

Minutes
Bar Harbor Town Council
Special Meeting by video conferencing
March 20, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER – 12:00 PM - In attendance were Councilors Jefferson Dobbs, Matthew Hochman, Stephen Coston, Gary Friedmann, Joe Minutolo, Jill Goldthwait, Erin Cough; and Town Manager Cornell Knight, Fire Chief Matt Bartlett.

II. REGULAR BUSINESS:

A. Update – Matt Bartlett, Fire Chief - Chief Bartlett provided an update on his department’s response and actions.

B. Emergency Ordinance issues discussion

Mr. Hochman with second by Ms. Goldthwait moved that we extend the tax deadline to April 30, 2020. Roll Call Vote:

Dobbs Y

Hochman Y

Friedmann Y

Cough Y

Coston Y

Minutolo Y

Goldthwait Y

Motion passed 7-0.

Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Friedmann, with second by Mr. Minutolo, moved that the Town Council issue a public statement as follows: The Town of Bar Harbor appreciates our visitors and tourist based businesses but at this time we reinforce the CDC’s guidelines that everyone stays home and avoids unnecessary travel.

Ms. Goldthwait, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to table this item until later in this meeting. Roll Call Vote:

Dobbs Y

Hochman Y

Friedmann Y

Cough Y

Coston Y

Minutolo Y

Goldthwait Y

Motion passed 7-0.

Additional discussion resulted in no action.

C. Posting of Pandemic Information on website

Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to remove the previous item from the table. Roll Call Vote:

Dobbs Y

Hochman Y

Friedmann Y

Cough Y

Coston Y

Minutolo Y

Goldthwait Y

Motion passed 7-0.

Following discussion, Mr. Friedmann, with second by Mr. Minutolo, moved that the Town Council issue the statement that the Town of Bar Harbor appreciates its visitors and tourist based businesses but at this time we recommend that everyone stay home and avoids unnecessary travel. Tourist services in Bar Harbor such as food and bathrooms are very limited. Roll Call Vote:

Dobbs Y

Hochman Y

Friedmann Y

Cough Y

Coston Y

Minutolo Y

Goldthwait Y

Motion passed 7-0.

Additional discussion ensued but no further action taken.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Coston, with second by Mr. Friedmann, moved to adjourn at 1:38pm. Roll Call Vote:

Dobbs Y

Hochman Y

Friedmann Y

Cough Y

Coston Y

Minutolo Y

Goldthwait Y

Motion passed 7-0.

Sharon M. Linscott, Town Clerk