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TOWN OF GOULDSBORO
2017 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Hancock County
State of Maine

To: Tyler Dunbar, Constable, Town of Gouldsboro

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Gouldsboro in said County of Hancock, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Gouldsboro Community Center on Route 195, Pond Road, Gouldsboro on Tuesday, the thirteenth (13) day of June, A. D. 2017 at Eight O'clock (8:00 AM) in the forenoon, then and there to act on Articles numbered 1 and 2.

You are also to notify and warn said voters to meet at the Peninsula School in Prospect Harbor, Gouldsboro on Wednesday, the fourteenth (14) day of June, A. D. 2017 at Seven O'clock (7:00 PM) in the evening, then and there to act on Articles numbered 3 through 26, all of said Articles being set out below, to wit:

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

Nominations were opened for the position of moderator. Mary Ann Higgins was nominated with no other nominations presented. A secret ballot vote was taken with three (3) ballots cast-all in favor of Mary Ann Higgins. Mrs. Higgins was sworn in by the Deputy Town Clerk and was moderator for the 2016 Municipal Election and Annual Town Meeting. Moderator, Mary Ann Higgins administered an oath of office to Deputy, Gary Hunt. Mr. Hunt read Article 2 to open the polls.

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

Three-Year Term: One Selectmen

Board of Selectmen:

Dana Rice	139
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Three-Year Term: Two Planning Board Members

Planning Board Member:

Bonnie Kane	154
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Deborah Bisson	148
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Town Meeting reconvened at 7:00pm Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at the Peninsula School in Prospect Harbor with 78 registered voters and 23 non-registered voters attending.

The Deputy Moderator requested a motion to adopt the rules and procedures of the State of Maine Moderators Manual – motion by D. Rodgers, second by J. Watson - motion carries.

The Deputy Moderator said anyone who would like to speak to any specific article during the meeting, and was not a registered voter, would need permission of the voters present. No nonregistered residents requested to speak.

The Deputy Moderator administered an oath of office for Board of Selectman; Dana Rice. The Deputy Moderator administered an oath of office for Planning Board; Deborah Bisson and Bonnie Kane.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE ELECTION:

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

Three Year Term: Deborah Bisson

Three Year Term: Jay Bricker

Three Year Term: Mary Ann Higgins.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers, second by R. Jones – carries as written

The Deputy Moderator administered an oath of office to Deborah Bisson, Jay Bricker and Mary Ann Higgins.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$289,556 for the General Administration Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers, second by James Watson – carries as written

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$99,502 for the Services and Committees Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers, second by James Watson – carries as written.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,303 for the Town Property Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by James Watson, second by Dwight Rodgers – carries as written.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$312,735 for the Public Safety Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by James Watson, second by Dwight Rodgers – carries as written.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$594,701 for the Public Works Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by James Watson, second by Dwight Rodgers – carries as written

OTHER MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL WARRANT ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the Legal Reserve.

The audited balance in this account as of June 30, 2016 is \$12925

The balance as of April 30, 2017 is \$2812

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by James Watson, second by Dwight Rodgers – carries as written

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for the Fire Equipment Reserve.

The audited balance in this account as of June 30, 2016, is \$112,745

The balance as of April 30, 2017 is \$87,977

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers, second by James Watson – carries as written.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the Buildings and Grounds Reserve.

The audited balance in this account as of June 30, 2016 is \$12,313

The balance as of April 30, 2017 is \$12,392

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers, second by James Watson – carries as written.

Discussion was held wherein it was determined there is no Article 11 the numbering was a typographical error.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the Paving Reserve.

The audited balance in this account as of June 30, 2016 is \$38,176

The balance as of April 30, 2017 is \$38,343

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers, second by James Watson – carries as written.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a maximum of \$150,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance (surplus) to offset taxes, if necessary.

The audited balance in this account as of June 30, 2016 is \$877,695

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers, second by James Watson – carries as written.

THIRD PARTY AND OUTSIDE AGENCY WARRANT ARTICLES: The following organizations requested contributions from the Town of Gouldsboro for Fiscal Year 2017/18: American Red Cross \$1000, Ellsworth Public Library \$2889, Emmaus Homeless Shelter \$750, Hospice Volunteers Hancock County \$1,000, Maine Coast Memorial Hospital Dixon Clinic \$600, Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry \$600, WIC Program \$1,560, Yesterday's Children \$300, Schoodic Scenic Byway \$250, Community Health and Counseling \$620, Eastern Agency on Aging \$1500, Child and Family Opportunities \$500, MPBN \$100, Health Equity Alliance \$500, Island Explorer Bus \$600. Total amount requested \$16,769. Total recommended: \$2,502.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the \$2,502 for the following organizations:

- the sum of \$114 for Community Health and Counseling
- the sum of \$114 for Eastern Area Agency on Aging
- the sum of \$398 for Eleanor Widner Dixon Clinic
- the sum of \$398 for Emmaus Homeless Shelter
- the sum of \$455 for Hospice Volunteers Hancock County
- the sum of \$398 for Lifeline Food Pantry
- the sum of \$398 for Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry
- the sum of \$227 for Yesterday's Children

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers, second by James Watson – carries as written.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will raise general funds to donate to tax-exempt organizations (charities) during the next budget cycle.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers, second by James Watson – carries as written.

OTHER WARRANT ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to have the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 taxes due in two installments: ½ to be due on or before October 31, 2017 and the other ½ to be due on or before March 31, 2018 and to have interest charged at the annual rate of 7% on any taxes unpaid after the due dates.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers, second by James Watson – carries as written.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to retain the right to control the harvesting of alewives.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers, second by James Watson – carries as written.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any snowmobile refunds from the State of Maine to the Airline Riders Snowmobile Club.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Motion by James Watson, second by Dwight Rodgers – carries as written.

ARTICLE 20. 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 recommends approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers, second by James Watson – carries as written.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Land Use Ordinance.

The Board of Selectmen and Planning Board recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers, second by Ray Jones – carries as written.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Shellfish Ordinance.

The Board of Selectmen and Shellfish Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Dwight Rodgers, second by James Watson – carries as written.

ARTICLE 23. 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 Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Motion by Raymond Jones, second by Dwight Rodgers – carries as written.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to approve an ordinance prohibiting retail marijuana establishments and retain marijuana social clubs.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval

Discussion was held wherein resident, Susan Ruffner, expressed her dislike in this Article as she felt if a marijuana establishment or social club was present in Town it may benefit tourism. She also asked for a paper ballot vote, as she felt some people in the audience may not be comfortable voting by a show of hands. **Motion by Susan Ruffner, second by Faith Lane, motion denied.** Dana Rice, Chair of the Select Board explained to the audience that this ordinance could be revisited at a later date, either by an Article of Repeal or a Signed Petition and a special Town Meeting. **Motion by Mr. Rice to move the question, second by Raymond Jones, carries as voted.** The original Article was voted on **Motion by James Watson, second by Dana Rice, carries as written.**

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,000 for the Dorcas Library.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee DO NOT recommend approval

Discussion was held wherein the residents expressed their dislike that the Board and the Budget Committee did not recommend this article. They felt the Library was an important hub for the Town and was an amazing place wherein conversations were held, friendships developed and a strong foundation for the Town. Mr. Rice suggested a motion be made for a \$3,000 appropriation to the Library but all the residents felt it would not be enough for what the Library does. **Motion by Dwight Rodgers, second by James McLean, carries as written.**

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to set the next Town Meeting as the second Tuesday in June 2018, to start at 8:00 AM.

Motion by Thomasina Watson, second by Dwight Rodgers – carries 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 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM on the day of the election for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of registered voters.

Motion to adjourn the Town Meeting at 8:30PM by Dwight Rodgers, second by James Watson.

Dana Rice, William Thayer, Glenn Grant, Ernest West and Roger Bowen
Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl A. Robinson, Deputy Clerk

Attest: 

Bryan T. Kaenrath, Town Clerk,
Gouldsboro