

Agenda
Special Bar Harbor Town Council Meeting
Joint Meeting with Warrant Committee
February 24, 2026

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 6:30 p.m.
 - A. Excused absences
- II. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- III. **REGULAR BUSINESS: FY2027 Municipal Budget Review**
 - A. Warrant Committee Recommendations – Presentation of recommendations per Charter C-31 (D).
- IV. **COUNCIL ORDERS**
 - A. Order 13, amend the proposed FY27 budget to update assessments and school budget.
 - B. Order 14, tentatively adopt FY27 budget and set public hearing.
- V. **ADJOURNMENT**

Remote participation notice: Because one or more members of the Town Council or Warrant Committee plan to attend the meeting remotely, members of the public must also have the opportunity to attend and participate remotely. Please click the link below to join the Zoom webinar.

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NUMBER: 2025-02-13

TITLE: ORDER, AMEND THE PROPOSED FY27 BUDGET TO UPDATE
ASSESSMENTS AND SCHOOL BUDGET

Filed February 20, 2026

WHEREAS, the proposed FY27 municipal and school budgets were proposed to joint meetings of the Town Council and Warrant Committee on Jan. 22, Jan. 27, and Jan. 29, 2026; and

WHEREAS, a minor adjustment is needed in the Municipal Budget, General Fund Revenues, an increase of \$250 in the Administrative Services payments from the Water and Sewer funds, to correct a calculation error; and

WHEREAS, in the weeks since the budget was presented, updated figures have become available for the county and high school assessments; and

WHEREAS, the elementary school budget was revised in February, with a net effect of a decrease in property tax needed; and

WHEREAS, while the county and high school assessments are not part of a budget articles to be voted on at Town Meeting, incorporating these updated figures into the proposed budget will improve the accuracy of estimate of the effect on the tax rate of the proposed budget, which is required to be published ahead of the Town Council budget public hearing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, the Town Council hereby reduces the net amount to be raised by property taxes for FY27 by \$135,041, reflecting:

- a decrease of \$146,958 in property taxes needed for the elementary school; the budget was presented at \$8,982,848 and has been reduced to \$8,835,890, and
- an increase of \$40,899 in the high school assessment, which was presented at \$5,055,497, to \$5,096,396, and
- a decrease of \$28,732 in the county assessment, which was presented at \$1,430,467, to \$1,401,735, and
- in increase of \$250 in General Fund revenue, which was presented at \$7,357,817, to \$7,358,067.

Statement of Fact: Amends the proposed budget with updated figures for county and high school assessments and elementary school revenues.

NUMBER: 2025-02-14

TITLE: ORDER, TENTATIVELY ADOPT FY27 BUDGET AND SET PUBLIC HEARING

Filed February 20, 2026

WHEREAS, the Town Manager presented the Operating and CIP Budgets to a joint meeting of the Town Council and Warrant Committee on January 22, 2026; and

WHEREAS, school staff presented the School Budget to a joint meeting of the Town Council and Warrant Committee on January 27, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council and Warrant Committee held a joint meeting on January 29, 2026 to discuss and review Outside Agency Requests; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council held a Budget Workshop on February 12, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Warrant Committee presented its budget recommendations to the Town Council at a joint meeting held on February 24, 2026, as required by Town Charter Article VI, §C-31, Part D; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council amended the proposed budget February 24, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, the Town Council hereby adopts the FY27 Municipal and School Budgets as amended February 24, 2026; with requested appropriations of \$30,568,005 for the municipal budget, \$10,032,107 for the education budget (elementary school fund), and an estimated property tax rate increase of 3.6 percent; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that a public hearing on the budget be set for March 12, 2026

Statement of Fact: Tentatively adopts the FY27 budget and sets a public hearing on the budget for March 12, 2026.

Summary

SUMMARY - Tax Bill Impacts

		2026		2027		Budget Δ
Municipal Budget						
General Fund Appropriations	\$	15,020,378	\$	16,075,424		\$1,055,046
Capital Improvements	\$	1,627,553	\$	2,080,938		\$453,385
Less: Non-Property Tax Revenues	\$	4,159,056	\$	4,881,786		\$722,730
Less: GF Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	-	\$	500,000		\$500,000
Less: Cruise Ships/Parking	\$	1,646,432	\$	1,901,282		\$254,850
Less: Revenue Sharing	\$	575,000	\$	575,000		\$0
NET MUNICIPAL BUDGET (from taxation)	\$	10,267,443	\$	10,298,296		\$30,853
Education Budget						
General Education Budget	\$	9,401,005	\$	10,032,107		\$631,102
Less: School Revenues	\$	835,000	\$	909,000		\$74,000
Less: Undesignated Fund Balance	\$	570,704	\$	287,217		(\$283,487)
Capital Improvements School	\$	3,952,582	\$	3,974,582		\$22,000
NET EDUCATION BUDGET	\$	11,947,883	\$	12,810,472		\$862,589
Assessments						
County	\$	1,312,355	\$	1,401,735		\$89,380
MDI High School	\$	4,769,337	\$	5,096,396		\$327,059
Overlay	\$	217,226	\$	50,000		(\$167,226)
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY	\$	28,514,244	\$	29,656,899		1,142,655
ASSESSED VALUATION	\$	2,781,877,300	\$	2,791,877,300		10,000,000
MUNICIPAL	\$	3.69	\$	3.69	\$	(0.00)
SCHOOL	\$	4.29	\$	4.59	\$	0.29
COUNTY	\$	0.47	\$	0.50	\$	0.03
HIGH SCHOOL	\$	1.71	\$	1.83	\$	0.11
OVERLAY	\$	0.08	\$	0.02	\$	(0.06)
TAX RATE	\$	10.25	\$	10.62	\$	0.37



Summary

Municipal Budget: Budget Summary for Warrant Article

Fund	Appropriation (Expenditures) Requested	Revenues Other Than Prop.Tax	Fund Balance Used	Property Taxes Needed
Assessments				
County Assessment	1,401,735	0	0	1,401,735
High School Assessment	5,096,396	0	0	5,096,396
Overlay	50,000	0	0	50,000
Total Assessments	6,548,131	0	0	6,548,131
Municipal Budget				
General Fund	16,075,424	7,358,067	0	8,717,357
Capital Improvement Program Fund	10,057,102	4,001,582	500,000	5,555,520
Dog Control Reserve Fund	1,800	1,800	0	0
Shellfish Conservation Reserve Fund	3,000	3,000	0	0
Cruise Ship Fund	286,272	175,199	111,073	0
Parking Meter Fund	4,144,406	4,231,250		0
Total Municipal Budget	30,568,005	15,770,898	611,073	14,272,878
Education Budget				
Elementary School Fund	10,032,107	909,000	287,217	8,835,890
Total Education Budget	10,032,107	909,000	287,217	8,835,890
	Approp. Warrant			
Grand Totals	47,148,243	16,679,898	898,290	29,656,899

Mill Rate Calc:
29,656,899
 2,791,877,300
 0.01062

Tax Rate Change	
Tax Rate This year	\$10.62
Tax Rate Last Year	\$10.25
Tax Rate Increase	\$0.37
	3.6%

Total Taxable Valuation Next Year
 \$2,791,877,300

What Will It Cost Me?		
Median Home Value	Total Annual Tax	Total Tax Increase Per Year
\$522,350	\$5,549	\$195

