

Minutes
Special Bar Harbor Town Council Meeting
Joint Meeting with Warrant Committee
March 27, 2018

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

Also in attendance were Warrant Committee members: John Dargis, Julia Berberian, Seth Libby, Stephen Boucher, Robert Chaplin, Donna Karlson, Sherri Dyer, Rosemary Gladstone, Chris Smith, Jake Jagel, Michael Good, Kathy St. Germain, Larry Sweet, Liz Kase, Joe Minutolo, Amanda Kendall, Andrew Daul, Mike Tadenev, and Emily Henry arriving late at 7:07 p.m. Excused: Christine Harding, John Kelly, and James Kitler.

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

III. **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

A. **FY19 – Budget Preparation:** Meeting with the Warrant Committee

1. **Budget Adjustments** – *Consideration and possible adoption of budget adjustments recommended by the Warrant Committee.* – Warrant Committee Chair John Dargis gave a summary of the Warrant Committee budget differences.
 - a.) +\$1,049 – WC recommends increase to Cost Center 1068: Total Cooperating Agencies, from \$44,043 to \$45,092, same funding for each agencies as current year.
 - b.) +\$28,000 – WC recommends increase to Cost Center 1077, Line 5662: Repairs – Winter Salt, raising Total Highway Division from \$1,053,514 to \$1,081,514.
 - c.) +\$350,000 – WC recommends increase to the Town’s CIP for School CIP repairs and remove the proposed bond of \$5,128,000.

Following brief discussion, Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Noonan, moved to increase FY19 budget by \$1,049 in Cooperating Agencies to reconcile Town Council and Warrant Committee budgets. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. St. Germain, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to increase cost center #1077, line #5662, Repairs-Winter Salt, by \$28,000. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. St. Germain, with second by Ms. Noonan, moved to amend line 2194-6648, Renovations to Connors/Emerson, the School CIP total to \$476,201 for FY19 Budget, and increase School State subsidy by \$70,000. Motion passed 7-0.

2. **Other Recommendations** – *Possible other recommendations or suggestions.* – John Dargis further spoke of the following recommendations for Town Council.
- a) *PASSENGER SERVICE FEE – The Warrant Committee recommends to the Town Council that the Passenger Service Fee for Ships Docking At Town Pier(Revenues: Fee 9) be increased by 1.7% (from \$1,000 to \$1,017) Motion passed 15 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstention.*
 - b) *CRUISE SHIP PASSENGER FEES - The Warrant Committee recommends to the Town Council that the Cruise Ship Port Development Fee (Revenues: Fee 9) be increased by \$1 (from \$2 to \$3). Motion passed 10 in favor, 5 opposed, 4 abstentions.*
 - c) *CRUISE SHIP RATE ANALYSIS – The Warrant Committee recommends that the Town Council, in conjunction with the Cruise Ship Committee or an independent task force, undertake efforts to research, gather, analyze, and publish the rates and fees other ports assess or charge cruise ships. The motion passed 17 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention.*
 - d) **FERRY TERMINAL BOND EXPLANATION AMENDMENT** – *The Warrant Committee recommends to the Town Council that the Explanation for the Ferry Terminal Land Purchase bond article be amended to read: A General Obligation bond is being considered which places **responsibility for the debt services on the taxpayers and such sources as may be approved by the Town Council, including, but not limited to, grants, cruise ship funds, and philanthropic funds, etc,** over the 20 year payback period.*

Mr. Friedmann moved to request Cruise Ship Committee undertake efforts to research, gather, analyze, and publish the rates and fees other ports assess or charge cruise ships. Died for lack of second.

Mr. Libby, Warrant Committee secretary, clarified that the thought and need of gathering, analyzing, and assessing other ports to know how we compare with others and if we are leaving revenue on the table.

IV. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Ms. Cough requested on April 17 agenda discussion of Warrant Committee's recommendations for items a) to c).

Ms. Noonan was pleased to report the Task Force on Aging reviewed results of their survey over 50 and received twice as many than expected. After town meeting, a future agenda item to report the survey results.

Mr. St. Germain announced the AOS #91 Board is meeting 9 am to 1 pm at Camp Beech Cliff Saturday, March 31st to discuss long range planning of schools.

Mr. Coston thanked the Warrant Committee members who made cookies to share.

Mr. Hochman congratulated MDI Drama department for the top award, 2018 Class A State drama title.. He will have a resolution recognizing them for the next agenda.

Mr. Friedmann inquired how the Warrant Committee's recommendation to amend the explanation on the Ferry Terminal Bond happen. Mr. Friedmann requested an amended Order be at the next meeting.

He requested an update on Fiberight from Public Works Director Chip Reeves.

He thanked the Warrant Committee for their work and the treats they brought tonight. He sensed things are toning down and that we can work together by consensus.

Mr. Paradis thanked everyone for the cookies. He also recognized John Dargis for all his service and hoped it continued, even though, John has stated this is his final year.

V. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. St. Germain, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Patricia A. Gray, Town Clerk