

Minutes
Bar Harbor Town Council
February 16, 2016

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 7:00 p.m. – In attendance were Councilors: Paul Paradis, Gary Friedmann, Anne Greenlee, Peter St. Germain, Burt Barker, David Bowden, Clark Stivers; and Town Manager Cornell Knight.
- A. **Excused Absence(s)** – All were present.
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – *The Town Council allows at this time up to fifteen minutes of public comment on any subject not on the agenda and not in litigation with a maximum of three minutes per person.* – Terri Zabala stated that she did not speak during public comment last meeting; and she corrected her husband, who spoke out loud in the audience, that they too did not receive a broadband survey, when indeed they had. Also, she noted the spelling of her name.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – *February 2, 2016 Regular Meeting* – Mr. Stivers noted his name was incorrectly stated as Mr. Clark. Mr. St. Germain, with second by Ms. Greenlee, moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2016 as amended by Ms. Zabala and Mr. Stivers. Motion passed 7-0.
- IV. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** – *Review and possible adoption of a motion to accept the financial statements as presented.* – Finance Director Stan Harmon gave a brief overview of the monthly statements and amended the Highway expenditures to read \$48,000 less than last year to date and Ambulance revenues are \$14,000 less than last year. Following brief comments, Mr. St. Germain, with second by Ms. Greenlee, moved to accept and file the Finance Director’s financial statements dated 2/9/16. Motion passed 7-0.
- V. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. St. Germain, with second by Mr. Stivers, moved to adopt the amended agenda as published. Motion passed 7-0.
- VI. **CONSENT AGENDA** – *A single vote has been scheduled to approve the following routine items of business without discussion, unless individual agenda item action is requested by a Councilor:*
- A. **Certification of Property Owners and Abutters Mailing Lists** – *Possible passage of a motion to sign the two certification of the mailing lists used for the notice of the Council’s March 1, 2016 public hearings on the Land Use Ordinance Amendments for June 14, 2016.*
- B. **Memorial Day Ceremony** – *Possible motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce request for use of the town pier on May 30 to hold a Memorial Day ceremony.*

- C. **Grant: 2016 Speed Enforcement** – *Possible motion* to approve the Police Chief to apply for and participate in the 2016 Speed Enforcement Program grant to cover overtime expenses for speed enforcement.

Mr. St. Germain, with second by Ms. Greenlee, moved to approve the consent agenda as published. Motion passed 7-0.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Special Amusement Permit Renewals:

1. **The Harborside Hotel & Marina, 55 West Street, for a Class 3ad, three or more musicians with mechanical amplification and dancing, as submitted by Golden Anchor, LC, Patrick Walsh.** – There being no comments, Mr. Stivers, with second by Mr. St. Germain, moved to approve the Harborside Hotel & Marina for a Class 3ad Special Amusement Permit as advertised. Motion passed 7-0.
2. **The Bar Harbor Regency Hotel, Inc., 123 Eden Street, request for a Class 3ad, three or more musicians with mechanical amplification and dancing, as submitted by Patrick Walsh.** – There being no comments, Ms. Greenlee, with second by Mr. St. Germain, moved to approve the Bar Harbors Regency Hotel for a Class 3ad Special Amusement Permit as advertised. Motion passed 7-0.
3. **Bluenose Inn, 90 Eden Street, request for a Class 3ad, three or more musicians with mechanical amplification and dancing, as submitted by Lafayette Bluenose, LLC.** – There being no comments, Ms. Greenlee, with second by Mr. St. Germain, moved to approve the Bluenose Inn for a Class 3ad Special Amusement Permit as advertised. Motion passed 7-0.

- B. **FY17 Budget:** *Public hearing on and possible adoption of the fiscal year 2017 budget, for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.*

1. *Public comment on the proposed budget.*
2. *Possible approval of a motion to adopt the proposed budget, (with or) without change and recommend it to the Warrant Committee.*

Town Manager Cornell Knight identified the largest expenditure increase in operations as the hydrant rental at \$61,892 and in the Capital Improvement Program, it is \$50,000 towards a broadband engineering study. While the Town's portion is up 2.5% over last year, the school and county budget increases result in a blended tax rate of 2.3%. This includes the proposed amended high school budget with a substantially less fuel budget.

At the public hearing, Mr. Roger Innes requested from the water division the formula for the hydrant rentals. It was duly noted it is online along with the Water's rate case report. There being no further comments, Ms. Greenlee, with second by Mr. Barker, moved to adopt the proposed 2017

municipal budget as presented in the Budget Summary dated 2/16/16 and recommend it to the Warrant Committee. Motion passed 7-0.

VIII. REGULAR BUSINESS:

A. Municipal Review Committee – *Possible motion to approve the Resolution that the Town continue as a member of MRC, authorizes the Joinder Agreement, and deliver waste to Fiberight, LLC in Hampden.* – Public Works Director Chip Reeves introduced attending members and representatives of Fiberight and Municipal Review Committee who presented the plan and answer questions: George Aronson, Craig Stuart-Paul, and Greg Lounder. Following much discussion and questions from the Council; Council opened the floor to the public. Lisa from Sweden who is currently living in Bar Harbor expressed interest in the environmental impact particularly recycling, compositing, and organic processing. There being no further comments, Mr. St. Germain, with second by Mr. Barker, moved to approve the Town Council Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Municipal Joinder Agreement with the Municipal Review Committee dated February 16, 2016. Motion passed 7-0.

B. Treasurer's Warrant – *Request of Treasurer to authorize paid bills.* – Mr. St. Germain, with second by Ms. Greenlee, moved to sign the Treasurer's Warrant for paid bills. Motion passed 7-0.

IX. TOWN MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Mr. Knight announced the Warrant Committee will be meeting over the next five weeks ending with a joint meeting with the Town Council to discuss the budget and any suggestions or recommendations.

X. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Mr. Barker requested a list of properties and their value that the Jackson Laboratory has taken off the real estate tax rolls. Mr. Knight reported he recently spoke with a Jackson Lab representative inviting them to speak at an upcoming Council meeting to share their master plan and their recent property purchases.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (None)

XII. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Friedmann, with second by Ms. Greenlee, moved to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Patricia A. Gray, Town Clerk