

Minutes
Special Bar Harbor Town Council
January 28, 2020

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 6:00 pm – In attendance were Councilors Stephen Coston, Gary Friedmann, Jeff Dobbs, Matt Hochman, Joe Minutolo, Jill Goldthwait, Erin Cough; and Town Manager Cornell Knight.

II. **HARBOR & PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET COST CENTER:**

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A. **Harbor Master’s Department**

Harbor Master Charlie Phippen provided a brief overview of the departmental budget. For the following items, Mr. Phippen, along with Mr. Knight, addressed Council questions and comments for the topics listed:

Revenues & Fees Schedule

Revenues 2

Fees Schedule Rev: Fees 7-8

Topics of discussion: yacht visitation, public floats.

Expenses

Harbor Department Expenses 7-8

Topic of discussion: submerged land lease for the ferry terminal property.

Capital Improvement Program

Harbor Department CIP Expenses 3

Narratives CIP Narrative 15-16

List of Equipment CIP 24-25

Topics of discussion: 2 new fisherman’s floats, town pier renovations, heating system at Port Authority building, float damage and repairs, storm effects, the breakwater, sea level rise, paving and underground conduits at the ferry terminal property, consultant to assess pier at the ferry terminal.

No action taken.

B. **Cruise Ship Fund** (Tab #4)

Councilor Coston disclosed he is on the board of the Chamber of Commerce, which partners with the town regarding cruise ships. Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to recuse Councilor Coston for the appearance of conflict of interest. Motion failed 0-6-1 (Abstain: Coston).

Mr. Phippen and Mr. Knight addressed Council questions and comments on the topics listed below:

Revenues CS-1
 Topics of discussion: projections, cancellations, use of passenger fees, passenger caps, industry phasing out old ships and building new ones, tendering, efficient fuels and scrubbers, emissions, trends.

Expenses
 Operations CS-2
 Capital CS-3
 Topics of discussion: fund balance, monies toward streetscapes, environmental monitoring (water and air).

No action taken.

C. Public Works Director’s Department

Parks & Recreation

Revenues & Fees Schedule
 Revenues Revenues 2
 Fees & Schedule Rev: Fees 9

No discussion.

Expenses
 Parks & Recreation Expenses 8
 Highway Superintendent Rich Jamison stated the decrease for flowers and gardens was due to a new contractor following a rebid last year. Mr. Knight passed along suggestions from a resident regarding lifeguards at Glen Mary, spraying for ants, better snow removal for ice skating and a warming hut. Mr. Jamison spoke to snow removal and ice.

Non-Profit Agencies (Tab #8)
 4th of July Events Expenses 8
 Bar Harbor Band Expenses 8
 Jesup Memorial Library Expenses 8
 Village Holidays Decorations Expenses 8

Mr. Hochman would like to see increased support for holiday decorations. Discussion followed, including comments on winter activities in general.

 YMCA Expenses 8

Capital Improvement Program
 Parks Section CIP Expenses 4
 Narratives CIP Narrative 16-17

Topics of discussion: skatepark, tennis courts, downtown signage, Village Green bandstand, Harborview Park.

No action taken.

Public Works Department

Public Works Director Bethany Leavitt and Solid Waste Superintendent Ron Graves, along with Mr. Jamison, addressed Council questions and comments on the topics listed below:

Revenues & Fees Schedule

Revenues

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| Highway Division | Revenues 3 |
| Solid Waste Division | Revenues 3 |

Fees Schedule

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| Highway Division | Rev: Fees 8 |
| Solid Waste Division | Rev: Fees 9 |

Expenses

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| Comfort Stations | Expenses 9 |
| Public Works | Expenses 9 |
| Highway Division | Expenses 10-11 |
| Solid Waste Division | Expenses 11 |

Topics of discussion: recyclables and single sort, Fiberight, dump permits, change in hours, salt brine for roads, computer licensing and support, un-leaded vs diesel gas for PW Director’s vehicle.

Capital Improvement Program

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| Comfort Stations | CIP Expenses 4 |
| Highway Division | CIP Expenses 4 |
| Solid Waste Division | CIP Expenses 5 |
| Narratives | CIP Narrative 17-20 |
| List of Equipment | CIP 25-27 |

Topics of discussion: road improvements, sidewalks and ADA compliance, MDOT responsibilities and projects, biking and West St. Ext, road grader usage and replacement, solar panels for solid waste, Eden Path lighting.

No action taken.

III. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Motion passed 7-0.

Sharon M. Linscott, Town Clerk