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TOWN OF GOULDSBORO
2018 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 twelfth (12) day of June, A. D. 2018 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 thirteenth (13) day of June, A. D. 2018 at Seven o'clock (7:00 PM) in the evening, then and there to act on Articles numbered 3 through 30, 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 2018 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: Two Selectmen

Board of Selectmen:

Deborah Bisson	115
Roger A Dean	131
Patrick Perry	169
Cheryl Robinson	203
William Thayer	244
Robert Yuott	46

Town Meeting reconvened at 7:00 pm Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at the Peninsula School in Prospect Harbor with 117 registered voters and 9 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 R. Jones, second by D. Rodgers – motion carries.

The Deputy Moderator stated 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. Ms. Maulina Dana Smith requested to speak on Article 28 – motion by Donald Ashmall, second by Dwight Rodgers – motion carries.

The Deputy Moderator administered an oath office for Board of Selectmen; William Thayer and Cheryl Robinson.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE ELECTION

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

Three-Year Term: Janet Michaud

1.) Dwight Rodgers 2.) Fred Cook motion carries

Three-Year Term: Ray Jones

1.) Dwight Rodgers 2.) Deborah Bisson motion carries

Three-Year Term: One position open

Open 1.) Dwight Rodgers 2.) Fred Cook

Dwight Rodgers nominates Roger Dean; 2nd by Raymond Jones

Close 1.) Dwight Rodgers 2.) Raymond Jones motion carries

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$280,007 for the General Administration Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

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

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$101,048 for the Services and Committees Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

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

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,129 for the Town Property Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

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

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$340,560 for the Public Safety Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

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

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$590,442 for the Public Works Department of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Eve Wilkinson, second by Donald Ashmall – 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, 2017, is \$6,582.

The balance as of April 30, 2018 is \$13,778.73

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by D. Ashmall, second by R. Jones – 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, 2017, is \$82,646.

The balance as of April 30, 2018 is \$79,979.07

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

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

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Buildings and Grounds Reserve.

The audited balance in this account as of June 30, 2017 is \$18,788

The balance as of April 30, 2018 is \$9596.46

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by D. Rodgers, second by Kenneth Bahm - carries as written

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for the Paving Reserve.

The audited balance in this account as of June 30, 2017 is \$46,327

The balance as of April 30, 2018 is \$19,724.34

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by Cynthia Thayer, second by Pauline Angione – carries as written

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Jones Pond Reserve.

The audited balance in this account as of June 30, 2017 is \$63,027

The balance as of April 30, 2018 is \$54,919.33

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by D. Ashmall, second by R. Jones – carries as written

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the Community Cemetery Reserve.

The audited balance in this account as of June 30, 2017 is \$500.00

The balance as of April 30, 2018 is \$500.22

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by D. Ashmall, second by D. Rodgers – carries as written

ARTICLE 16. 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 as of June 30, 2017 is \$450,000

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Motion by D. Ashmall, second by R. Jones – carries as written

THIRD PARTY AND OUTSIDE AGENCY WARRANT ARTICLES

The following organizations requested contributions from the Town of Gouldsboro for Fiscal Year 2018/19: American Red Cross \$250, Ellsworth Public Library \$2754, Emmaus Homeless Shelter \$1500, Hospice Volunteers Hancock County \$1000, Life Line Food Pantry \$4000,, Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry \$500, WIC Program \$1,560, Yesterday's Children \$300 Schoodic Scenic Byway \$1000, Community Health and Counseling \$889, Eastern Area Agency on Aging \$400, Downeast Community Partners (WHCA and Child & Family Opportunites combines) \$9564, Health Equity Alliance \$0 (any amount), Downeast Transportation Inc \$600, Families First Community Center \$1000, Lifelight Foundation \$ 869. Total amount requested: \$26186.Total recommended: \$3002.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the \$3002 for the following organizations:

- the sum of \$273 for Community Health and Counseling
- the sum of \$273 for Downeast Health Services
- the sum of \$205 for Downeast Transportation LLC
- the sum of \$205 for Emmaus Homeless Shelter
- the sum of \$205 for Eastern Agency on Aging
- the sum of \$409 for Lifeline Food Pantry
- the sum of \$341 for Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry
- the sum of \$409 for Downeast Community Partners
- the sum of \$273 for Lifelight Foundation
- the sum of \$409 for Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.

Nancy Horshack questioned why no money on Health Equity Alliance. Mary-Ann Higgins explained the Budget Committee equation of \$ donation.

Motion by D. Ashmall, second by D. Rogers – carries as written

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will raise general funds to donate to tax-exempt organizations (charities) during the next budget cycle.

Motion by J. Watson, second by K. Bahm – carries as written with a few nays

OTHER WARRANT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to have the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 taxes due in two installments: ½ to be due on or before October 31, 2018 and the other ½ to be due on or before March 31, 2019 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 D. Ashmall, second by R. Jones – carries as written

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to retain the right to control the harvesting of alewives.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Citizen questioned "How do you decide who?" Answer: Board of Selectmen award to successful bidder.

Motion by K. Bahm, second by D. Ashmall – carries as written

ARTICLE 21. 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.

Nancy Hill asked "Where do money come from?" Answer: snowmobile registrations

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

ARTICLE 22. 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 James Watson, second by R. Jones – carries as written

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Harbor Ordinance.

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval

Motion by D. Rodgers, second by J. Watson – carries as written

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the Historical Society Roof Project.

The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval

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

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to borrow money temporarily and/or to issue notes under such terms as they deem advisable for the purpose of building a salt/sand shed as required by "Siting and Operations of Road Salt and Sand-salt Storage Areas, 06-096 C. M. R. ch. 574" and the Maine DEP. .

The Board of Selectmen recommend approval

There was discussion about former DOT Lot and violation of salt/sand being under cover and impervious to rain/snow. Dana B. Rice, Sr. stated that collection of various quotes ranging from \$180,000 to \$250,000 and spread out 10-15 years.

Motion by D. Ashmall, second by D. Rodgers - carries as written

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,000 for the Dorcas Library.

Mike Summerer spoke as Library Board member and stated that an anonymous donor has provided funding to purchase the Two Sisters Deli building across the street from the library. This building would be extra space for holding functions, classes and meetings.

Motion by D. Ashmall, second by K. Bahm – carries as written with a few nays

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to ban fireworks on all days except July 4th and December 31st, weather permitting per the Fire Chief, and to require that all fireworks cease by 10:00PM on those days.

There was discussion: Roger Bowen, Robert Yuott, Edisse Ray, Roger Dean, James Watson, Dana B. Rice, Sr., Danny Mitchell, Fire Chief Tate McLean, Nancy Hill, Ken Bahm, Barbara Bowen, Nancy Horshack, Don Ashmall, B. Zoellick.

Motion made "move to vote" by James McLean, second by Mason Johnson.

Motion by K. Bahm, second by Marianne Ray – article failed with majority vote of nays

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to approve changing the local name of "Columbus Day" to "Indigenous Peoples Day".

There was considerable discussion: Roger Bowen, Maulina Dana Smith, Dana B. Rice Sr., Cynthia Thayer, Melinda Bowmans, Ray Jones, Susan Dickson-Smith

Motion made "move to vote" by Robert Youtt, second by J. McLean

Motion by C. Thayer, second by K. Bahm – too close with verbal yay and nay

Article went to card count with 55 Yay-45 Nay – carries as written

ARTICLE 29. 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.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Motion by D. Ashmall, second by D. Rodgers – carries as written

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to set the next Town Meeting as the second Tuesday in June 2019, to start at 8:00 AM.

Motion by D. Ashmall, second by D. 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, Tuesday, June 12, 2018, for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of registered voters.

Motion to adjourn the Town Meeting at 8:50PM by D. Rodgers, second by R. Jones.

Dana B. Rice, Sr., William Thayer, Glenn Grant, Ernest West and Cheryl Robinson

Minutes Prepared by: Deana E. Workman, Deputy Clerk

Attest:


Sherri L. Cox, Town Clerk, Gouldsboro