

**To:** Sharon Linscott  
Town Clerk, Bar Harbor

**From:** Michael Handwerk  
Secretary, Warrant Committee

**Subject:** Warrant Committee Report

10-21-19

As required within Town of Bar Harbor's Charter, specifically within the Warrant Committee duties and responsibilities (Article VII, section C-36(C)), a report shall be submitted to the Town Clerk, no later than 10 days prior to a Special Town Meeting, that shall be with respect to all articles submitted to Warrant Committee and shall include its recommendations with respect to each article and contain any commentary which the Warrant Committee elects to have included in said report.

With regards to Bar Harbor's Special Town meeting and vote on 11-05-19, the following articles were considered as part of the Warrant Committee's 09-04-19 meeting:

**Article 1 – Election of Moderator**

No Warrant Committee action required on this article.

**Article 2 – Land Use Ordinance Amendment: Vacation Rental**

Mr. Chaplin moved and Mr. Matteson seconded a motion for the Warrant Committee to recommend the adoption of Article 2 as presented in the 08-20-19 draft warrant.

Motion vote: **16** in favor, **1** against, **0** abstain. *Motion to adopt is approved.*

Recommendation: **Adopt Article 2**

**Chairman's Comment:** General Government Subcommittee voted unanimously to adopt Article 2. Reasons supporting article 2 include: allows homeowners to rent a portion/room within their home instead of entire dwelling unit; approx. 8% of current homeowners rent a portion of their home; this rental action is considered a minimal impact (to current practices) while allowing homeowners this type of rental option; and proposed vacation rental changes will not increase difficulty with enforcement.

**Article 3 – Land Use Ordinance Amendment: Site Plan Review Procedure**

Mr. Kitler moved and Mr. Good seconded a motion for the Warrant Committee to recommend the adoption of Article 3 as presented in the 08-20-19 draft warrant.

Motion vote: **17** in favor, **0** against, **0** abstain. *Motion to adopt is approved.*

Recommendation: **Adopt Article 3**

**Chairman's Comment:** General Government Subcommittee voted unanimously to adopt Article 3. Reasons for adopting article 3 include: Planning Board's Site Plan Review Procedure will be improved and streamlined; and Planning Board meeting minutes are extensive and may not be available in a timely fashion, thus proposed procedure revisions intended to improve timing and responses with/to applicants.

WC/MWH