

## Minutes

### Warrant Committee 2018 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting Monday, January 15, 2018

1. **Call to Order:** 7:04 P.M. by Chairman Dargis.
2. **Roll Call:** 20 sitting members; only 17 members present: **Present:** Julie Berberian, Steve Boucher, Robert Chaplin, John Dargis, Andrew Daul, Rosemary Gladstone, Michael Good, Emily Henry, Jake Jagel, Donna Karlson, Elizabeth Kase, John Kelly, James Kitler, Seth Libby, Kathy St. Germain, Larry Sweet, Michael Tadenev; **Absent:** Sherry Dyer; **Absent Excused:** Michael Blythe, Amanda Kendall.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** NA
4. **Introduction of Staff:** Chairman Dargis introduced Cornell Knight-Bar Harbor Town Manager.
5. **Election of new members.** With the departure of Erin Early-Ward and Jon Eno from the WC, sitting WC members were charged with electing two new members. Chairman Dargis announced that, as required by the WC By-Laws, the WC Nominating Committee, comprised of himself, Michael Blythe, Emily Henry, Jake Jagel and Seth Libby convened a public meeting on December 14, 2017, reviewed candidates, and selected two nominees, Christine Harding and Joe Minutolo, for presentation for a vote by the full WC. Chairman Dargis then asked if there were any nominees from the floor. Mr. Daul nominated one individual. However, he withdrew the nomination after Chairman Dargis noted that the candidate had been contacted but was currently not interested in serving. With no further nominees or comments:

Mr. Libby moved and Mr. Chaplin seconded a motion to elect Christine Harding to serve on the Warrant Committee. *Motion approved unanimously.*

Mr. Libby moved and Ms. Kase seconded a motion to elect Joe Minutolo to serve on the Warrant Committee. *Motion approved unanimously.*

6. **Open Meeting/Public Comment.** Chairman Dargis announced that the Town Council, in response to citizen feedback, had recently encouraged all elected and unelected municipal bodies to set-aside a period at each official meeting for citizens to deliver comments and/or feedback. Chairman Dargis further noted, and members agreed, that the WC has a tradition of inviting citizens, subject to the Chairman's discretion, to speak during WC meetings. All agreed that the proposed change, if passed, would only supplement, not supplant, this practice.

After a period of discussion, during which members considered various approaches and the possible effects (e.g., longer meetings, issues raised that are beyond WC's scope of authority) of adding an open meeting period,

Mr. Chaplin moved, and Mr. Kitler seconded, a motion that: "The WC add an open meeting period at the start of each WC meeting for public comment on the items on the adopted agenda for that night. Members of the public will be strongly encouraged to limit their comments to a maximum of 5 minutes.

Depending on the number of citizens who want to speak, the Chairman may reduce the allotted speaking time to a maximum of 3 minutes. To ensure the fullest democratic participation by citizens while balancing the need for effective administration of WC meetings, the WC will review the terms of this Open Meeting initiative at the end of this budget season to decide if additional changes are necessary.” *Motion approved 15 for;2 opposed*

**7. Adjournment:** Mr. Dargis called the meeting adjourned at 08:02 P.M.

Seth Libby, Secretary