

Minutes
Special Bar Harbor Town Council Meeting
Joint Meeting with Warrant Committee
March 29, 2016

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 7:00 p.m. – In attendance were Councilors: Paul Paradis, Gary Friedmann, Anne Greenlee, Peter St. Germain, David Bowden, Clark Stivers; and Town Manager Cornell Knight.

Warrant Committee members in attendance were: John Dargis, Seth Libby, Donna Karlson, Jonathan Eno, James Grover, Liz Kase, Jake Jagel, James Mroch, Matt Hochman, Roz Rea, Bob Chaplin, Erin Early Ward, Cas Dowden, Sherry Dyer, James Kitler, and Amanda Kendall.

School member: Principal Barb Neilly.

- II. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** - Mr. St. Germain, with second by Ms. Greenlee, moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

III. **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

- A. **FY17 – Budget Preparation:** *Meeting with the Warrant Committee* – Warrant Committee Chair John Dargis reported that the committee voted with the Town Council for the FY17 budget, except the committee cut \$50,000 from the Broadband study in the CIP, reducing the Technology Division to \$33,949. Last night during the committee’s review of the budget, the motion was made to add the \$50,000 back into the CIP. Following a healthy discussion, the motion failed, 10 to 5. The original motion remains, cutting the \$50,000. Mr. Dargis called upon members with views on both sides of the proposed cut to report their position.

In addition, the Warrant Committee recommended not to fund The HUB’s request for \$30,000 for partial funding of a director from the Cruise Ship fund. A recent letter from The HUB was received by both boards stating they withdraw their request for additional funding at this time.

Warrant Committee suggested, if possible, for next season; if the outside agencies included in the Parks and Recreation section be separate from the Parks total so those who are excused for a conflict of interest are able to participate in the remaining section.

Also, they would like to see Hydrant Rentals in the Water Division budget, they do not feel it should in the municipal budget.

1. **Budget Adjustments** – *Consideration and possible adoption of budget adjustments recommended by the Warrant Committee.* – Following the Warrant Committee’s point of view of the Broadband/Fiber optic study, discussion ensued with the Council providing their point of view.

Following Council’s discussion and confirming both boards position, Council inquired if the Warrant Committee wished to change their vote. Warrant Committee Amanda Kendall, with second by James Mroch, moved to put the \$50,000 back into the Broadband CIP and restore the Technology Division to a total of \$83,949. Motion failed 7 to 8 with the Chair abstaining.

Discussion returned to the Town Council to try to reconcile the municipal budget to present the same budget at town meeting. Mr. St. Germain, with second by Ms. Greenlee, moved to rescind their motion to fund The HUB \$30,000 from the Cruise Ship fund. Motion passed 5- 1(Nay: Mr. Friedmann).

Mr. Friedmann, with second by Mr. Stivers, moved to recommend to Town Meeting the FY17 budget as proposed by Council with the net property tax assessment at \$16,033,371. Motion passed 4-2 (Nay: Mr. Paradis, Ms. Greenlee).

Council expressed their appreciation to the Warrant Committee for their efforts and hard work.

IV. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT AGENDA

There were no comments or suggestions.

- V. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by acclamation.

Patricia A. Gray, Town Clerk