

**Minutes**  
**Special Bar Harbor Town Council Meeting**  
**Joint Meeting with Warrant Committee**  
**March 26, 2019**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – 7:00 p.m. – In attendance were Councilors Gary Friedmann, Matthew Hochman, Stephen Coston, Paul Paradis, Joseph Minutolo, Judith Noonan, and Erin Cough; and Town Manager Cornell Knight.

Also in attendance were Warrant Committee members: Chair Seth Libby, Vice-Chair Julie Berberian, Secretary Michael Handwerk, Steve Boucher, Robert Chaplin, Rosemary Gladstone, Michael Good, Emily Henry, Donna Karlson, John Kelly, Meg Kelly, Amanda Kendall, William Matteson, Chris Smith, Kathy St. Germain, Larry Sweet, Michael Tadenev, Mary Jane Whitney, and James Kitler arriving after roll call at 7:03 pm. Excused: Carol Chappell, Sherri Dyer.

- II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Noonan, moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

**III. REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**A. FY20 Budget**

- 1. Budget Adjustments** – *Consideration and possible adoption of budget adjustments recommended by the Warrant Committee.* – Mr. Friedmann presented the budget differences that need to be addressed to bring the budget in line with the Warrant Committee.

- a.) -\$50,000 – Net reduction in ambulance revenues due to the closing of Sonogee (175 less runs) approved by Warrant Committee 3/18/2019.
- b.) -\$65,000 –Reduction in Town expense transfer to the elementary school due to the increase of estimated state subsidy revenues approved by Warrant Committee 3/25/2019.

Ms. Noonan, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to reduce Ambulance Revenues by \$50,000 so that the total revenue for department 1040 will be \$333,200. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Noonan, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to reduce Town Expense transfer to Elementary School from \$5,739,670 to \$5,674,670 due to a \$65,000 increase in state subsidy revenues. Motion passed 7-0.

**2. Other Recommendations** – *Possible other recommendations or suggestions.* – Seth Libby made the following recommendations to Town Council.

- a) **RECOGNITION OF JAKE JAGEL AT TOWN MEETING** – The recommendation came from Bob Chaplin; the Warrant Committee recommends recognizing Jake Jagel’s 12 years of service to the Warrant Committee at Town Meeting. Mr. Friedmann stated Council can read and present a framed resolution to Jake Jagel at Town Meeting.
- b) **ORGANIC LAND CARE PROGRAM** – The recommendation came from Amanda Kendall and Emily Henry; the Warrant Committee recommends to the Bar Harbor Town Council that the Park Recreation Division begin an all organic land care program and services utilizing green work practices and the MDI Safe Outdoor Initiatives. Public Works Director Chip Reeves presented research he conducted based on information provided by Ms. Kendall. He also spoke to the relationship the town has built with Green Thumb and compared their product specification with those of Goodall Landscaping.

**IV. TOWN MANAGER’S COMMENTS** Mr. Knight reminded Council of the next meeting on April 2, he won’t be there. Also the meeting on April 16 is at the Town Hill Fire Station.

**V. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

**Ms. Noonan** is happy we have a nice unified budget and the meeting is over early.

**Mr. Minutolo** thanked the Warrant Committee for their work; we have a good budget and see eye to eye.

**Mr. Paradis** expressed concerns about the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> at the VIS; we have a couple of public hearings. In the past, off-site meetings never had public hearings. It creates some confusion; people expect public hearings will be here and televised, which cannot be the case when they are off-site. Mr. Friedmann echoed with similar concerns; this should be considered for neighborhood meetings in the future. Mr. Knight stated it will be videotaped and put on Town Hall Streams, it just can’t be live.

**Mr. Hochman** thanked Mr. Knight for putting together a nice tight budget. He thanked the Warrant Committee for all their work over the past 6-7 weeks. It was a nice smooth budget process this year.

**Mr. Friedmann** appreciates the work the Warrant Committee does. Between sub-committees and full committee meetings it is a lot of time. You take a hard look at the budget to give town meeting participants the confidence to cast their votes. He wished Mr. Knight well on a well-deserved vacation. Also, things are proceeding with Bay Ferries’ development of the ferry terminal sight. Every week it looks

better. They are committed to establishing ferry service to Yarmouth in June. The province of Nova Scotia is putting a lot of money into it; it costs the town nothing. The Harbor Committee can continue to look at other compatible uses. And we're looking forward to revenue to help cover bond payments; I just signed the long-term bond certificates today.

- VI. ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Paradis, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

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Sharon M. Linscott, Town Clerk