can be picked up at the Town Office in person during business hours or on the Town website at www.gouldsborotown.com.

HOMESTEAD & VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Applications need to be turned into the Assessor's office by April 1st of the tax year to be applied to the next tax bill. You only need to apply for this exemption once. Check our website for applications 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 view on our website under the "Ordinances" tab. For new and renewal moorings, you must submit a complete mooring application and pay the required fees each year.

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 (if applicable). If not, an original title is required.
- 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. Please call the Town Office at (207) 963-5589 if you have any questions.

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

Select Board meetings are held every other Thursday at 5PM at the Town Office, unless specified otherwise. 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

Effective March 2026, we now close for lunch break 12:15PM – 1PM.

Monday	8AM – 12:15PM	reopen 1PM – 4PM
Tuesday	8AM – 12:15PM	reopen 1PM – 5PM
Wednesday	8AM – 12:15PM	reopen 1PM – 4PM
Thursday	8AM – 12:15PM	reopen 1PM – 5PM
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 Rec 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 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
- 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**

**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, 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 SCHEDULE

- | | |
|---------------------------|------|
| • 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 |

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 \$4 million dollars and I would anticipate a similar trend going forward.

The last revaluation occurred in 2006. We are preparing to start reviewing $\frac{1}{4}$ of town next year for a reval to be implemented 4 years from now (2030).

It has been a pleasure to serve the Town for 5 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

YEAR	MIL RATE / \$1,000	COUNTY TAX	LOCAL EDUCATION APPROP.	MUNICIPAL APPROP.
2025/2026	\$12.00	\$318,006	\$3,911,401	\$3,786,870
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

2024 UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES

<u>Acct#</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
2002	Bacon, Randell L.	\$72.93
1791	Belluche, David F.	\$478.83
151	Bishko, Wayne & Dawn	\$3,274.84
1486	Bishop, Donald & Amy	\$869.97
98	Bradstreet, Arvid	\$1,229.05
209	Bridges, Bryan	\$5,087.88
268	Burge, Leola & Eugene (heirs of)	\$1,094.31
401	Cole, Peter & Crabtree, Paula	\$4,039.82
2092	Cowperthwaite, Earl & Landeen, Justin	\$561.27
331	Desjardins, Cher	\$970.58
873	Duesenberry, Holly (heirs of)	\$1,996.16
2772	Duesenberry, Holly (heirs of)	\$461.33
429	Duston, Heidi	\$2,368.21
175	Duston, Seth & Heidi	\$1,461.70
732	Gronley, Joanne	\$1,367.86
2485	Hall, Maureen	\$359.54
1863	Hibbard, Marleine Jean (heirs of)	\$3,871.13
1961	JREA, LLC	\$1,707.11
914	King, Elijah Everett	\$739.72
1189	Koenig, Kenneth & Lisa	\$123.28
2359	Merchant, Sherman F. II	\$186.15
1225	Morse, Lewis & Lois	\$327.95
2206	Muchmore, Steven W.	\$65.26
1345	Seal, Robert & Katherine	\$1,451.26
694	Seal, Robert & Katherine	\$2,019.92
2805	Taylor, Tiffany	\$135.31
1997	Vandegrift, Sidney & Marie	\$513.82
2025	Young, Bonnie J. (heirs of)	\$60.70
2042	Young, Ida May	\$2,476.46
Totals as of 05/06/2026		<i>Balance Due</i> \$43,703.48

Reserve Account Balances

As of June 30, 2025



AMBULANCE	\$27,308
BUILDINGS + GROUNDS	\$112,726
COMMUNITY CEMETERY	\$3,385
EMS	\$148,852
FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$165,654
FOREST FIRE / CIVIL EMERGENCY	\$12,967
HARBOR	\$53,895
JONES POND	\$24,306
LAND PURCHASE	\$33,487
LEGAL	\$57,928
PAVING	\$387,060
POLICE CRUISER	\$55,070
PUBLIC WORKS	\$30,524
RECREATION	\$5,498
SHELLFISH	\$14,763
<u>TRANSFER STATION</u>	<u>\$83,074</u>
TOTAL RESERVE BALANCES	\$1,216,490

Cemetery Master Database

CEMETERY TRUST NAME	ADMIN	CEMETERY	EST	PRINCIPAL	4/30/2025	4/30/2026
BEECH HILL						
Sargent, Epps H.	Trust	Beech Hill-"Our Cemetery"	1942	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Sargent, Simpson (by Ralph Allan)	Trust	Beech Hill-"Our Cemetery"	1982	\$300.00	\$316.25	\$9.85
Total				\$400.00	\$416.25	\$12.96
BIRCH HARBOR (HILLCREST)						
Bishop, Allison & Corinne	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	2015	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$15.57
Cole, Arthur & Aida	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$15.57
Crane, Henry E.	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1971	\$500.00	\$635.97	\$19.80
Davis, Lilla. C.	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1950	\$100.00	\$126.88	\$3.95
Forsmark, Olof	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1995	\$250.00	\$261.55	\$8.14
Getchell, Harold & Avis	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.23
Hancock, Florence J.	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1976	\$300.00	\$380.84	\$11.86
Joy, Carlton & Emma	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$4.67
Joy, Maxwell & Venita	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$4.67
Kane, John & Amanda	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1974	\$100.00	\$127.03	\$3.96
Lewis, Ray	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
McKay, Zelma	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$15.57
Nash, Frelon & Avis	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1995	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Sargent, Grace	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$9.34
Stanley, Gordon	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1993	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Stanley, Roy & Mabel	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1995	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Stevens, Emma Rice	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1997	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Stricker, Esther	Trust	Birch Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.23
Total				\$4,250.00	\$4,532.27	\$141.11
COREA						
Bridges, Elisha W.	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1931	\$100.00	\$120.63	\$3.76
Bridges, Erwin & Mary	Trust	Corea Cemetery	2010	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$1.56
Clark, Arthur	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1985	\$200.00	\$246.78	\$7.68
Conley, Louis & Norma	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1981	\$300.00	\$439.67	\$13.69
Crowley, Emma	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1946	\$200.00	\$278.03	\$8.66
Crowley, Ephriam & Harvard E.	Trust	Corea Cemetery	2010	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.23
Crowley, Florence & Marena	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1969	\$200.00	\$254.21	\$7.91
Crowley, Monroe E.	Trust	Corea Cemetery	2010	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.23
Ginn, Bessie B.	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1958	\$687.54	\$897.47	\$27.94
Lutes, Thomas Q. & Ellen A.	Trust	Corea Cemetery	2013	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.23
Ray, Robert & Kathleen	Trust	Corea Cemetery	2006	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.23
Scofield, Roy & Hattie	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1999	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Urquhart, Derwood	Trust	Corea Cemetery	2000	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.23
Urquhart, Howard & Eleanor	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1999	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.23
Wasgatt, Harry & Katie	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1974	\$200.00	\$399.24	\$12.43
Woodward, Helen Crowley	Trust	Corea Cemetery	2009	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$31.14
Young, Elisha	Trust	Corea Cemetery	1967	\$100.00	\$122.42	\$3.81
Total				\$4,337.54	\$5,108.45	\$159.05

Cemetery Master Database

CEMETERY TRUST NAME	ADMIN	CEMETERY	EST	PRINCIPAL	4/30/2025	4/30/2026
OLD MAIDS HILL						
Libby, Joseph (great-grandfather)	Trust	Old Maids Hill Cemetery	1972	\$60.00	\$117.68	\$3.66
Libby, Samuel(great-great-grandfather)	Trust	Old Maids Hill Cemetery	1972	\$60.00	\$117.68	\$3.66
Total				\$120.00	\$235.36	\$7.33
PROSPECT HARBOR						
Alley, Erastus, Viola & Roger	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1990	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Backman, Fulton & Ethyl	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1993	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Bickford, Fred	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1996	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Bridges, Elisha	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1963	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.23
Bryant, Carl	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1982	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$9.34
Cole & Noonan	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1966	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.23
Cole, Ellery & Guy	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1964	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Cole, James Woodbury	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1963	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Deasey, Daniel	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1970	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.23
Dodge, Nellie C.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1945	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Farley, Irving	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1977	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.23
Hamilton, Alfred M.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1927	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Handy, Joseph	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1970	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.23
Hinckley & Sprague Lots	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1969	\$100.00	\$199.50	\$6.21
Jordan, Angie	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	2003	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Jordan, Lawrence, Jr.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1983	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Larabee, Dr. Charles C. & Fay F.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1938	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Libby, Daniel (son)	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1972	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$1.87
Merriam, Ann Van Ness	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1968	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$4.67
Moore, Byron M.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1958	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.23
Moore, Gilbert L.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1978	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$4.67
Moore, Samuel Oscar	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1961	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$15.57
Noonan, John	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1977	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.23
Peters, Carl	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1964	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$1.56
Phalen, Charlotte Robertson	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1968	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$4.67
Ray, Justice	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1974	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Robinson, Ezra	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1970	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Seavey, Fred M. & Galen	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1941	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$12.45
Seavey, William	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1981	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.23
Sewall, Jane	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1966	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Stinson, Calvin L., Sr.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1958	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.23
Strout, Arthur L.	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1948	\$151.25	\$151.25	\$4.71
Sullivan, Eugene	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1992	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Sullivan, Ruth Arline	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1992	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Tracy, Alden, Sr. & Annie	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1992	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Tracy, Alden & Pamela	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	2005	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.23
Tracy, Calvin & Sarah	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1992	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Tracy, Issac & Edith	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1992	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Tracy, Marcellus & Emma	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1992	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Urquhart, Howard & Ida	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1999	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11

Cemetery Master Database

CEMETERY TRUST NAME	ADMIN	CEMETERY	EST	PRINCIPAL	4/30/2025	4/30/2026
Wass, Alfred	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1967	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$4.67
Whitaker, Iva	Trust	Prospect Harbor Cemetery	1968	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$4.67
Total				\$6,311.25	\$6,410.75	\$199.60
SOUTH GOULDSBORO						
Bullard, Sophronia	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1947	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.23
Bunker, James M.	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1946	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Bunker, James W., Leonora & Family	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1930	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$9.34
Bunker, Uriah & Hannah	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1956	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Colwell & Bickford	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1987	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$12.45
Hanna, George & Florence & family	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1990	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$7.78
Hooper & Daley Lots	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1974	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Johnson, Gussie (Hanna Trust)	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1990	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$7.78
Colwell, Carrie	Trust	South Gouldsboro Cemetery	1993	\$420.00	\$420.00	\$13.08
Total				\$2,120.00	\$2,120.00	\$66.01
LAKEVIEW						
Chick, Calvin & Etta	Trust	W. Gouldsboro-Lakeview	1931	\$100.00	\$120.63	\$3.76
Soderholtz, Eric, E.	Trust	W. Gouldsboro-Lakeview	1961	\$500.00	\$635.72	\$19.79
Tracy, Clarrissa	Trust	W. Gouldsboro-Lakeview	2012	\$880.00	\$880.00	\$27.40
Young, John, Jr. & Vida	Trust	W. Gouldsboro-Lakeview	1974	\$100.00	\$127.07	\$3.96
Total				\$1,580.00	\$1,763.42	\$54.90
WEST BAY						
Batson, Alton A.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1994	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Buckley, Robert	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1985	\$100.00	\$123.29	\$3.84
Coffin, Leigh & Gladys	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1968	\$100.00	\$131.52	\$4.09
Dow, Frederick C.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1998	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Dow, Marcia G.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1998	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Duniver, Franklin	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1983	\$200.00	\$263.35	\$8.20
Duniver, Thomas	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1985	\$200.00	\$246.78	\$7.68
Guptill, Curtis	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1948	\$100.00	\$113.58	\$3.54
Guptill, Hayden C.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1951	\$100.00	\$113.58	\$3.54
Guptill, Philip W.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1983	\$100.00	\$127.00	\$3.95
Haycock, Guy	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	2009	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$15.57
Libby, Daniel (grandfather)	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1972	\$60.00	\$112.25	\$3.49
Libby, Samuel W. (father)	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1972	\$60.00	\$112.25	\$3.49
Louder, Pamela R.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	2007	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Newman, Iris	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1969	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Rolfe, Abbie	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1997	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Rolfe, Carlton	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1997	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.11
Spurling, Allan, Leveretta & Walter	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1959	\$300.00	\$502.67	\$15.65
Spurling, Marcia	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	2006	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.23
Tracy, Howard	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1983	\$300.00	\$385.82	\$12.01
Tracy, Willard L. & Abbie	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1951	\$500.00	\$694.05	\$21.61
Tuttle, Allan	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1985	\$200.00	\$246.78	\$7.68

Cemetery Master Database

CEMETERY TRUST NAME	ADMIN	CEMETERY	EST	PRINCIPAL	4/30/2025	4/30/2026
Whitaker, Amanda	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1939	\$100.00	\$113.58	\$3.54
Whitaker, John & Gertrude	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1990	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$31.14
Whitaker, Millard & Orrin	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1990	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$31.14
Young, Bertha & Elisha, Sr.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1988	\$300.00	\$348.21	\$10.84
Young, Henrietta	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1988	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$6.23
Young, John S., Sr., Mr. & Mrs.	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1954	\$100.00	\$246.61	\$7.68
Young, Theodore, Nellie & Family	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	1978	\$5,000.00	\$5,304.32	\$165.15
Young, Tracy & Frances	Trust	West Bay Cemetery	2013	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$311.35
Total				\$21,420.00	\$22,785.64	\$709.43
GRAND TOTAL				\$40,538.79	\$43,372.14	\$1,350.40
Non-Distributed Trust Funds						
Ministerial & School Fund	Trust		1940	\$285.00	\$632.23	\$19.68
Young, Henry G.	Trust	Gouldsboro-H. Young Family	1953	\$200.00	\$493.17	\$15.35
Rosebrook, Cecil & Linley	Trust	Gouldsboro-Hillcrest	1969	\$300.00	\$548.18	\$17.07
Rollins, Beulah B.f./Bunker family lots	Trust	S. Gouldsboro-Bunker Family	1977	\$1,000.00	\$2,293.60	\$71.41
Wood Family	Trust	W. Gouldsboro-Wood Family	1978	\$4,000.00	\$9,135.46	\$284.43
GRAND TOTAL				\$5,785.00	\$13,102.64	\$407.95

GOULDSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

This year 2025 brought significant changes to the Gouldsboro Police Department. As Officer in Charge, I was scheduled to assume the role of the full-time Chief in July; however, I elected to remain with Washington County Sheriff's Office to assist until September 1.

During this time, we added two part-time officers, Taylor LeBlanc and Wayde Carter. Officer LeBlanc remained with the department and became an important member of the team, while Officer Carter moved on to pursue other opportunities in law enforcement.

In September, Sergeant Wayne Robbins resigned from the department to pursue a career with the Machias Police Department. That same month, we welcomed two highly motivated individuals, Officer Caleb Norton and Daniel Leighton, both from Washington County. Officer Norton completed his phase II academy training, and under my leadership – with assistance from Chief Mitchell and Sergeant Phil Sargent of the Winter Harbor Police Department – Norton was trained and developed into a patrol officer. Officer Norton successfully completed his Field Training Officer (FTO) program and was working independently by early October.

Officer Leighton was unable to secure a spot in phase II academy class at that time and was required to wait until mid-January to continue his training.

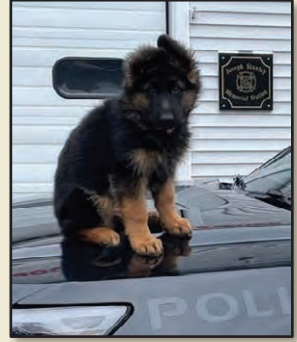
November was a positive month for the department, highlighted by a joint Thanksgiving dinner shared with the Winter Harbor Police Department, strengthening our interdepartmental relationship.

December came along and the department hired another full-time officer, Allen Corey. Officer Corey brought valuable experience from his many years with the Washington County Regional Communications Center (WCRCC) and also served as an IT professional for the County. During this period, Officer Norton decided not to accept a full-time position and is exploring other opportunities to further his career.

The new year came and Officer Leighton successfully completed his phase II training and accepted the full-time officer position within our department. He began his FTO program beginning of February and completed it within the month.

K9 Kia continues to undergo weekly training to advance and maintain her skills, ensuring she remains at the peak of her capabilities. She came to the rescue when a resident lost their wallet in a thick wet wooded area. I deployed her to track down the scent of the wallet, and within minutes she successfully found it! K9 Kia has also assisted surrounding agencies with her tracking skills and locating drugs.

We are excited to welcome K9 Aspen to our team! At just 14 weeks old, this long-haired German Shepherd brings energy and curiosity to our unit. She will train and work alongside K9 Kia, learning from her expertise and gaining the skills necessary to serve our community effectively. With her strong work ethic already apparent, we look forward to watching Aspen grow into a capable and trusted member of our K9 team.



The Boston Police Department once again requested our assistance with the Boston Marathon, and we were proud to support this high-profile event with K9 Kia and K9 Aspen. The event was well-organized, and communication among agencies was strong, contributing to a safe and successful marathon. Overall, the deployment was a positive experience and reflects the continued value of interagency cooperation.

Our Current Police Department Roster

- Chief James Malloy – K9 Kia & K9 Aspen
- Administrative Assistant Brianna Mitchell
- Officer Allen Corey
- Officer Caleb Norton
- Officer Dan Leighton
- Officer Taylor LeBlanc

While the past year has presented many changes and challenges, the Gouldsboro Police Department remains committed to maintaining high standards of service and professionalism while serving the residents of Gouldsboro to the best of our ability.

**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	28
Abandoned Vehicle	4
Assist Fire Department	2
Assist Law Enforcement	28
Assist Other	1
Alarm	19
Animal Problem	12
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION-APPLI	3
Check well being	24
Citizen Requested Assistance	5
Neighborhood Dispute	3
Civil Problem	11
Crimes with Computers	1
Directed Patrol	9
Disabled/Stranded Motorist	5
Disorderly Conduct	2
Domestic Call	3
Drug Paraphernalia	1
Escort	5
Fire	1
Brush or Grass Fire	1
Found Property	1
Fraud	3
Shots Fire, Shots Heard	2
In Person/phone/text/internet	2
Information Report	25
Juvenile Problem	1
GBPD Complaints Only	3
K9 Agency Assist	2
Littering/Illegal Dumping	1
Incident Made in Error	1
Medical Emergency	11
Person with Mental Illness	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	15
Noise Complaint	1
All Court Paperwork	10
Parking Violation/Obstructing	2
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	36
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	5
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	1
Probation Violation	2
Property Damage, Non Vandalism	5
Public Relations - Talk or Lec	1
Records Check	2

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
School Safety Check	9
Property/Buisness Check	114
Any Special Detail	8
Suicide	1
Suspicious Person/Veh/Incident	11
Theft	3
Threatening	4
Road Hazards (Sign/Signal/Debr	6
Traffic Violation	346
Trespassing	7
Unattended Death	3
Criminal Mischief/Damage	1
VIN Inspection	3
Violation of Protection Order	1
Warrant Arrest	1
ATL Subject on a Warrant	3

Total reported: 822

Report Includes:

All dates between `00:00:00 07/01/25` and `23:59:59 04/30/26`, 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

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GOULDSBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Gouldsboro Fire Department continues to proudly serve our community with dedication. Throughout the past year, Gary Greenlaw, who previously served as our Deputy Assistant Chief, stepped into the role of Fire Chief. Following this transition, Roy Chandler assumed the role of Deputy Assistant Fire Chief to assist Gary in leading the department. Roy also serves as the Fire Chief of Winter Harbor. Together, we continue working diligently to strengthen relationships and cooperation between neighboring departments to better serve our communities through teamwork, training, and mutual aid support.

The Fire Auxiliary set up a food tent at Lobster Festival in Winter Harbor in August 2025 as part of our community outreach and fundraising efforts. A few department members volunteered their time to prepare and serve a variety of food options including lobster rolls, hot dogs, grilled cheese sandwiches, fries, lemonade, and more. The event went spectacularly, and we were happy to see both local residents and visitors from afar come together to attend the festival. Selling out of all our menu items reflects the strong community support and success of the event!

This coming year is full of positive changes and opportunities for growth within our department. We plan to have a strong focus on training and education to help our members build confidence, strengthen skills, and stay prepared for a wide range of emergency situations.

Recruitment and member retention continue to be an important focus for our department. Like many fire departments, we rely heavily on dedication and commitment of community members willing to serve. We are always encouraging individuals who are interested in helping their community to consider joining the fire service, whether through emergency response, support roles, or community involvement. If you or someone you know are interested in joining, visit the Town Office and grab an application!

As always, we thank our department members and their families for the countless hours they volunteer throughout the year. Their dedication, sacrifice, and commitment to public service do not go unnoticed.

Best wishes,
Brianna L. Mitchell, Secretary & Treasurer

This past year marked a period of meaningful transition for Schoodic EMS. Much like life in a working waterfront community, progress looked like steady work through changing conditions. Fortunately, Schoodic EMS has a reliable crew that kept an even keel and stayed the course despite the uncertain moments.



With new leadership in place, we established clear areas of focus for the year, emphasizing growth both as individuals and as a team. Priority was placed on establishing clear internal systems, improving compliance with regulatory requirements, and building a culture of accountability and professionalism. Our current Schoodic EMS personnel invested more in themselves by furthering education and seeking higher licensure, while we also hired several new (to us) but experienced providers who already live in the area and have a strong connection to the community we serve.

Operationally, the service worked to increase call volume through interfacility transfers, helping to increase and diversify revenue. Alongside this effort came a focus on billing and remittance- ensuring the service is properly reimbursed for the work it performs and remains financially sustainable without placing an unnecessary burden on taxpayers.

We made visible changes with a bit of a reset in our physical spaces. We quite literally cleaned house – getting rid of the cobwebs and organizing our cabinets. We began identifying outdated equipment, systems, and habits and replacing them with updated resources better suited to current operations. We have clear intentions to ongoingly continue this process.

As Director, I am grateful for the dedication of our providers, the guidance from our Board and Town Manager, and the continued trust of the community we serve- whose support makes this work possible and whose needs give it purpose. With appreciation for the year behind us and the key people who helped shape Schoodic EMS into what it currently is, I look forward with optimism for what the next year will bring.

Andi Both, BS, EP-C, EMT-P
Director, Schoodic EMS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Gouldsboro Emergency Management Team (EMT), which brings together our Town Manager, Fire, Police, Emergency Medical Services, Infrastructure Officer, Emergency Management Director (EMD) and Lifeline Center Team, continued to prepare for and/or address emergent situations impacting our community.

Recovery and mitigation: Working closely with FEMA and MEMA, our team moved forward on three projects intended to provide permanent repairs and hazard mitigation to specific town infrastructure hit hardest from the January 2024 storm. After developing the solicitation and competing amongst qualified contractors, repairs to the town pier parking lot and approach were completed soon after this reporting period. The second task targeted for completion in early 2026 is on Bunker Pound Road with the final and largest undertaking slated for late spring of 2026 on Crowley Island Rd.

Preparedness and prevention: Team representatives again took part in pre-event planning with fellow emergency responders in advance of the annual Winter Harbor lobster festival and boat races. Facilitated by Hancock County Emergency Management Agency, this collaborative planning strengthened existing relationships between municipal, county, state, federal and private sector partners to identify potential hazards and provide for a fun, safe event for all.

The EMD participated in an exercise scenario based upon an industrial accident at the Point Lepreau nuclear generation station (located nearby in Canada) resulting in a radiological leak with consequences for Downeast communities and potentially beyond. This discussion-based offering was hosted by the Maine CDC's Downeast Medical Reserve Corps. Some of the activities included ascertaining critical partners, setting a communications plan, identifying high-risk populations, and options for dispensing meds.

EMD also attended a National Domestic Preparedness Consortium training course to enhance awareness of hazards facing coastal communities such as high surf, storm surge, and long-term threats from sea-level rise and coastal erosion.

Our Lifeline Center team continued to update assets in the community center in support of emergency operations. Thanks to the town manager investigating options, we now have internet access in the center when needed to supplement our means of emergency communications. Further, we have new first aid kits to be installed in the kitchen area and in the secured EMT storage unit. Though we have solid arrangements through the Schoodic Food Pantry to have snacks and hot beverages for citizens seeking a brief respite, packaged meals with long shelf life for larger numbers with an extended need is also being explored.

Here is your annual reminder: When in the midst or aftermath of a significant weather or other event, our town website includes telephone numbers to call for assistance and indicates if our daytime Lifeline Center has been activated. Calling 211 and choosing option “6” will connect you with someone who can inform you of all open assistance centers in our region, including those which accommodate overnight stays. That said, if your life or property is in imminent danger, please dial 911. And please know: You’re not alone when the community is enduring an extreme event—help is a phone call away.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have served the community for another year.



Best regards,

Jackie Johnston

Emergency Management Director

COASTAL RESILIENCE

This past year, the Coastal Resilience Committee worked with Gouldsboro residents to address storm-related vulnerabilities in Corea, Prospect Harbor, South Gouldsboro, and Bunkers Harbor.



In May, using funds from the Maine Coastal program supplied by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Committee invited fishermen, residents, and other stakeholders to help identify and prioritize potential investments in the Town's waterfront infrastructure in Prospect Harbor. This picture shows meeting participants in a session led by Committee member Tim Fisher, at the far right. They considered several options, some old, some new. In the end, the group decided that the most important thing the Town could do was build a boat launch to haul boats moored in the most vulnerable parts of the harbor ahead of large storms. One fisherman described having a launch ramp as a "game changer."

Over the summer, the Committee worked with consultants to identify three design options for the potential ramp, and, in November, reconvened fishermen and others to review the options and make recommendations. After considering the options, the group came up with a fourth option that addressed the problems they identified in the initial three.

In December, the Committee submitted a proposal to Maine's Community Action Grant Program to fund preliminary design and permitting work for the launch ramp. This past January, we learned that the State has recommended funding Gouldsboro's proposal, pending final review by NOAA. We expect to begin design and

permitting work in the early spring of 2026.

Corea

Supported by funds from a Maine Community Action grant through the Community Resilience Partnership, the Committee began work in Corea in November 2024 by meeting with village residents to hear about their experiences during the January 2024 storms and to gather their thoughts on potential Town investments and improvements to Town roads around Corea Harbor. The meeting focused on two locations: (1) Crowley Island Road at the causeway connecting the island to the rest of Corea, and (2) Corea Road at the stream crossing just before the junction with Francis Pound Road and Cranberry Point Road.



This photo shows residents telling Committee member Tom McKeag, second from left, about the area around the stream crossing. During the January 2024 storm, Corea Road at the stream crossing was under several feet of water.

In early 2025, Gouldsboro learned that FEMA might provide the funds needed to rebuild Crowley Island Road at the causeway. (Now, in 2026, that work is out for bid.) So, the Committee focused on using the remaining grant funds to move forward as far as possible with the stream crossing design and permitting. What emerged is a plan to raise the road 2 feet at its lowest point and replace the existing 48-inch culvert with a bridge that will provide a 10-foot-wide opening for streamflow. The preliminary permitting process is complete. Still to do are final permitting, final design, and construction. This spring, the Committee will submit a proposal that, if awarded, will pay 95% of the cost of that work, construction

would take place in 2027.

South Gouldsboro

The Town owns and maintains a launch ramp in South Gouldsboro. It also owns the jetty just south of the launch ramp, which serves as a much-needed breakwater. Without the breakwater, using the launch ramp would often be difficult, dangerous, and sometimes impossible. Some years ago, the jetty also served as a pier, enabling fishermen and aquaculturists to unload their harvests. However, storms and tides have worn away parts of the jetty, making it unusable as a pier.

Using funds from the same Maine Coastal Program grant that brought together Prospect Harbor stakeholders, the Committee met with South Gouldsboro fishermen and residents to gather their thoughts on coastal resilience priorities in South Gouldsboro.



In the photo above, Committee member Brett Binns, Planning Board chair Deirdre McCardle (3rd and 2nd from the right), fishermen, and residents are using a high-resolution drone photo that Brett created to understand property boundaries better. The group recommended bringing in engineering expertise to assess the jetty's structural integrity and propose options for restoring it for use as a pier. Since that meeting, the Committee has submitted two proposals to carry out that work.

Bunkers Harbor

As in Prospect Harbor, the Committee convened Bunkers Harbor fishermen and other stakeholders in May to identify and prioritize potential Town investments and improvements. The top priority

emerging from that meeting is to make the case to the Army Corps of Engineers that the harbor needs to be dredged in the next few years. The Committee and Harbor Master Mike Pinkham began working toward that goal this summer.

The group also explored reorienting the Bunkers Harbor launch ramp so it no longer abuts a private wharf. Angling it away from the wharf would enable fishermen and others to use the ramp without needing access to the private wharf. However, since there is currently no launch ramp in Prospect Harbor, the Bunkers Harbor ramp is the only Town ramp in central Gouldsboro. The group recommended that the Town focus first on dredging Bunkers Harbor and building a ramp in Prospect Harbor before considering changes to the Bunkers Harbor ramp.

What's Ahead

If our proposals are funded, the Committee will proceed with design work, stakeholder meetings, and preliminary permitting for Prospect Harbor and Bunkers Harbor. We will also apply for funding to construct the Corea stream crossing. Our focus is on leveraging federal, state, and other grants to address Gouldsboro's coastal infrastructure needs with minimal impact on property taxes.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Zoellick, *Chairman*
Coastal Resilience Committee

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

The Comprehensive Plan Committee, led by co-chairs, Barbara Bowen and Sandy Gerlock, reviewed the plan chapter by chapter. They worked closely with the Planning Board to prepare the draft for the committee's approval. The Coastal Resilience Committee Chair, Bill Zoellick, reformatted and edited the plan. The Hancock County Planning Commission (HCPC) provided updated maps and data as needed and checked to be sure the plan adhered to State guidelines. It was submitted to the Select Board for comments, which were addressed, following which the board approved the Comprehensive Plan for submission to the State. On December 30, 2025, Gouldsboro's Comprehensive Plan was accepted for review for consistency with the Growth Management Act (30 M.R.S.A. § 4312 et seq).



PLANNING BOARD

During the past year, the Planning Board worked on language changes in the Land Use and Shoreland Zoning Ordinances. The addition of a General Development District was made to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, and the document received a necessary reformatting. A new Shoreland Zoning Ordinance map reflecting the district was generated by Maine Municipal Association. Following review by Town Attorney Agnieszka Dixon (Drummond and Woodsum), it was submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection for certification by the State.

Reviewed and approved Site Plan/Subdivision applications recorded in the Hancock County Registry were Harold Vicker, (Haley-Ward) South Gouldsboro Road, Kathleen Mallon-Stephenson, (Herrick & Salisbury) West Bay Road, and the Pond Road and Forbes Stream subdivision.

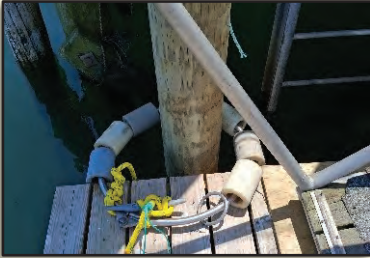
In addition to ordinance review and permitting, the Board worked with the Comprehensive Plan Committee, chapter by chapter, examining the plan and preparing it for final review by the State. A productive partnership with the Coastal Resilience Committee and the Planning Board enabled the Town to receive a Coastal Communities Grant from the State to examine infrastructure susceptibility to climate change in three of the most vulnerable of Gouldsboro's harbors.

Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre McArdle-Manning, *Chair*

HARBOR COMMITTEE

This Harbor report covers the year 2025. We started by going to Town Meeting with a few changes and additions to the Harbor Ordinance, which all passed. All the work listed below took place in Prospect Harbor.

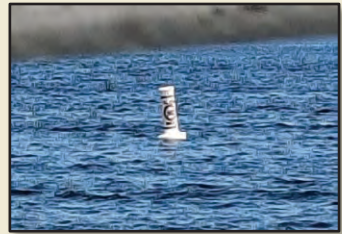
We installed a new float at the town pier in Prospect Harbor and now have two floats there. The old one is being used as the skiff float. We rigged the float differently than it was in the past as we now have two floats. We had three new pilings installed to replace



three that were worn out. We had three stainless steel rings made to attach to the float and go around the new pilings so it would rise and fall with the tide without hanging up. So far that setup seems to be working pretty well, we will have to keep an

eye on it when we have rough, windy weather.

We installed a wake buoy out beyond the factory pier, hopefully to prevent boats from getting rolled in the inner harbor or while tidied to a pier. It took a while for the fishermen to get used to it being there, as there has never been one there before.



We got permission to have a new hoist built. The hoist was built to handle 350lbs. The builder of the hoist delivered the hoist, a few fishermen helped install it. There were a few things left to be welded before we set it in place, as we had to make final measurements to get it the way we wanted it. We got it erected into place; the pier had to be drilled as we through bolted it through the pier planks.



We replaced the chains with bigger link chain. We hooked it and got it working temporarily. I had all new hydraulic hoses installed. The hoist is working very well; it should last for many years to come. I had some new timbers installed under the pier as a few were broken.

The damage done to the parking area and entrance of the pier by the storm in January of 2023, has been repaired with funds from FEMA. FEMA also agreed to do remediation which means that they paid for the work to make the area hopefully more likely to survive a storm in the future. The work included paving the parking area and the entrance to the pier. The town paid a small amount to pave the road to the top of the hill joining the right of way. David Myrick and Jeffery Alley paid for the area in front of their piers to be paved.



This work was done at the same time to tie all the pavement together. Hopefully this will make the area more storm proof, by allowing water to flow over the top of the pavement and not washing the area out again.

I would like to thank everyone involved in making all this work come together.

Respectfully,

**Michael A. Pinkham
Harbormaster**

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee has had another great year! We hope this letter find you all well, and starting to enjoy the warm weather that is coming our way!

Sunrise Little League T-Ball, Baseball, and Softball took place in the Spring of 2025. 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!

Summer 2025 was great to see families from near and far using the Jones Pond Recreation Area!

We started the Fall 2025 School year off with Soccer for our Peninsula Bulldogs. Soccer is offered for grades K- 5th grade. A huge Thank you to our coaches this year, Brittanie Smith and Danielle Nelson. Practices and Games were held at the Peninsula School.

In October, we hosted our annual Trunk-R-Treat, along with the Winter Harbor Fire Dept. We had a great turn out of all the ghosts and goblins!

Basketball started for the season in November 2025, for grades K-5th. The games for the 2025 Basketball Season were kept within RSU 24 again this season. Our teams played Hancock, Mountain View, Steuben and Cave Hill. A huge Thank you to our coach, Jon Smith! Games and Practices were held at the Peninsula School.

Cheering kicked off in December 2025. Robin Faulkingham coached our Recreation Cheering Team. They are planning to participate in a Showcase that will be held at Sumner in February of 2026. New uniforms were purchased this year for our Cheerleaders!! Thank you to our coaches, Robin, and Carrie Faulkingham!

That was a quick recap of our 2025 Year! We are always taking suggestions on what you'd like to in Town! Feel free to reach out with any suggestions!

Rachel Hudson
Gouldsboro Recreation Committee



SCHOODIC PENINSULA BROADBAND

The Schoodic Peninsula Broadband Committee (SPBC) would like to express our gratitude to the community members of our two towns for the opportunity to work toward bringing broadband internet service to the Schoodic Peninsula. While in the end, the heavy lifting was done for us with Consolidated Communications' deployment of its Fidium fiber network across nearly the entirety of Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor, we hope that other service providers will invest in our area to ensure competition, quality, and affordability for all of our residents.

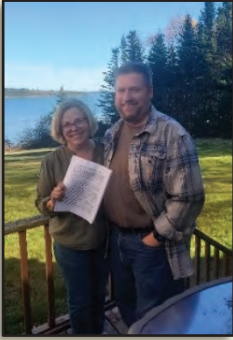
Over the course of its work since 2022, the SPBC applied for and received grants, researched, met with stakeholders and representatives, hosted several informational evenings for the communities, and in doing so highlighted the need for broadband internet access to existing internet providers. With the work of the committee now complete, the committee will have dissolved by the printing of this report.

The committee members extend their thanks to the select board members and town managers that supported this work and indeed called for the creation of the initial broadband committees, one each for Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor; the employees of the town offices who assisted in the work of creating mailings and issuing reimbursement checks, the community organizations that allowed us to host our informational sessions with their facilities and resources, and the many residents who responded to our surveys and participated in the effort along the way.

Lastly, we hope that further work can be undertaken by members of the community in the realm of digital skill-building. We have access to broadband internet, but there are many in our communities who may not have the expertise to use the digital tools at their fingertips. We are fortunate to have remaining grant funding that can be put toward the development or recruitment of resources to help community members who would like to learn how to access the resources that are now available to them. If you would be interested in taking part in leading this work, please contact schoodicpeninsulabroadband@gmail.com or either Dorcas Library or the Winter Harbor Public Library.

SHELLFISH COMMITTEE

This report covers the fall of 2024 through 2025. Gouldsboro Shellfish has been busy during this period.



We secured our first shore access agreement with Richard Morris and Elizabeth Fieux who live on West Bay. Bob DeForrest from MCHT, Bill Zoellick were the architects of the document. The agreement is between the landowners and the Town to allow Gouldsboro Shellfish Licensed Harvesters, access to the mud flats so they can make a living. It sets up a designated area that the harvesters can park and make their way to the shore. If the

landowners have a problem with a digger, they would contact the Shellfish Warden. The Warden would deal with the problem. That could be handled with a warning up to excluding the harvester access to the shore across the landowner's property. The landowners or the Town can withdraw from the agreement at any point in time.



The Shellfish Committee presented Ella Merchant with a plaque for all her years as the Shellfish Secretary. She took attendance along with taking meeting minutes. Her service was appreciated.

The Shellfish Committee did a bushing experiment in West Bay to see if we could capture clam spat. We did it a little different than we have done in the past. The brush was placed in the flats, but we kept the greens approximately 6 inches to a foot off the mud itself.



The diggers observed a lot of clam seed in West Bay this summer. That is a very good sign for the future if the clams survive. If you remember we have planted clam seed there a couple times.

The seed could be a result of those clams spawning. Plus, the

brushing could have helped. I designed a new crab trap to catch green crabs between the size of a nickel and a quarter. Those small crabs eat like size clams. The goal is to remove that size crab so that the clams can grow. The bigger the clam the better chance they have to survive. Two ladies were trapping the crabs, they would put bait in one day, the next day the bait would be gone, with very few crabs. We weren't catching the number of green crabs we were hoping for. I have to take the trap back to the drawing board to rework it, by making a few modifications with hopes of making them more efficient.

The clam price this year has remained pretty steady. The diggers have done well as we didn't have rainfall closures that we have had in years past.

Dana Rice Sr. allowed us to put the lab at his wharf in Bunkers Harbor after our location on a town owned lot in Prospect Harbor didn't work out. We got clams to grow, but we were getting a lot of green crab spat in our tanks due to our water source. Therefore, we were growing green crabs. The water was being pumped from inside the old lobster pound, which was North of the buying float. Dead lobsters and bait were being tossed overboard at the float, which attracted green crabs. In the storm of 2023, we lost our generator and we knew that it might be time to either give up the project or move the lab.

I had a thought about possibly moving the clam lab to Gordon's Wharf in Sullivan. I knew the Town of Sullivan owned the Wharf and house. Sullivan is a member of Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish. We know that we can grow clams, The Taunton River would be a good water source as it is fast moving water. I started the process by talking to the two representatives on the Regional Joint Board to see if they might be interested in working with Gouldsboro to move the Shellfish Lab to Gordon's Wharf. They were excited at the thought of growing clams. The idea was pitched to the Sullivan Town Manager, who was excited to think that we could utilize the basement at the wharf and about the educational possibilities. After we received the excited response from those spoken to, I asked the Gouldsboro Select Board permission to continue moving forward in trying to move the lab. The board was very much in favor of my request. I attended a harvester meeting with the seven town diggers



they responded yes, they wanted to join Gouldsboro in trying to raise clams. My next stop was the Sullivan Select Board meeting to ask permission to put the lab at Gordon's Wharf and to explain the process of growing clams. They gave me permission to use the basement. Bill Zoellick and I went to Franklin for the Joint Board Meeting to explain what the move would involve and hopes for growing clams. We answered a few questions; they told us that they were all in.

Stave Island Bar has been closed to harvesting of clams for several years. Near Shore Marine Resource Scientist Heidi Leighton and I went out to the Bar to make some test digs to determine if there were any harvest-able clams there. We found a few legal clams in the few test digs that were done. The clams were on the high side of what is marketable. Heidi reported out on our findings at the September meeting. After discussion, it was decided that we would open the area for a short period to harvest the legal clams. I submitted the paperwork to open the area on October 20th and close it on December 31st. We also discussed the volume limit of clams on the bar, as it allowed 100 lbs. per day. It was decided that we would like to change to two bushel per day. I told the committee that I would go to the Select Board meeting and ask to change the volume limit of clams to two bushels of clams per day. I attended the Gouldsboro Select Board meeting and asked them if we could change the volume limit to two bushel per day. They approved the request.

I would like to thank all property owners who allow shellfish harvesters access to the shore across their property. They have to make a living and most of the waterfront property is private. If anyone would like to talk to me about our access agreement and how it might work for you, I would be happy to gather the team to meet with you.

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 fiscal year for the committee began on June 1, 2024, and continued to May 31, 2025. We started the year with continuing to offer the purchase of memorial bricks for the town Veterans Memorial walkway. Our annual raffle was begun in June offering a propane barbecue grill, a chainsaw, a wooden flag and a grocery gift card. All prizes were donated to the committee for this raffle. The drawing was held in July. We thank all those who purchased tickets thus helping us to raise funds to enable us to financially support our local veterans in need.



The committee decided to have a coloring contest for the Peninsula School students to coincide with their Veterans Day Program honoring our local veterans. Each grade level participated, and the veteran related coloring sheets were judged by the Town Manager, the School Principal and a Committee Member. The three winners were presented with a prize of various types of coloring supplies. We appreciate the students taking part and showing their creativity in honoring veterans.



The annual Veteran Appreciation Dinner was held at the Prospect Harbor United Methodist Church. We greatly appreciate the church for allowing us to use their kitchen and social room. The veterans and their families and friends enjoyed the haddock chowder, the ham and sides and the many delicious desserts. Also, there was a special raffle for the veterans in attendance. We appreciate all those who helped to make this dinner a success for our veterans.

The Veterans' Angel Tree was held again with the help of Brent and Cheryl Hurd of Anderson Marine and Hardware. We thank them for being instrumental in getting this program started. The tree was filled with name tags of veterans in need of items and the community came forward and

selected tags and purchased the gifts. Each year the veterans are very appreciative of the thoughtfulness of this community.

The committee had their winter hiatus from January through March 2025. The meetings resumed in April with the planning of the Memorial Day Service. The Peninsula School 4th and 5th graders helped with the annual clean-up and planting of flowers at the town Veteran Memorial in preparation for the Memorial Day Service. Committee chairman Jim Guest presented a lesson on the history and importance of Memorial Day and why we celebrate it.

The committee had revived the town's veteran honor brick project and this year, before Memorial Day, we placed six new bricks honoring local veterans. We hope to continue adding more bricks in the future.

The speaker for the Memorial Day Service was local veteran Dr Beth Parks, a Vietnam veteran and Captain in the Army Nurse Corps (ANC). Thank you to those community members who continue to show their support and remembrance of our fallen local veterans by attending this service. We also thank the Acadian Community Woman's Club for providing the delicious desserts and decorations for the post service reception and fellowship time.

As a committee we contributed financially to the Schoodic Food Pantry as they are also providing food help for our local veterans. We also encourage our members, if they are able, to actively help supply the pantry with food or monetary donations.

As a service to the community, we continue to collect worn and damaged American flags in the collection boxes placed at the Town Office and the Gouldsboro Post Office. We have collected over 1,000 flags that have been given to the Ellsworth VFW for proper ceremonial retirement.

We strive to do our best 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. And of course, all veterans are welcome to come and connect with your fellow veterans. Please visit our Facebook page for veteran information, announcements and upcoming events.

Thank you to the Gouldsboro community for supporting this committee and our 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. Congress created the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission in 1986 to consult with the National Park Service on matters relating to the management and development of the park, including, but not limited to, the acquisition of lands and interests in lands. The Advisory Commission is comprised of 16 members with three members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, three members appointed by the Governor of Maine, and one member appointed by each of the following towns: Bar Harbor, Cranberry Isles, Frenchboro, Gouldsboro, Mount Desert, Southwest Harbor, Swans Island, Tremont, Trenton and Winter Harbor. 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 mostly on the Schoodic District of Acadia. In 2025, the Commission met in February, June, and September. Meetings are open to the public, with options for virtual attendance and opportunities for public comment.

Across all of Acadia there were nearly 4.08 million visitors, 3% more than in 2024. However, visitation in Schoodic increased by 16% for a total of 389,000. The Schoodic Woods campground saw 6% more tent campers while RV camping was relatively the same as the previous season. For those interested in camping at Acadia, reservations can be made through [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).

Please remember visitors to Schoodic District must have a park entrance pass, though there's no manned fee station. There is no planned fee increase in the coming year both for general park entry or for Cadillac Summit Road vehicle reservations. Visitors to MDI will see that the new Acadia Gateway Center is finished, and after a soft opening in September, will be open this season from May 1st to October 13th.

Island Explorer ridership increased by 8% in Schoodic this past season, for total of 8,094 rides. The two Island Explorer buses you see serving Schoodic Peninsula will continue next season.

A project is underway to construct a new sub-surface wastewater treatment system in the former ballfield area, taking the place of the existing treatment plant near the campus entrance which will result in a cost savings once online. Also, design work is ongoing for permanent roadway and building repairs from previous storm damage.

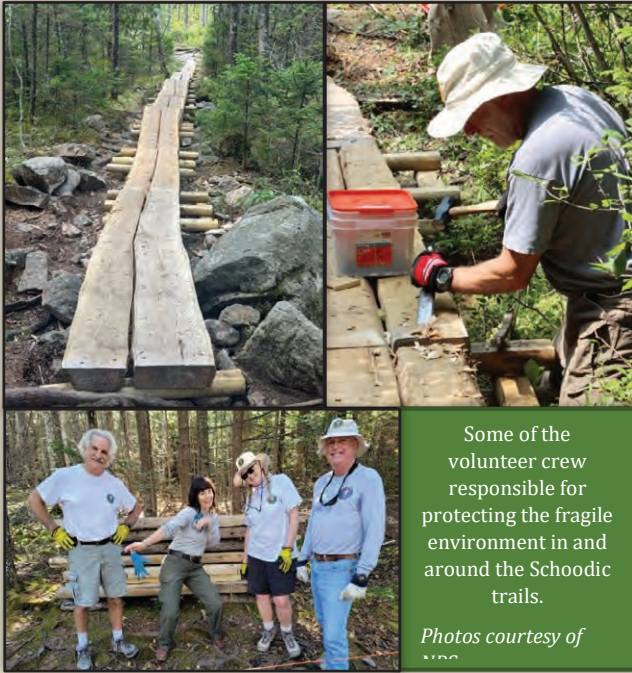
Lots of learning and just plain fun was had in Schoodic for all who joined in on one of the many adventures offered this year. Kids and parents participated in Junior Angler in-person programs in addition to others taking in 28 Junior Ranger stations, 41 marine touch tank programs, 25 formal interpretative programs throughout the park and 90 evening programs at Schoodic Woods. There were also overnight experiences during the Schoodic Education Adventure Program. Combined, these onsite activities touched well over 5,000 people.

Beyond those offerings on the peninsula, outreach efforts either off site or virtually covered summer youth groups, teacher workshops and virtual programs impacting more than 25,000 students and teachers.

If you are interested in learning more about all onsite ranger led public programs, you can find offerings at [Attend a Ranger Program - Acadia National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#). In addition, virtual programs for K-12 can be found at [Distance Learning - Acadia National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#).



We wish Ranger Mike Eastman well as he moves on to new adventures. In the coming season, law enforcement and preventative search and rescue will be covered on a rotating basis until a longer-term solution can be re-established.

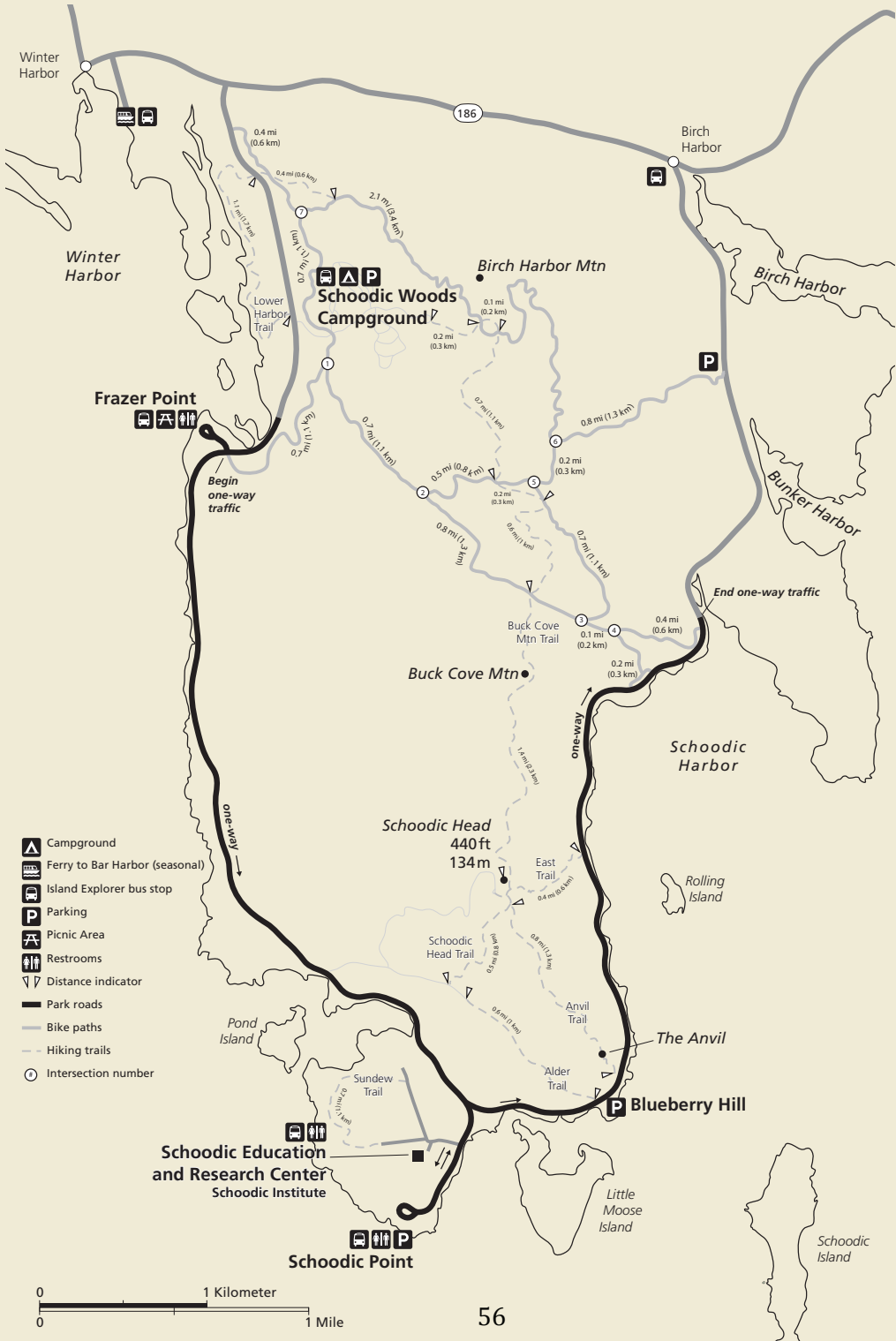


Gouldsboro residents have increased their presence and impact performing volunteer work at Schoodic. This year, their number grew to eleven as they dedicated 591 hours supporting visitor outreach, education and science, and trail maintenance. One of the most visible examples of volunteer dedication can be seen by walking the trails. The Schoodic Trails Team, mostly made up of Gouldsboro citizens, installed bog walks in five locations on Schoodic Head, protecting resources from foot traffic with over 41 planks.

Park passes will be available year-round at our town office and don't forget the half-price sale in December – but they go fast! Looking forward to seeing you in the park, and have a safe and joyful remainder of the year!

Jackie Johnston
Acadia National Park Advisory Commission

Schoodic Trail System Map



ACADIAN COMMUNITY WOMAN'S CLUB

In our 87th year, our grassroots club grew to over fifty amazing women, dedicated to continuing our traditional contributions as well as approaching community needs in new ways.

Our Community Aid Fund contributed more than \$3,900 for a wide range of needs for local residents. Heating fuel and local gift cards for gas, groceries and farmstands were purchased to assist community members. We have a much-appreciated network of community members who help us learn when someone is in need. For the past three years we have donated snacks for Sumner students to stay refueled throughout the day. The Giving Tree located at The Pickled Wrinkle was generously supported by the community and the club, which brought holiday cheer to many peninsula families.

Members deeply value our community partners and voted to support a number of them in 2025. Donations included \$1,500 to the Schoodic Food Pantry, \$1,500 towards the newly completed roof at the Masonic Hall and \$500 to Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County. At our June meeting the club hosted Next Step Domestic Violence Project for a meaningful discussion about their work; members gathered many of the programs most-needed items such as cleaning supplies, self-care items, pillows and blankets.

In 2025, we were thrilled to award six \$1,000 scholarships to residents seeking a variety of educational paths beyond high school, as well as summer camp scholarships to several young community members. Anyone from Winter Harbor or Gouldsboro is eligible to apply for the ACWC scholarship, and we encourage people of all ages to do so. Educational scholarship applications can be found in the guidance office at Sumner Memorial High School; the deadline is May 1st. Applications for summer camp support can be found on our Facebook page or at the Peninsula School office.

Looking forward to 2026, fundraisers will include three always-popular summer pie sales outside Winter Harbor Provisions,

where we offer whole cakes and delicious pies—as well as savory surprises such as yeast rolls, pot pies, pickles, and spaghetti sauce. The club will continue our bottle drives that give a boost to our scholarship balance. In December we will continue the annual chili & chowder soup-er supper at the Masonic Hall; we all look forward to seeing our neighbors there and catching up over a warm cup of chili! Donations are welcomed any time by mailing a check payable to ACWC to our longstanding treasurer, Holly Kritter, at PO Box 95, Prospect Harbor, Maine 04669. We now accept donations via Venmo as well; our handle is @ACWCMaine. We deeply appreciate every contribution, no matter the amount, that helps us support our neighbors.

The club also knows the importance of community connections. Members assist in the organization of the annual Memorial Day observances in Winter Harbor and Gouldsboro, complete with treats and refreshments. Each February, club members personally deliver handmade valentines and locally made cookies to many members of the community to let them know they are valued and remembered—this has quickly become one of our favorite meetings of the year! Several members continue to support the Yellow Tulip Project; the wooden and real yellow tulips placed throughout the community serve as conversation starters to foster awareness around the importance of mental health. This is a nationwide initiative, with additional information available at theyellowtulipproject.org. Members continue to maintain the flower planters by the Winter Harbor post office, the Ann Joy Memorial Garden on Harbor Road in Winter Harbor, and the planter surrounding the sign at Peninsula School in Prospect Harbor.

We're grateful for the chance to give back to the community we love, and are thankful for everyone who helps make it happen.



See you at the pie sales!

Tawney Jacobs Desjardins
ACWC President

DORCAS LIBRARY

The library continues to be a place for the community to gather and find resources for entertainment, education and fellowship. Qigong has drawn large numbers in summer and early fall. You couldn't ask for a better place to start your day than on our wide back lawn by the edge of the sea. Following that, a stop at the library for a book, DVD or jigsaw puzzle, a cup of coffee or tea and a friendly chat with the front desk staff. Every month, we have a new selection of bestsellers on display. We purchase new movies and TV series on DVD quarterly.



We've begun to use the Dorcas Plus building across the street more and more. Attic Treasures has proven a great fundraiser for the library in May and June. Gardeners look forward to our tomato and plant sale at the beginning of June. Quilters meet there monthly. Organizations use it as meeting space. Game nights and noonday music concerts are planned for the upcoming year. At the main building, we have a monthly knitters' group and a writers' group. We also host a growing preschool story hour twice a month. We've held two schoolchildren's art exhibits this year and a big Halloween party with lots of activities (not just candy!) In July the local Jane



Austen Society held a picnic on our lawn to celebrate the author's 250th birthday. After some years' absence, we held our Christmas Tree lighting and open house this past December with carol singing outside, and hot cocoa, home-baked goodies, and beautiful harp music by local musician Carolyn Brock indoors. We closed out the year with a guitar and bells concert by Gordon Thomas and Veronica Ward.

We bid farewell to our longtime volunteer and library supporter Jean Symonds who was at the front desk till about a week before she passed on. We value all the years she gave to the library.

After having been the librarian at both Dorcas and Winter Harbor libraries for the past year, I am happy to report that cooperation between the two libraries has grown. We offer our own inter-library loan service; some of our volunteers work at both libraries; and we cross promote our summer programs and summer reading challenges.

If you haven't been in the library in a while, come on in and see what we have to offer! If there's a program you'd like to see, let us know. We'd love to hear from homeschooling parents about how we can help enrich their child's learning experience.

We value every tax dollar we receive from the Town of Gouldsboro and take our responsibility seriously to be a welcoming space to our community.

**Respectfully,
Ruth Mapleton, Library Director and
The Board of Trustees of Dorcas Library**



GOULDSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Gouldsboro Historical Society has three enduring emphases in its work and dedication to the town's residents and visitors. They are preservation, celebration, and education.

PRESERVATION

There are two landmarks that our advocacy continued to center on in 2025: the keepers' dwelling at the Prospect Harbor Lighthouse and Big Jim the Fisherman, aka the Stinson Man.

GHS reached out to our Congressman, Jared Goldman, to address the apparent lack of effort in restoring the lighthouse keepers' dwelling. The 175-year-old building, known as Gull Cottage, was extensively damaged during an accidental fire on June 27th, 2022. Gull Cottage is one of four structures in Gouldsboro listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The US Navy carried out repairs to the roof and some exterior areas. Prospect Harbor Light Station was once home to a US Navy Command, which was later turned over to the US Space Force. There has been no sign of further restoration since the transfer. The Gouldsboro Historical Society requested Jared Golden to intervene with the DOD to resolve any issues and permit the ongoing restoration of Gull Cottage. His office responded affirmatively that they would intervene on our behalf.

Big Jim the Fisherman will spend the next six months in a shipyard in Searsport or Belfast being repainted in his original colors. He will then be moved to the Penobscot Marine Museum, where he will headline the museum's year-long exhibition about the sardine industry's history in Maine, after which he will be returned to Gouldsboro, all refreshed and ready to greet visitors to our peninsula. Sincere thanks to Jennifer Stucker and her volunteers for hosting the Big Jimboree to raise funds for the ongoing maintenance of Big Jim upon his return.

The Society has been working with the Town Office to digitize and preserve all the Town Office's records. In addition, 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 anyone who wants to view it.

CELEBRATION

The Society hosts a series of public programs during the summer months. In 2025, we hosted six such sessions with topics ranging from

the origins of the first oyster farm in Mill Pond and a viewing of the movie Lobstertown, which was shot right here in Corea Harbor, to the Great Divide, the background of the split of Winter Harbor from Gouldsboro. In addition, the Society conducted a walking tour of the Village of Corea Harbor, which proved very popular and provided valuable information to all who attended.

The Society's annual pictorial calendar continues to celebrate the town's legacy. The 2025 calendar depicted scenes from the Village of Corea, and the 2026 edition celebrates the views of South Gouldsboro. The Society is proud to support the Town of Gouldsboro's "Gouldsboro's Maritime Legacy" project. This project is an excellent opportunity to bring our town's history out of the archives and into the open for families, students, and visitors. Creating a permanent interactive exhibit at the Town Park aligns perfectly with our mission to preserve, celebrate, and share local history. As Maine approaches its 255th anniversary celebration, the Society feels this project is a fitting and lasting contribution. By sharing the stories of our local shipbuilding and fishing families, the exhibit will connect Gouldsboro's heritage to America's broader maritime history.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee's volunteers curate changing historical displays at the Dorcas Library. This educational resource keeps the town's heritage before the library's patrons every time they visit. The Education Committee is also working with teachers at Peninsula School, the Sumner Middle School, and the High School to bring Gouldsboro's history into our students' classrooms.

IN THE FUTURE

The Gouldsboro Historical Society's headquarters building started life as a church. The Society is working closely with the Maine Community Foundation and the Maine Church Steeple Fund to preserve the steeple and bell. Age and weather have dislocated the weathervane at the top of the steeple and rotted many of the decorative features. The board is working with the Foundations to secure funding to restore the steeple and stop water infiltration into the building.

The Gouldsboro Historical Society is very proud of its accomplishments and service to the Town of Gouldsboro and looks forward to continuing to serve in the future.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Gouldsboro Historical Society**

SCHOODIC FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry has seen a huge growth over the past year, welcoming new families every week. Our total figures are over 600 families who depend on the Pantry to help put food on the table.

Our market style pantry allows our patrons to pick and choose foods they like. We stock a variety of fresh produce, meal items, dairy, and baking items. The focus is nutritious food that appeals to the different age groups that use the pantry. Those age groups are a challenge because nutritional needs and likes of elderly patrons differ greatly from families with teenage or young children.

Being able to stock our shelves twice a week has now become a bigger job than ever. Close to a ton of food, and often over a ton, can be carried out each time we are open.

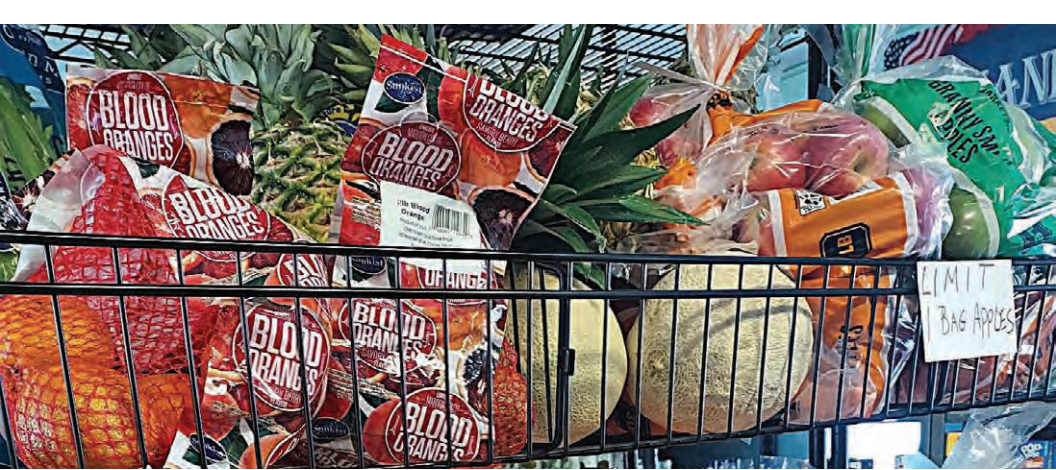
The Chat Table is usually crowded and lively with conversation. We offer coffee, tea, etc. and always a baked goody. This area provides a space in the pantry for people to sit, relax, and chat with friends and neighbors. Being social is so important so please come in and join the table. Stay for a few minutes or an hour, it's up to you.

A great addition to our Pantry is the "Shed". It's a blue building to the right of the Pantry where anyone can donate clothing, linens, shoes, towels, puzzles, and more. It is available anytime to drop off donations or pick up things you might need. It's all free!!

The Schoodic Food Pantry Volunteers are absolutely the best and the biggest reason we can do what we do every week. From stocking shelves to carrying bags out to cars for those that need assistance. They do it all with a smile!

We thank each and every person, group or organization that has donated to the Pantry. Without your level of support, we could not provide the assistance we do. By embracing what we do, you have helped so many with food insecurity.

**With sincere gratitude and many thanks,
Donna Harmon, *Director*
Schoodic Food Pantry**





Schoodic National Scenic Byway

www.schoodicbyway.org

The Byway celebrated a major milestone - its 25th anniversary as a **National Scenic Byway**. This event took place on June 14, 2025, at the Sorrento-Sullivan Recreation Center. We featured live music, food trucks, artisans, local craft vendors, children's activities, and nonprofit displays - bringing together residents, businesses, and visitors in recognition of the byway's role in the community. The byway commitment to engage with the community is demonstrated by our "**Kids Quest**" educational program which connects visitors with the heritage and natural beauty of the region.

The byway was nationally recognized for being 4th in USA Today's "10 Best Readers' Choice Awards" for America's most beautiful scenic drives. Our visitor experience continues to showcase fishing villages, lobster wharfs, and access points to Acadia National Park's Schoodic Peninsula trails and viewpoints, offering a quieter alternative to Mount Desert Island.

The Town of Gouldsboro and the Schoodic National Scenic Byway collaborated to improve the town park with landscaping, parking, placement of a large buoy bell, and the relocation of the Kids Quest lobster fishing exhibit. We were delighted to receive grant funding from the Schoodic Community Fund to help with this project.

The Byway is happy to announce Long Cove (Sinclair Property) was turned over to the Town of Sullivan. We worked jointly with Maine Coast Heritage Trust and Frenchmen Bay Conservancy to provide signage and waterfront access for local fishermen and the public.

This year the Byway's website had 42,181 visits compared to 12,758 visits last year--an increase of 230%. Much of this success came from our website manager **Bonneville Consulting** and a **Maine Office Tourism** grant that helped increase our search engines and content. We will continue to add more content, update listings, and improve our social media presence in 2026.

We thank the towns of Sullivan, Gouldsboro, and Winter Harbor as well as historical societies, recreational committees, Schoodic 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, Maine Department of Transportation, and Acadia National Park for technical and financial support.

Sincerely,
Barbara Shanahan, Chairperson
Schoodic National Scenic Byway Committee



SCHOODIC COMMUNITY FUND

The Schoodic Community Fund continues to grow at a healthy rate. After a solid year of investment gains combined with over \$90,000 in donations from our community, the endowment will support the needs of the Schoodic Peninsula for many years to come. In 2025, we awarded \$44,000 in grants to the following local organizations:

Winter Harbor Historical Society, \$3,500 for their building restoration project; Schoodic Arts for All, \$4,000 for the After-School Art program; Dorcas Library, \$3,500 to upgrade the children’s reading room; Schoodic Scenic Byway Commission, \$3,500 for the Gouldsboro Town Park beautification project; Peninsula School, \$11,000 to fund the weekend food program; Schoodic Food Pantry, \$10,000 to purchase food, groceries, and supplies; Schoodic Institute, \$1,500 for a new water-bottle filling station; Schoodic Food Pantry, \$5,000 to support a new addition on the facility; the towns of Winter Harbor and Gouldsboro, \$2,000 for the emergency power and heating funds.

The current SCF Advisory Committee consists of Susan Bruce, Dolora Conley, Mary Dyer, John Eck, Sara Faull, Roxanne Renwick, Mark Berry, Susan Towle, 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 or donate 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 2025:

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| Jeff + Cindy Alley | Pearl + Roger Barto |
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Joe + Karen Jo Young
Barbara Zucker

CHARLES M. SUMNER LEARNING CAMPUS

Sumner Memorial High School began the 2025–2026 school year with the launch and expansion of several impactful programs designed to better meet the diverse needs and interests of our students. The Dirigo Alternative Education Program is in its pilot year, providing targeted support and flexible learning for students with varied academic needs. Students are also benefiting from new course offerings in our high-tech Maker Space, while the reopening of the metal shop has restored valuable hands-on learning opportunities through a range of metalworking courses. In addition, Speech and Debate has been added to our competitive team offerings, expanding opportunities for student leadership, communication, and critical thinking.

The school continues to serve as a hub for community engagement and service. In December, we hosted our first Tree Festival and Craft Fair, which drew a large and enthusiastic crowd from surrounding communities. Students and staff also organized and participated in meaningful events including a Veterans Day Assembly, a blood drive, a food drive, and other student-led community service initiatives. Later this year, students will engage with the local community through Career Aspirations Day, providing opportunities to explore regional careers and professions. In March, we look forward to hosting our second annual Student Fishermen’s Forum, further strengthening connections between students, industry, and the broader community.

Our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiative has strengthened student engagement and recognition through increased participation in the Go BLUE student leadership team and well-attended monthly Go BLUE assemblies. In addition, teachers and administrators have implemented clearer and more consistent expectations around cell phone use during instructional time, resulting in improved focus, engagement, and overall classroom learning environments.

Sumner Memorial High School Students continue to flourish thanks to our dedicated staff and strong community involvement. The growth and success of our students remain at the center of all that we do, and our Tiger Pride remains unstoppable!

Warmly,
Ms. Amy A. Watson, SMHS principal

PENINSULA SCHOOL

Peninsula School is proud to celebrate a year of growth, hard work, and collaboration within our school community. Our school is a wonderful place to learn and grow thanks to our students, families, staff, and community partners. I am so proud to be a part of this community.

Our work this year has been guided by three primary goals:

1. Supporting All Students Through the Use of Data

We focused on using multiple sources of data to better understand student needs, guide instruction, and monitor progress. Classroom assessments, attendance data, and behavioral information were used collaboratively by staff to inform decision-making and ensure timely support for students.

2. Continuing PBIS Implementation

Our ongoing implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) remained a cornerstone of our school culture. By teaching clear expectations and recognizing positive behaviors, we continued to build a safe, predictable, and supportive environment for all learners. These efforts contributed to a positive school climate where students know what is expected and are recognized for doing their best.

3. Building and Maintaining Positive, Collaborative Relationships

Strong relationships are at the heart of Peninsula School. We prioritized collaboration among staff, families, and community partners to create a welcoming school climate where students feel supported and valued.

Our continued work in these areas is making a difference. This year marked a significant milestone for Peninsula School. Based on improved student achievement and increased attendance rates, our school is no longer identified for support by the Maine Department of Education. This accomplishment reflects the collective efforts of students, staff, and families and underscores the positive impact of targeted instruction, consistent monitoring and strong engagement strategies.

Thanks to our generous support from the Schoodic Community Fund, we proudly continued our weekend backpack program, ensuring that

students have access to food outside of the school week. This program remains a vital support for students and families and reflects our commitment to addressing basic needs as part of student success.

Best Regards, Principal Chris Beals

PENINSULA SCHOOL STAFF

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Tonya Farmer	Kindergarten
Kristen Mowry	1 st Grade
Dhale Cunningham	2 nd Grade
Hillary Lisee	3 rd Grade
Donna Dalangauskas	4 th Grade
Linda Murray	5 th Grade
Nora Holloway	Art
Sherry Blais	Physical Education
Mindy Sargent	PBIS
Pam Campbell	Music
Nick Ulecka	Librarian
Katie Parker	Interventionist
Sarah Hurlbert	Occupational Therapy
Rachel Reynolds	ELL/Gifted & Talented
Jordan Smith	School Nurse
Christine Simmons	Administrative Assistant
Jessica Richards	Special Education
Ashley Carter	Special Education
Rosalie Mitchell	Ed Tech
Katelin Richards	Ed Tech
Marina Magee	Ed Tech
Robyn Walton	Ed Tech
Carrie Richardson	Ed Tech
Shawn Dyer	Ed Tech
Aspin Inman	Ed Tech
Kayla Balsam	Ed Tech
Donna Haycock	Food Service
Matt McLain	Maintenance
Kate Beske	Custodian
Danny Mitchell Jr.	Bus Driver
Randy Matthews	Bus Driver
Pieter Porsius	Bus Driver

RSU 24 SUPERINTENDENT

It's been a busy and exciting start to the 2025-2026 school year! Our District Office is full of activity as we continue working to support our students, staff, and schools. Here's a look at some of the highlights from the year so far.

Curriculum

This year, our district's commitment to strong curriculum, positive school culture, and high expectations has been recognized in meaningful ways. We were honored to be named a Silver Level District of Distinction by the New England Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports Network (NEPBIS) for our work in promoting positive behavior across all schools, and our high school PBIS team has been invited to present at two conferences for their innovative use of student voice in shaping PBIS practices. Academically, district-wide scores show that 62.3% of students met or exceeded state expectations in ELA and 42.2% met or exceeded expectations in Math. We are working diligently to support our students both behaviorally and academically, focusing on creating welcoming school environments and providing meaningful curriculum. This year, we updated our sixth through twelfth grade math curriculum, and we look forward to updating the kindergarten through fifth grade math curriculum next year. Feedback from families and staff reflects our ongoing efforts: 92% of families agree that teachers hold high expectations for achievement, 85% say their child feels successful at school, and 95% feel their school building is well maintained. Staff responses echo this strength, with 98% agreeing that teachers work hard to ensure students thrive and 86% feeling connected to their colleagues. Engagement remains strong, as 80% of families report being actively involved in school activities. Notably, the percentage of staff who feel that students demonstrate behaviors that support effective learning increased from 49% in the fall to 55% in the spring, highlighting the impact of our continued focus on positive, productive learning environments.

Special Education

Students in Mrs. Ames' classroom at the Charles M. Sumner Learning Campus began making pet treats to sell when students returned to school after COVID. They have tried many recipes and have settled on the three they are selling now. The Cheesy Crackers and Peanut Butter Dog Treats are made with simple ingredients, rolled thin, and cut into 1" squares with a pizza cutter before baking. Students carefully

measure and mix the recipes and then measure to cut into squares. The Pumpkin Peanut Butter treats are made in molds to provide students who need practice counting with a real-life opportunity to count when packaging. Not only do the students do all the baking and packaging, they keep track of sales by recording the orders received via Google forms on a monthly sheet. They then email each customer to thank them and to tell them what they owe. Some students compose their own email while others use a template. Students then deliver the dog treats when they are ready. These dog treats do not have the shelf life that store-bought dog treats have, but four-legged customers eat them up quickly and also enjoy them frozen! It's a fun business where students are learning many valuable workplace skills.

After School Programs

RSU 24 is fortunate to have received two, 21st Century Community Learning Center federal grants that fund after school and summer programs in all 5 of our schools. Currently, approximately 197 students are enrolled, and we anticipate this number will continue to grow over the next few months. Across the district, about 60 staff members have joined our after-school teams to support these programs. Program offerings focus on STEM, Safety, Cooking and Nutrition, Visual and Performing Arts, Physical Activity, and Cultural/Multicultural Enrichment. Some of the clubs available include middle and high school cooking clubs, speech and debate, crochet, sports, weightlifting, theater, art, makerspace, karaoke, and gaming, among others. Each day, students participate in homework help, tutoring, recess, healthy snacks, and a variety of enrichment activities designed to foster learning, creativity, and engagement.

Adult Education Highlights

Our Adult Education program is making a difference for our communities; we're proud to announce that we've already had two HiSET graduates this fall. We got off to a great start with high school completion classes (HiSET and Diploma), College Transitions, and an onsite CNA course with adults from across the district. Our academic classes are offered in person and remotely to increase access for our community members. Workforce training is a significant part of our programming. In November, we started our Certified Clinical Medical Assistant program, which runs through the winter leading students to new career paths and employment this spring. Beyond academics, September meant enrichment classes started back! This fall CPR was taught on a monthly basis with no cost to participants, as the classes

were covered by a Strengthening Maine's Workforce grant. We offer many new classes, as well as returning favorites like woodworking, cooking, felting, Bob Ross painting, and Spanish. Thursdays are Community Cribbage, when anyone is welcome to come and play a game or two. No experience needed. We're excited to share our Winter/Spring catalog - it was mailed the first week of January! Whether you want to learn to fix up your bike, paint a sunset, bake a pie, earn your high school degree, or start a new career - we try to have something for everyone.

School Nutrition Program

Breakfasts, lunches, and snacks remain complimentary to all students this school year. Student participation in Breakfast is 50% and Lunch is 68%. Transportation In July, the district received two brand-new 77-passenger Thomas Built buses.

Facility Updates

Our district has several improvement projects and equipment purchases planned to enhance safety, functionality, and learning environments across the district.

Cave Hill School

Upgrades include integrating the bell and intercom systems, adding a new playground door, roof and gutter repairs, new entrance mats, and installing a new "fire truck" playground structure.

Ella Lewis School

Planned work includes repairing ramps and railings, painting the fuel tank, updating the kitchen fire suppression system to meet code, retrofitting hallway lights with LEDs, replacing ceiling tiles, and purchasing a portable PA system for gym events.

Mountain View School

Phase 3 paving will add 35 new parking spots, separate bus and parent lanes, and a new accessible walkway. Other projects include asbestos abatement, rekeying the building, plumbing repairs, and adding transferred playground equipment.

Peninsula School

Improvements include rug cleaning, a new building-wide phone system, a replacement floor burnisher, clearing stormwater areas, adding a sand shelter and new playground features.

Charles M. Sumner Learning Campus

Plans include building a new storage structure, adding courtyard speakers, outlets, and security cameras, and purchasing new cleaning equipment.

District-Wide

Installation of ALICE window coverings (Round 1) for enhanced safety. These projects reflect our continued commitment to maintaining safe, efficient, and welcoming learning environments for all students and staff.

Budget

RSU 24 proudly serves 714 students in pre-K – 12th grade across nine communities in Hancock and Washington counties - including 135 students from Gouldsboro. Our budget supports all aspects of district operations, including teaching and learning, special education, transportation, food services, technology, and administration.

Last but not least the Friends of Sumners Future Building Campaign Donor Wall is Complete! We are delighted to announce that the much-anticipated Donor/Sponsorship Wall is now complete and proudly on display at the Charles M. Sumner Learning Campus. In addition to the Donor Wall, all Room Sponsorship Plaques and Area Sponsorship Signs have been installed. We invite you to take a moment to view these displays the next time you attend an event or RSU 24 Board (RSUB) meeting at the campus. A reminder that RSUB meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM at the Charles M. Sumner Learning Campus.

Gouldsboro Community Representative

Mary Cowperthwaite, began serving on the RSU 24 Board in September 2023, and will serve through June 2027. She serves as Vice Chair of the Board, and sits on the Finance & Budget, Policy, and IT Planning Committees. She also represents RSU 24 as the Maine School Boards Association (MSBA) delegate.

We're proud of our students, teachers, and staff, and thankful for the strong community partnerships that make our schools shine.

Sincerely,

Michael Eastman, Superintendent RSU#24
meastman@rsu24.org - (207) 422-2017

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$135,711 for the Services and Committees Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval. The Budget Committee does not recommend approval.

Motion by Bill Zoellick; 2nd by Donald Ashmall. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$137,020 for the Town Property Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval. The Budget Committee does not recommend approval.

Motion by Donald Ashmall; 2nd by Deirdre McArdle. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$976,555 for the Public Safety Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval. The Budget Committee does not recommend approval.

Motion by Bill Zoellick; 2nd by Donald Ashmall. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$923,944 for the Public Works Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval. The Budget Committee does not recommend approval.

Motion by Bill Zoellick; 2nd by Donald Ashmall. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$246,177 for the Insurance of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval. The Budget Committee does not recommend approval.

Motion by Danny Mitchell Jr; 2nd by John Arenstam.

47 Yes / 25 No (vote by raise of hands). Article passed as written.

OTHER MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL WARRANT ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Dorcas Library request.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Deirdre McArdle; 2nd by Bill Zoellick. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 12. 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 Donald Ashmall; 2nd by Bill Zoellick. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,300 for the Schoodic Food Pantry.

The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Deirdre McArdle; 2nd by Bill Zoellick. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$435,000 for the Paving Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Paving Reserve as of April 2025 is \$385,024.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Deirdre McArdle. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,000 for the Public Works Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Public Works Reserve as of April 2025 is \$30,361.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Bill Zoellick. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the Fire Equipment Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Fire Equipment Reserve as of April 2025 is \$164,800.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Robert Harmon. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the Community Cemetery Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Community Cemetery Reserve as of April 2025 is \$3,367

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Deirdre McArdle. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,000 for the Cruiser and Academy Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Cruiser and Academy Reserve as of April 2025 is \$54,757

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Donald Ashmall. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer up to \$40,000 of any remaining balance on June 30, 2025 from the Police Department Division of the Public Safety Department to the Police Cruiser and Academy Reserve and earmark those funds for Academy or buyout expenses. Any other remaining balance will be transferred to the General Fund.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Bill Zoellick; 2nd by Deirdre McArdle. Passed as written.

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

Estimated balance in the Buildings and Grounds Reserve as of April 2025 is \$112,154

(\$40,000 earmarked for fire station roof replacement).

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Bill Zoellick. Passed as written.

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.

Estimated balance in the EMS Reserve as of April 2025 is \$131,752

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers to amend and reduce the article to \$1,000; 2nd by Arthur Higgins.

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

Motion by Bill Zoellick to retain the \$10,000; 2nd by Deirdre McArdle. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,000 for the Ambulance Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Ambulance Reserve as of April 2025 is \$27,163.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Deirdre McArdle. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the Harbor Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Harbor Reserve as of April 2025 is \$64,147.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Deirdre McArdle; 2nd by Bill Zoellick. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a maximum of \$250,000 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 Donald Ashmall. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Jones Pond Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Jones Pond Reserve as of April 2025 is \$24,205

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Deirdre McArdle. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the Legal & Executive Search Reserve.

Estimated balance in the Legal & Executive Search Reserve as of April 2025 is \$67,845

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Bill Zoellick; 2nd by Deirdre McArdle. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Revaluation Reserve for the purpose of paying for a townwide property revaluation and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 for the Revaluation Reserve.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

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

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Coastal Planning & Protection Reserve for the purpose of paying for infrastructure improvements related to storm damage and resiliency and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the Coastal Planning & Protection Reserve.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Bill Zoellick. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all unexpended balances at the end of the fiscal year from the Recreation Committee to the Recreation Reserve.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Bill Zoellick. Passed as written.

THIRD PARTY AND OUTSIDE AGENCY WARRANT ARTICLES

The following organizations requested contributions from the Town of Gouldsboro for Fiscal Year 2026:

Community Health and Counseling \$300; Downeast Community Partners \$2,257; Eastern Area Agency on Aging \$350; Ellsworth Public Library \$6,812; Emmaus Homeless Shelter \$300; Families First Community Center \$1,000; Garry Owen House \$300; Hospice Hancock County \$500; Lake Stewards of Maine \$500; The Lifeflight Foundation \$851; Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry \$600; Maine Public \$100; Northern Light Home Care & Hospice \$300; Schoodic Arts for All \$750; Schoodic National Scenic Byway \$1,500; Sunrise Little League \$1,000; SPCA \$500; WIC Nutrition Program \$1,000.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400 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 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 Donald Rodgers; 2nd by Raymond Jones. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 31. 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 Donald Ashmall; 2nd by Deirdre McArdle. Passed as written.

OTHER WARRANT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will revoke Article 60 from the 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.

**Motion by Dwight Rodgers to approve articles 32 – 52; 2nd by Raymond Jones.
Passed as written.**

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will revoke Article 61 from the June 21, 1999 Annual Town Meeting:
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.

Approved as written. See motion in Article 32.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will revoke Article 24 from the 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.

Approved as written. See motion in Article 32.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will revoke Article 44 from the June 19, 2000 Annual Town Meeting:

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.

Approved as written. See motion in Article 32.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will revoke Article 45 from the June 19, 2000 Annual Town Meeting:

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.

Approved as written. See motion in Article 32.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will revoke Article 49 from the June 19, 2000 Annual Town Meeting:

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.

Approved as written. See motion in Article 32.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will revoke Article 50 from the June 19, 2000 Annual Town Meeting:
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.

Approved as written. See motion in Article 32.

ARTICLE 39 – To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board 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.

Approved as written. See motion in Article 32.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will revoke Article 51 from the June 19, 2000 Annual Town Meeting:
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.

Approved as written. See motion in Article 32.

ARTICLE 41 – To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board 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.

Approved as written. See motion in Article 32.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will revoke Article 52 from the June 19, 2000 Annual Town Meeting:
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.

Approved as written. See motion in Article 32.

ARTICLE 43 – 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 Select Board, transferred to Unappropriated Surplus.

Approved as written. See motion in Article 32.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will revoke Article 53 from the June 19, 2000 Annual Town Meeting:
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.

Approved as written. See motion in Article 32.

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will revoke Article 18 from the 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.

Approved as written. See motion in Article 32.

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will revoke Article 17 from the 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.

Approved as written. See motion in Article 32.

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will revoke Article 21 from the 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.

Approved as written. See motion in Article 32.

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will revoke Article 45 from the 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.

Approved as written. See motion in Article 32.

ARTICLE 49 – To see if the Town will allow the Select Board to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town.

Approved as written. See motion in Article 32.

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will revoke Article 23 from the June 10, 2014 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.

Approved as written. See motion in Article 32.

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will revoke Article 28 from the 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.

Approved as written. See motion in Article 32.

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will revoke Article 9 from the 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.

Approved as written. See motion in Article 32.

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town of Gouldsboro (Town) will vote to join the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS) as a Participating Local District effective August 1, 2025, and:

- a.) To offer Regular Plan AC to all full-time employees who are not seasonal or temporary effective August 1, 2025; and
- b.) To exclude all other employees, including employees who are not full-time; or who are seasonal or temporary employees; and its elected officials and officials appointed for fixed terms, from participating in the MainePERS defined benefit plan; and
- c.) To allow eligible employees who opt to participate in MainePERS the option to purchase prior service credit for employment with the Town upon the employee's full payment of all associated costs. The Town will not participate in the purchase of prior service and so an employee who

wishes to purchase prior service is responsible for paying the full liability associated with this service; and

- d.) To adopt the provisions of 5 M.R.S. §18252-C as enacted by PL 2021, Chapter 286 as allowed by MainePERS Rule Chapter 803 for its non-participating employees with optional membership who previously declined to participate in MainePERS (“eligible employees”) and to comply with the following requirements:
 - i. Beginning in 2026, to annually offer eligible employees who have been employed for less than 5 years the opportunity to join MainePERS on a prospective basis during an open enrollment period from September 1st through November 1st and to provide MainePERS with documentation of each election made by eligible employees under this provision; and
 - ii. To calculate employee contributions against gross compensation as with other participating employees and then withhold and report employee contributions for employees who join under this provision on an after-tax basis and remit them to MainePERS (i.e., employee contributions for those who join under this provision are subject to both federal and state income tax); and
- e.) To authorize its Town Manager to enter into an agreement with MainePERS to adopt a 457(b) defined contribution plan through the MaineStart program in addition to the defined benefit plan at any time. There is no additional administrative cost to the Town to do this and it will give employees an additional way to save for retirement; and
- f.) To authorize its Town Manager to sign the defined benefit and any future defined contribution plan agreement between the Town and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

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

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of tax-acquired property (1) in accordance with Title 36, Section 943-C of the Maine Revised Statutes, as may be amended, or (2) should the Select Board be unable to list or sell the property pursuant to Section 943-C, in any manner reasonably calculated by the Select Board to establish fair market value of the property. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as calculated pursuant to Section 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Motion by Raymond Jones; 2nd by Donald Ashmall. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to have the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 taxes due in two installments: half to be due on or before October 31, 2025 and the other half to be due on or before March 31, 2026 and to have interest charged at the annual rate of 7.50% on any taxes unpaid after the due dates.

Motion by Bill Zoellick; 2nd by Deirdre McArdle. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 56. 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 3.50% per annum.

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

ARTICLE 57. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of town-owned property, excluding tax-acquired property, with a value of five thousand (\$5,000.00) or less, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

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

ARTICLE 58. 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 Bill Zoellick. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 59. 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 Bill Zoellick. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 60. 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 Bill Zoellick. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 61. 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 Donald Ashmall. Passed as written.

ARTICLE 62. 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 recommend approval.

Motion by Raymond Jones; 2nd by Deirdre McArdle. Passed as written.


ARTICLE 63. To see if the Town will vote to set the next Town Meeting as the second Tuesday in June 2026, to start at 8AM.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers; 2nd by Bill Zoellick. 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 10, 2025, and at 7PM at the Peninsula School on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of registered voters.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers to adjourn at 8:45PM; 2nd by Ramond Jones. Motion passed.

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

Attest: 
Brianna L. Mitchell
Town Clerk of Gouldsboro

James W. Wadman

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.
Ronald C. Bean, C.P.A.
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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, 2025, 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, 2025, 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 6 and pages 21 through 24 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 14, 2025

TOWN OF GOULDSBORO, MAINE
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

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, 2025. 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, 2025 by \$6,469,132 (presented as “net position”). Of this amount, \$3,598,122 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 \$988,775 (an 18% increase) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

Fund Highlights:

Governmental Funds – Fund Balances – As of the close of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, the Town's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$3,677,794 with \$2,057,509 being general unassigned fund balance. This unassigned fund balance represents approximately 32% of the total general fund expenditures for the year.

Long-term Debt:

The Town has outstanding general long-term debt obligations of \$80,088 as of June 30, 2025. 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.

CAPITAL ASSET ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities amounts to \$11,356,516, net of accumulated depreciation of \$8,577,506 leaving a net book value of \$2,779,010. Current year additions include \$107,927 in road improvements and \$303,933 in vehicles.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net Position

42% 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.

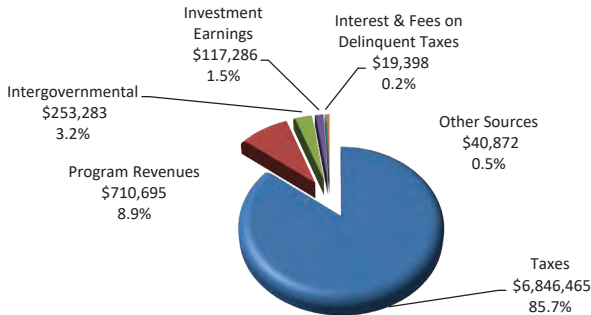
	<i>Governmental Business-type</i>		<i>Total 2025</i>	<i>Total 2024</i>
	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Activities</i>		
<i>Assets & Other Debits:</i>				
Current Assets & Other Debits	3,858,397	-	3,858,397	3,137,183
Capital Assets	2,779,010	-	2,779,010	2,581,868
<i>Total Assets & Other Debits</i>	6,637,407	-	6,637,407	5,719,051
<i>Liabilities & Other Credits:</i>				
Current Liabilities & Other Credits	110,393	-	110,393	131,595
Long Term Liabilities	57,882	-	57,882	107,099
<i>Total Liabilities and Other</i>	168,275	-	168,275	238,694
<i>Net Position:</i>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,698,923	-	2,698,923	2,456,780
Restricted	172,087	-	172,087	196,752
Unrestricted	3,598,122	-	3,598,122	2,826,825
<i>Total Net Position</i>	6,469,132	-	6,469,132	5,480,357
<i>Total Liabilities & Net Position</i>	6,637,407	-	6,637,407	5,719,051

Changes in Net Position

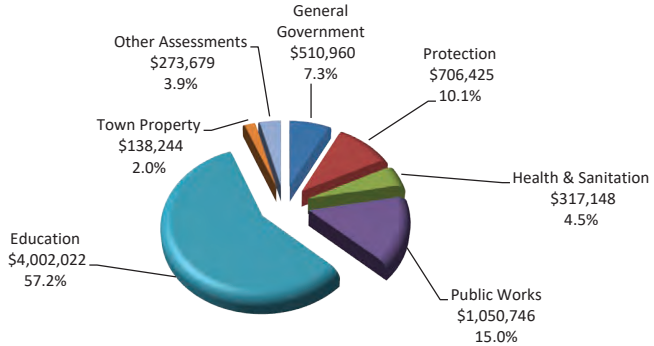
Approximately 86 percent of the Town’s total revenue came from property and excise taxes, approximately 3 percent came from State subsidies and grants, and approximately 11 percent came from services, investment earnings and other sources. Depreciation expense on the Town’s governmental and business-type activity assets represents \$214,717 of the total expenses for the fiscal year.

	Governmental	Business-type		
	Activities	Activities	Total 2025	Total 2024
Revenues:				
Taxes	6,846,465		6,846,465	6,574,566
Program Revenues	710,695		710,695	392,458
Investment Income	117,286		117,286	75,452
Intergovernmental	253,283		253,283	225,310
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	19,398		19,398	16,301
Other	40,872		40,872	42,869
Total	7,988,000	-	7,988,000	7,326,955
Expenses:				
General Government	510,960		510,960	495,432
Protection	706,425		706,425	980,317
Health & Sanitation	317,148		317,148	347,674
Public Works	1,050,746		1,050,746	667,502
Education	4,002,022		4,002,022	3,785,239
Town Property	138,244		138,244	76,631
Other Assessments	273,679		273,679	237,003
Total	6,999,224	-	6,999,224	6,589,799
Changes in Net Position	988,775	-	988,775	737,156

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 \$3,677,794, an increase of \$685,494 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 56 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:

- \$42,310 positive variance in revenues. Excise taxes exceeded budget by \$30,945, Investment earnings exceeded budget by \$44,931, and property taxes had \$60,800 less than budgeted revenue.
- \$448,758 positive variance in expenditures. Protection and Public Works accounted for majority of this variance.

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, 2025

(Exhibit I)

	<i>Governmental Activities</i>
<i>Assets and Deferred Outflows</i>	
<i>Assets</i>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,590,345
Accounts Receivable	\$92,261
Taxes Receivable	\$171,235
<i>Capital Assets</i>	
Land	\$776,529
Other Capital Assets, net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$2,002,481
Total Capital Assets	<u>\$2,779,010</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$6,632,852</u>
<i>Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	
Related to Other Post-Employment Benefits	<u>\$4,555</u>
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>\$4,555</u>
<i>Total Assets & Deferred Outflows</i>	<u>\$6,637,407</u>
<i>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Net Position</i>	
<i>Liabilities</i>	
<i>Current Liabilities</i>	
Accounts Payable	\$32,116
<i>Long-Term Liabilities</i>	
Compensated Absences	\$9,095
Net Other Post-employment Benefits Liability	\$13,699
<i>General Obligation Bonds Payable</i>	
Due within one year	\$45,000
Due in more than one year	<u>\$35,088</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>\$134,998</u>
<i>Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	
Property Taxes Received in Advance	\$20,474
Related to Other Post-Employment Benefits	<u>\$12,803</u>
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>\$33,277</u>
<i>Net Position</i>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$2,698,923
Restricted	\$172,087
Unrestricted	<u>\$3,598,122</u>
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$6,469,132</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Net Position</i>	<u>\$6,637,407</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, 2025

(Exhibit II)

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Net (Expense)</u>
		<u>Charges for</u>	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Revenue and Changes</u>
<u>Primary Government</u>		<u>Services</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>in Net Position</u>
<u>Governmental Activities</u>				<u>Governmental</u>
				<u>Activities</u>
General Government	\$510,960	\$77,282	\$19,862	(\$413,816)
Town Property	\$138,244			(\$138,244)
Protection	\$706,425	\$158,961		(\$547,464)
Health, Sanitation and Social Services	\$317,148	\$1,400	\$6,100	(\$309,648)
Public Works	\$1,050,746		\$447,090	(\$603,657)
Education	\$4,002,022			(\$4,002,022)
Other Assessments and Debt Service	\$273,679			(\$273,679)
<u>Total Governmental Activities</u>	<u>\$6,999,224</u>	<u>\$237,643</u>	<u>\$473,052</u>	<u>(\$6,288,529)</u>
<u>Total Primary Government</u>	<u>\$6,999,224</u>	<u>\$237,643</u>	<u>\$473,052</u>	<u>(\$6,288,529)</u>
<u>General Revenues:</u>				
Tax Revenues, Including Homestead Exemption				\$6,380,520
Excise Taxes				\$465,945
Intergovernmental				\$253,283
Investment Earnings				\$117,286
Interest on Delinquent Taxes				\$19,398
Other Revenues				\$40,872
<u>Total Revenues</u>				<u>\$7,277,305</u>
<u>Changes in Net Position</u>				<u>\$988,775</u>
<u>Net Position - Beginning</u>				<u>\$5,480,357</u>
<u>Net Position - Ending</u>				<u>\$6,469,132</u>

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

TOWN OF GOULDSBORO, MAINE
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

(Exhibit III)

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Permanent Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash	\$2,306,029	\$1,227,565	\$56,751		\$3,590,345
Accounts Receivable (net of allowances)	\$92,261				\$92,261
Taxes Receivable	\$171,235				\$171,235
Due from Other Funds		\$66,510	\$980	\$211,552	\$279,041
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$2,569,525</u>	<u>\$1,294,076</u>	<u>\$57,731</u>	<u>\$211,552</u>	<u>\$4,132,883</u>
<u>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows & Fund Balances</u>					
<u>Liabilities:</u>					
Accounts Payable	\$32,116				\$32,116
Due to Other Funds	\$279,041				\$279,041
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<u>\$311,158</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$311,158</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>					
Property Taxes Received in Advance	\$20,474				\$20,474
Unavailable Property Tax Revenue	\$123,457				\$123,457
<u>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	<u>\$143,931</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$143,931</u>
<u>Fund Balances:</u>					
Nonspendable	\$0		\$46,453		\$46,453
Restricted	\$56,927		\$11,278	\$57,429	\$125,634
Committed	\$0	\$1,294,076			\$1,294,076
Assigned	\$0			\$154,122	\$154,122
Unassigned	\$2,057,509				\$2,057,509
<u>Total Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$2,114,436</u>	<u>\$1,294,076</u>	<u>\$57,731</u>	<u>\$211,552</u>	<u>\$3,677,794</u>
<u>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows & Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$2,569,525</u>	<u>\$1,294,076</u>	<u>\$57,731</u>	<u>\$211,552</u>	<u>\$4,132,883</u>
<u>Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds</u>					\$3,677,794
<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					\$2,779,010
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					\$123,457
Deferred outflows of resources related to other post-employment benefit plans					\$4,555
Deferred inflows of resources related to other post-employment benefit plans					(\$12,803)
Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported in the funds, including:					
General Obligation Bonds Payable					(\$80,088)
Compensated Absences					(\$9,095)
Net Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability					(\$13,699)
<u>Net Position of Governmental Activities</u>					<u>\$6,469,132</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, 2025**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Permanent Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<i>Revenues:</i>					
Property Taxes, Including Homestead Exemption	\$6,322,524				\$6,322,524
Excise Taxes	\$465,945				\$465,945
Intergovernmental	\$253,283				\$253,283
Investment Earnings	\$75,931	\$39,672	\$1,683		\$117,286
Interest and Lien Fees	\$19,398				\$19,398
Licenses, Permits & User Fees	\$31,129	\$205,115			\$236,243
Donations and Grants		\$1,400		\$473,052	\$474,452
Other	\$19,309	\$21,564			\$40,872
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>\$7,187,519</u>	<u>\$267,750</u>	<u>\$1,683</u>	<u>\$473,052</u>	<u>\$7,930,004</u>
<i>Expenditures (Net of Departmental Revenues):</i>					
<i>Current</i>					
General Government	\$456,884	\$36,484	\$1,311	\$17,859	\$512,537
Town Property	\$74,778	\$63,466			\$138,244
Protection	\$549,767	\$71,467		\$34,476	\$655,710
Health, Sanitation and Social Services	\$313,327	\$3,440		\$381	\$317,148
Public Works	\$439,706	\$23,181		\$425,422	\$888,309
Education	\$4,002,022				\$4,002,022
Other Assessments and Debt Service	\$318,680				\$318,680
<i>Capital Outlay</i>	<i>\$242,335</i>	<i>\$169,525</i>			<i>\$411,860</i>
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$6,397,498</u>	<u>\$367,563</u>	<u>\$1,311</u>	<u>\$478,137</u>	<u>\$7,244,510</u>
<i>Excess Revenues Over Expenditures</i>	<i>\$790,020</i>	<i>(\$99,813)</i>	<i>\$372</i>	<i>(\$5,086)</i>	<i>\$685,494</i>
<i>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</i>					
Operating Transfers In	\$210,228	\$659,180			\$869,408
Operating Transfers Out	(\$659,180)	(\$210,228)			(\$869,408)
<u>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>	<u>(\$448,952)</u>	<u>\$448,952</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<i>Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses</i>	<i>\$341,068</i>	<i>\$349,139</i>	<i>\$372</i>	<i>(\$5,086)</i>	<i>\$685,494</i>
<i>Beginning Fund Balances</i>	<i>\$1,773,368</i>	<i>\$944,936</i>	<i>\$57,359</i>	<i>\$216,637</i>	<i>\$2,992,300</i>
<u>Ending Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$2,114,436</u>	<u>\$1,294,076</u>	<u>\$57,731</u>	<u>\$211,552</u>	<u>\$3,677,794</u>
<i>Reconciliation to Statement of Activities, change in Net Position:</i>					
Net Change in Fund Balances - Above					\$685,494
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					\$53,160
Other Post-Employment Benefit Plans (Deferred Outflows, Net OPEB Liability, Deferred Inflows)					(\$5,017)
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					\$57,996
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					\$411,860
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					(\$214,717)
<u>Changes in Net Position of Governmental Activities</u>					<u>\$988,775</u>

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

132nd Legislature
Senate of
Maine
Senate District 6

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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 officially sworn in for my fourth and final term on December 4, 2024. The 132nd Maine Legislature adjourned in July, concluding the First Regular and First Special Sessions. With 415 bills carried over to the next session—including more than 200 still pending in committees—we have a significant workload ahead when we return for the Second Regular Session in January.

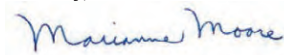
I'm pleased to report the Legislature passed several critical bills aimed at expanding access to medical care, including measures to improve prescription access in Maine's most rural communities. We also secured key wins to protect our vital forest and logging industries, strengthen Maine's hospitality sector, and create new economic opportunities in agriculture by supporting food processing and manufacturing incentives.

On a personal note, I'm proud that legislation I sponsored was finally enacted to increase the number of children a family child care provider can care for without a license. With a statewide shortage of child care workers and the rising cost of care, this bill represents a meaningful step toward improving access to affordable child care, especially in rural areas.

Again, thank you for re-electing me to serve you in the State Senate. Despite many successes over the past year, lawmakers will have a lot of work to do next session. As your State Senator, I will continue to do all I can to advocate for your priorities in Augusta.

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



Janet T. Mills
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Winter and Spring 2026

Dear Friends:

It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve as your governor for the past seven years. We have faced many challenges together, from confronting a global pandemic, to healing from a horrific tragedy in Lewiston, to rebuilding from unprecedented storms that damaged homes and businesses across the state. But we have done so with the strength, courage, and kindness that is at the essence of Maine people, the same community spirit that will sustain us in the years to come.

Our towns and cities are the essence of community and the foundation of our democracy. In my last year as governor, I will push to continue fully funding revenue sharing and public schools so those costs are not added to the property tax bills. We will continue to make record investments in housing to bring down the cost of home ownership. We will continue to deliver tax relief to working people and life the burden of student debt off the shoulders of younger people to encourage them to stay here, pay taxes here and invest in our state.

I fundamentally believe that our strongest asset is you - the people of Maine - which is why my Administration's approach has always been, and will always be, to make this state the best place in the nation to live, work, and raise a family.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Janet Mills'.

Janet T. Mills
Governor

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January 2026

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It remains an honor to serve as your State Representative for District 12 in the Maine House of Representatives. As we begin the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature, I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to represent your interests in Augusta. I am also humbled to continue serving my colleagues as House Republican Leader, a responsibility I take very seriously.

The Legislature convened on January 7, 2026, and we are preparing to consider a wide range of proposals in the months ahead. Lawmakers will address issues affecting our coastal economy, housing availability, workforce development, and support for working families, including Maine's high property and income tax burden and rising energy costs. These decisions have a direct impact on our region, and your input is essential. Hearing from the people of District 12 helps guide my work and ensures your voice is represented at the State House.

I encourage you to stay informed and engaged by visiting the legislative website at Legislature.Maine.Gov. There, you can review bill language and summaries, follow committee schedules, track roll call votes, and watch live streams of House and Senate sessions. Public hearings and committee meetings are also accessible via Zoom, making it easier than ever to observe proceedings or offer testimony.

Thank you again for the privilege of representing you. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time at 287-1440 or by email at William.Faulkingham@legislature.maine.gov to share your thoughts or concerns. If you would like to receive my regular e-newsletter with updates throughout the year, simply send me your email address and I will be glad to add you to the distribution list.

Serving our community is the honor of a lifetime, and I look forward to continuing this work together in the year ahead.

Respectfully,

Billy Bob Faulkingham

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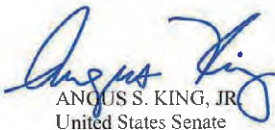
With each year we have a new opportunity to recognize our shared achievements and offer up our time and energy to support one another when challenges arise. I am grateful to the towns across Maine for their dedication to their communities, their residents, and our state. Working together has always been our strength, and the past year proved that once again we are stronger when we work together.

However, it is difficult to recall a year more challenging than the one we just experienced—a year that required a steady focus on our founding principles and shared values. For these reasons, I spent hours on the Senate Floor reminding my colleagues—and many of you back home—about the vision our founders demonstrated when they laid the blueprint for the American experiment. A cornerstone in their understanding was a duty to civic engagement and community. I often refer to Maine as a big town with long roads, and in my travels throughout our state, I am reassured by the grassroots participation in our civic process and the neighborly feel that makes Maine unique.

My legislative priorities remain largely the same: supporting Maine veterans, small businesses, and our heritage industries like agriculture, forest products and the marine economy. Additionally, I am grateful to have an exceptional team across Maine ready to assist you with issues involving the federal government. Whether you are facing challenges related to veterans' services, Social Security, the IRS, passports or other matters, I encourage you to reach out to our offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford. We are here to help and welcome the opportunity to work on your behalf.

Together, I am confident we can continue building a stronger and more prosperous future for our state and nation. Thank you for being one of the many reasons Maine is such a special place. It is truly an honor to serve you and to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe 2026.

Best Regards,



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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well.

As you likely know, my time in Congress will come to an end in January 2027, after which I'll return to my family and my life as a private citizen. In other words, this is my final town letter.

My time as your representative has included a fair share of ups and downs, but one thing that never changed was the pride I brought with me to represent your community and all the others across Maine's 2nd Congressional District.

Maine has been home for my entire life. And while serving in Congress has meant a lot of time in Washington, D.C., I've tried my best to stay connected to the people, places and values that made me who I am.

Growing up in Leeds, I learned the value of hard work and community. When I enlisted in the U.S. Marines, a decision driven by the commitment to service and patriotism instilled in me by the people and places that raised me, I learned a lot about sacrifice and leadership. After my time in the military, I settled in Lewiston and served my city in the Maine State House, where I got a crash course in what representation really meant: listening, understanding, and fighting to make life better for the people and families who'd placed their trust in me.

I brought these values and experiences with me to Congress, and tried to live up to them every day I have served.

I share all this not because my story is special or my values unique, but because I know that it is not.

It's fair to say that I've worked in one way or another with most every community in the District. Together, we've reduced pressure on property taxes by securing congressional funds for local projects. We've passed laws to support Maine's heritage industries and small businesses. And my

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staff and I have provided direct constituent services, helping thousands of Mainers across the state — including recovering millions of dollars in missing or delayed federal benefits.

What I've learned through our work together is that there are leaders all over Maine everywhere you look — people committed to service, to their communities and their country: Municipal officials and workers. Business owners and innovators. Servicemembers and law enforcement officers. Volunteer firefighters. And of course, the everyday workers, parents and students who are all doing their part to contribute how they can to their families and communities.

I am grateful to share this state with every single one of you, and despite all our challenges, I am optimistic about our future because of what I've seen and learned. I know that the things that divide us are no match for the things we have in common and our commitment to each other.

While this may be my final letter in this format, I am still working hard to represent you for the rest of this year. If your community, small business, or family has a need, reach out to my nearest district office and talk to us about it. My staff and I can help navigate government programs; find federal resources in Maine; and resolve issues with Medicare, Social Security, the VA, and other agencies. Here's the contact info for my offices:

- **Caribou Office:** 7 Hatch Drive, Suite 230, Caribou, ME 04736. Phone: (207) 492-6009
- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

Thank you again for the great honor of representing you in Congress and the opportunity to serve you and your community. I will spend the rest of my time in Congress working just as hard as I always have to deliver what I can to Maine.

Respectfully,



Jared Golden
Member of Congress

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Dear Friends,

It is an honor to serve the people of Maine, and I welcome this opportunity to update you on the work that has taken place in the Senate over the past year. My staff and I have addressed numerous issues affecting our state, and I would like to share some of the progress that we have made.

Since my *Social Security Fairness Act* was signed into law in January 2025, the law has been fully implemented and restored earned retirement benefits to 2.8 million Americans. More than 25,000 Mainers have seen their monthly benefits increase and have been issued more than \$184.5 million in retroactive payments. I am proud that this legislation has improved the lives of many retired firefighters, teachers, police officers, and other public employees and their spouses.

I was honored to become the first Maine Senator in nearly a century to lead the Appropriations Committee. Since I took this role last January, Congress enacted full-year appropriations bills before December for the first time since 2018. These bipartisan bills included full-year funding for Military Construction and the Department of Veterans Affairs, the US Department of Agriculture, and the Food and Drug Administration. At my request, these bills included nearly \$35 million in Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) for local projects across Maine that will improve fire stations and emergency services, update municipal buildings, and support upgraded facilities at the Maine National Guard and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY) in Kittery. This funding builds on the nearly \$1.1 billion in CDS I have secured since 2021 for worthy projects that benefit local communities and nonprofits across 16 counties. As Chair, I remain committed to working to better ensure that federal spending and investments produce real results for the people of Maine.

I have also led other important legislative efforts this year that address problems many Mainers face. This includes bills that expand federal efforts to combat Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses and improve access to early testing for Alzheimer's disease. Provisions I authored to strengthen prevention, treatment, and recovery services for those struggling with substance use disorders and mental illness were included in the *SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act* that was recently signed into law. An amendment I authored in this year's *National Defense Authorization Act* will increase apprenticeship opportunities at public shipyards like PNSY. That bill also includes more than \$400 million to support critical infrastructure improvements at PNSY and a well-deserved 3.8 percent pay raise for all our nation's service members.

In addition to advancing legislation, I worked to ensure that federal commitments to Maine were maintained and, when necessary, restored. I secured a seasonal employee exemption for Acadia National Park from the Administration's federal hiring freeze and from closure during the recent government shutdown. I protected local programs like Maine Sea Grant and global initiatives like the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) from harmful funding cuts. I led the effort to resume enrollment at Maine Job Corps centers and fought for full funding for Maine's public schools this school year. I preserved funding for the University of Maine System and secured the restoration of funding to the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point and the Penobscot Nation. I protected low-income Mainers' access to key programs like LIHEAP and SNAP. Although I voted against the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* due to my opposition to Medicaid cuts, I helped secure \$50 billion to support rural health providers through the legislation's Rural Health Transformation Program. Maine has been awarded \$190 million in the first year of this five-year grant program.

Throughout my Senate service, I have never missed a roll-call vote and have cast more than 9,850 consecutive votes—reflecting the Maine work ethic I bring to Washington. My continued ranking as most bipartisan Senator from the Lugar Center and Georgetown University is a testament to Maine's tradition of working with cooperation and respect.

My highest priority as a Senator is to ensure that the State of 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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We extend our sincere thank you to Rick Henion for all his time, hard work, and dedication he put into building a new Prospect Harbor Lighthouse model. You can view the new lighthouse during spring through fall outside the Gouldsboro Town Office!

Photo Courtesy of Brianna L. Mitchell



The Town of Gouldsboro held its first Annual Christmas Trap Tree Lighting in December 2025 at the Gouldsboro Town Park!

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**GOULDSBORO ANNUAL VOTING
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Big Jim was featured on the cover of a promotional comic book produced by the Main Sardine Council in 1967, *Ricky and Debbie in Sardinland*.

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