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**TOWN OF GOULDSBORO  
2019 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 twenty-fifth (25<sup>th</sup>) day of June, A. D. 2019 at Eight O'clock (8:00 AM) in the forenoon, then and there to act on Articles numbered 1, 2 and 3.

You are also to notify and warn said voters to meet at the **Peninsula School** in Prospect Harbor, Gouldsboro on Wednesday, the twenty-sixth (26<sup>th</sup>) day of June, A. D. 2019 at Seven O'clock (7:00 PM) in the evening, then and there to act on Articles numbered 4 through 34, 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. Cynthia B Lowe was nominated with no other nominations presented. A secret ballot vote was taken with three (3) ballots cast-all in favor of Cynthia B Lowe. Ms. Lowe was sworn in by the Deputy Town Clerk and was moderator for the 2019 Municipal Election and Annual Town Meeting. Moderator, Cynthia B. Lowe 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

**Bisson, Deborah                      253**

**Moore, Walter                        330**

**West, Ernest                         369**

Two year term: One Selectmen

**Bernier, Michael                    129**

**Urquhart, Christopher            272**

**Youtt, Robert                        117**

Three year terms: Three Planning Board Members

**Boumans, Melinda                295**

**Grant, Jeffrey D.                  419**

**Jones, Raymond                  359**

**Youtt, Robert                        296**

**ARTICLE 3.** To vote by secret ballot on the referendum question based upon a citizen's petition that reads as follows: "Shall the Town vote to disband the Gouldsboro Police Department and contract with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office for Public Safety services."

**Yes                                      169**

**No                                        395**

**Town Meeting reconvened at 7:00 pm Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at the Peninsula School in Prospect Harbor with 139 registered voters and 10 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. Webber, second by R. Henion**

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. Mrs. Marie Crawley requested to speak on Article 21 – motion by D. Rodgers, second by R. Jones – motion carries

The Deputy Moderator stated that the oaths of office would be administered for Board of Selectmen; Christopher Urquhart, Walter Moore and Ernest West and Planning Board Committee; Raymond Jones, Jeffrey D. Grant and Robert Youtt at the adjournment of said meeting.

### **MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE ELECTION:**

**ARTICLE 4.** To choose the following members of the Budget Committee for the ensuing years:

Three year terms: Dwight Rodgers, Fred Cook, Dave Seward

Nominate:	1.) R. Jones	2.) A.J. Higgins
Close Vote:	1.) R. Jones	2.) A.J. Higgins
1.) D. Mitchell	2.) R. Jones	motion carries

Two year term: Eve Wilkinson

Nominate:	1.) J. Watson	2.) W. Zoellick
Close Vote:	1.) R. Jones	2.) A.J. Higgins
1.) J. Watson	2.) W. Zoellick	motion carries

### **MUNICIPAL GENERAL FUND WARRANT ARTICLES:**

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$289,923.** for the **General Administration Department** of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by R. Youtt, second by D. Mitchell – carries as written**

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$83,315** for the **Services and Committees Department** of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, second by D. Mitchell – carries as written**

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$73,355.** for the **Town Property Department** of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

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

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$209,065.** for the **Public Safety Department- Constable** of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by R. Youtt, second by D. Mitchell – carries as written**

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$119,531** for the **Public Safety Department- Fire Department** of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

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

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$121,834** for the **Public Safety Department- Ambulance** of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval*

#### **EMS Revenue Projection for FY19/20**

Revenue for 9 months (Sep-May) based on FY18/19 monthly average

\$ 43,322.43

Projected revenue for 3 months @2x usage increase (Jun-Aug)	28,881.62
Estimated revenue for collection of unpaid bills	3,800.19
Winter Harbor Contract	10,000.00
<b>Total Projected Revenue</b>	<b>86,004.24</b>

#### **Methodology and Assumptions**

- The Revenue Projection is based on the actual EMS receivables from September 2018-April 2019, as provided by the EMS' billing service
- The revenues from September 2018-April 2019, taking into account the 6% billing service fee and unpaid bills, averages approximately \$4814 per month
- The Projection assumes that usage will double in the months of June-August based on historical data from our Fire Department/EMS
- The Collections Estimate is based on the unpaid bills from Sep-Feb, which represent about 17% of transports billed out
- The Collections Estimate assumes that 25% of unpaid bills are collectable. The billing service collects a 6% fee from payments received, and the collection agency receives 25-30%.

**Motion by R. Jones, second by C. Thayer – carries as written**

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$650,205** for **Public Works Department** of the municipal budget for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Mitchell, second by R. Youtt – carries as written**

#### **OTHER MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL WARRANT ARTICLES:**

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund.

*The audited balance in this account as of June 30, 2018 is \$74,939.*

*The balance as of April 30, 2019 is \$45,967.*

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Mitchell, second by R. Youtt – carries as written**

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the Buildings and Grounds Reserve. (\$20,000 earmarked for the West Bay Dam Project)

*The audited balance in this account as of June 30, 2018 is \$19,468.*

*The balance as of April 30, 2019 is \$24,292.*

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

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

**Andrew Straz asked “What is West Bay Dam Project”?**

**Dana Rice answered that the dam made out of concrete and the State of Maine requesting Town of Gouldsboro repair.**

**Jason Tracey asked why not combine with Article 7?**

**Answered: Article 7 is for Operating Expense vs. Article 13 is for Repairs.**

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the Paving Reserve.

*The audited balance in this account as of June 30, 2018 is \$27,708.*

*The balance as of April 30, 2019 is \$27,884.*

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, second by D. Mitchell – carries as written**

**Rocky Stenger: “What is being paved”?**

**Jim McLean answered that 7/10<sup>th</sup> of mile of Paul Bunyan Road and 9/10<sup>th</sup> of mile of Gouldsboro Point Road. Barbara Kelly asked about potholes on Main Street. Jim McLean answered that Main Street is a state road.**

**ARTICLE 15.** 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, 2018 is \$11,231.*

*The balance as of April 30, 2019 is \$16,327.*

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, second by D. Bisson – carries as written**

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the Cemetery Reserve.

*The audited balance in this account as of June 30, 2018 is \$500.*

*The balance as of April 30, 2019 is \$1,001.*

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by R. Youtt, second by D. Mitchell – carries as written**

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to demolish the Jones Pond Cabin.

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by R. Youtt, second by D. Mitchell**

**Motion to move question and cut debate by J. Watson, second by R. Youtt**

**There was considerable discussion: B. Holmes, D. Rice, J. Horschak, N. Horschak, D. Joubert, J. McLean, R. Youtt and Eve Wilkinson - motion failed with a majority vote of nays**

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to rename the Jones Pond Cabin Replacement Reserve the Jones Pond Recreation Site Reserve.

*The audit balance in this account as of June 30, 2018 is \$56,163.*

*The balance as of April 30, 2019 is \$76,287.*

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Bisson, second by A.J. Higgins – carries as written**

**There was considerable discussion: R. Fisher, B. Walter**

**Show of Hands Vote: 86 Yes 24 No - carries as written**

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to close the Bridgman Town Poor Reserve and move the amount of \$2,261.15 to the General Fund to offset General Assistance.

*The audit balance in this account as of June 30, 2018 is \$ 2,251.*

*The balance as of April 30, 2019 is \$2,261.*

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by J. Watson, second by T. Watson – carries as written**

**Question: What is this account? Answer: It was originally done to loan money to people in need.**

**Now there is General Assistance for that.**

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to a maximum of \$100,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance (surplus) to offset taxes, if necessary.

*The audited balance in this account as of June 30, 2018 is \$722,845*

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval*

**Motion by D. Bisson, second by D. Mitchell – carries as written**

### **THIRD PARTY AND OUTSIDE AGENCY WARRANT ARTICLES:**

The following organizations requested contributions from the Town of Gouldsboro for Fiscal Year 2019/2020: Community health & Counseling (\$712), DownEast Transportation (\$600), Eastern Agency on Aging (\$250), Downeast Community Partners (\$11,370), WIC Nutrition/Downeast Health Services (\$1,260), Yesterday's Children (\$300), Health Equity Alliance (\$500), Emmaus Center (\$1,500), Lifeline Ministries (\$2,000), LifeFlight (\$869), Hospice Vol. of Hancock

County (\$1,000), American Red Cross (\$550), Loaves & Fishes (\$500), Families First Community Center (\$1,000), Ellsworth Public Library (\$3,105), MPBN (\$100), Open Door Recovery (\$1,000).

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,772 for the following organization:

- The sum of \$190 for Yesterday's Children
- The sum of \$190 for American Red Cross
- The sum of \$190 for Families First Community Center
- The sum of \$190 for Open Door Recovery
- The sum of \$250 for Eastern Agency on Aging
- The sum of \$381 for Emmaus Center
- The sum of \$381 for Lifeline Ministries Food Pantry
- The sum of \$381 for Life Flight of Maine
- The sum of \$381 for Loaves & Fishes
- The sum of \$571 for Downeast Health Services (WIC)
- The sum of \$667 for Hospice of Hancock County

*The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Marie Crawley explained Lifeline Ministries Food Pantry and that \$381.00 was not enough.**

**Ben Walter asked "Can't change dollar amount in Article as it is written"?**

**Dwight Rodgers answered "yes that was correct".**

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

**ARTICLE 22.** 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 D. Rodgers, second by R. Youtt – carries as written**

## **OTHER WARRANT ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to have the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 taxes due in two installments: half to be due on or before October 31, 2019 and the other half to be due on or before March 31, 2020 and to have interest charged at the annual rate of 7% on any taxes unpaid after the due dates.

*The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, second by A.J. Higgins – carries as written**

**ARTICLE 24.** 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 D. Rodgers, second by T. Watson – carries as written**

**ARTICLE 25.** 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 recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, second by D. Mitchell – carries as written**

**ARTICLE 26.** 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 W. Zoellick, second by T. Watson – carries as written**

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Shellfish Ordinance.

*The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.*

**Motion by W. Zoellick, second by D. Rodgers – carries as written**



**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Land Use Ordinance.

*The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.*

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

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Site Plan Review Ordinance.

*The Board of Selectmen recommend approval.*

**Motion by R. Jones, second by A.J. Higgins – carries as written**

**ARTICLE 30. PER CITIZEN'S PETITION:** To see if the Town will vote to set term limits on all Boards (Selectmen and Planning). Board members may sit on a board for two terms and then are required to take an election year off before taking out nomination papers again for that board.

**Motion by R. Bowen, second by A.J. Higgins**

**There was discussion: Cheryl Robinson, Rolla Stenger, Roger Dean, Raymond Jones, Jason Tracey, Mary-Ann Higgins, Deborah Bisson, James Watson, Carol Dean – article failed with majority vote of nays**

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for the Dorcas Library request.

*The Board of Selectmen recommend \$4,000*

*The Budget Committee recommends \$6,000*

**There was discussion: Dick Fisher, Sheila Daley, B. Flaherty, Diane Higgins, Faith Lane, Raymond Jones, Margaret Jones**

**Motion by A. Johnson, second by T. Watson – carries as written**

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,250 for the Historical Society request.

*The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend \$6,000*

**Larry Newman spoke on behalf of the Gouldsboro Historical Society**

**Motion by D. Rodgers, second by A.J. Higgins – carries as written**

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for the Town to become a member Town with the YMCA.

*The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend approval.*

**Motion by D. Rodgers, second by M. Boumans – carries as written**

**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the Town will vote to set the next Town Meeting as the second Tuesday in June 2020, to start at 8AM.

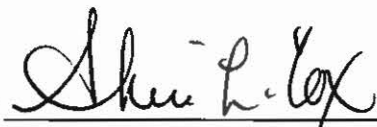
**Motion by R. Youtt, second by D. Rodgers – carries as written**

*The Registrar of Voters, or Deputy, hereby gives notice that she will be in session at the Community Center on the Pond Road from 8AM until 8PM on the day of the election, Tuesday, June 18, 2019, for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of registered voters.*

**Motion to adjourn the Town Meeting at 9:22 PM by D. Rodgers, second by F. Cook**

Dana B. Rice, Sr., Walter Moore, Cheryl Robinson, Christopher Urquhart and Ernest West.

Minutes Prepared by: Deana E. Workman, Deputy Clerk

Attest:   
Sherri L. Cox, Town Clerk, Gouldsboro