

AGENDA
Bar Harbor Town Council
Special meeting
March 30, 2020

By video conference- the public can monitor by watching cable channel 1303 or by live streaming at the town's website, www.barharbormaine.gov

I. CALL TO ORDER – 1 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Briefings:

1. Art Blank, President/Chief Executive Officer, MDI Hospital
2. Town emergency team
3. Food and other essential supplies
4. Possible motion to extend Public Closure of municipal facilities thru April 13, 2020.

Discussion items:

1. Influx of visitors - impact on local supplies/services - any action needed?
2. Cruise ships - need to extend the April ban? Or give a date by which we will decide?
3. Response to citizen inquiries - most common/recent questions
4. Mandating social distancing inside buildings. If there is a line, people must be 6' apart in all directions.
5. Stop new essential services from opening for the season including restaurants, lodging, and food prep. Set a date of March 24, 2020 they would have had to be open for the season.
6. Discuss what we can do about non-essential businesses using loopholes in the state closure mandate to stay open.
7. Discuss and review the Emergency Operations Plan.
8. Discuss whether to hold a regular Council meeting on April 7th.
9. Acadia National Park Closure
10. A letter to visitors, residents and seasonal residents discouraging travel.
11. Task Force on the Climate Emergency – Review changes to bylaws and possible motion to amend. Following the proposed amendment, Appointments Committee recommendations to appoint the following:
 - i. Brian Booher, term expiring July 31, 2021
 - ii. Norman Burdzel, term expiring July 31, 2021
 - iii. Tobin Peacock, term expiring July 31, 2021
 - iv. Darron Collins, term expiring July 31, 2022
 - v. Spencer Gray, term expiring July 31, 2022

- vi. Tom St. Germain, term expiring July 31, 2023
 - vii. Jennifer Crandall, term expiring July 31, 2023
 - viii. Margaret Jeffery, term expiring July 31, 2023
 - ix. Sirohi Kumar, Student Representative, term expiring July 31, 2022
 - x. Jill Goldthwait, Town Councilor, term expiring June 9, 2020
12. Cruise Ship Committee Appointment- John Kelly, ANP Representative term expiring July 31, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

**Town of Bar Harbor
Task Force on the Climate Emergency Bylaws**

The mission of the Climate Emergency Task Force is to define and recommend climate goals with the objective of drawing down carbon from the atmosphere and ~~ending~~reducing community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by December 31, 2030.

Appointment

The Task Force shall consist of ~~9 residents of Bar Harbor with one member being a Town Councilor~~ 10 members: 8 residents of Bar Harbor, one student representative and one Town Councilor.

The remaining ~~members~~participants of the Task Force shall consist of representatives from local stakeholder groups including educational and nonprofit organizations, businesses, youth, and concerned citizens.

The term of each resident member shall be for three years, except the initial appointments which shall be three appointments for 1 year; ~~three~~two appointments for two years and three appointments for three years. The term of the student representative shall be for two years and the term of Town Councilor shall be for one year. All newly designated task force members are to be sworn in by the Town Clerk.

The Task Force shall elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary at the first regular meeting of each year for a one year term. The Chair shall call a meeting at least once a month unless there are no agenda items. The secretary shall take minutes at each meeting and send approved minutes to the Town Clerk. A quorum is 5 members of the Task Force. Meeting agendas shall be posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building lobby and on the town's website.

Compensation

There shall be no compensation provided for the members of the Task Force.

Duties and Responsibilities

The Task Force will:

- Educate and engage Bar Harbor residents about the climate emergency and the broader ecological crisis, as well as actions they can take to address the impacts and causes of the climate emergency.
- Explore and identify the most effective and economically beneficial opportunities for emergency-speed greenhouse gas emissions reductions across the community in the following areas:
 - Renewable energy
 - Energy efficiency
 - Housing and buildings
 - Transportation
 - Land use
- Provide significant opportunities for public input into strategic planning, project development for greenhouse gas emissions reductions, and all other investigations and work of the Task Force.

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- Develop a comprehensive Bar Harbor “Climate Mobilization Action Plan” addressing climate mitigation, climate adaptation, and community education.
- Identify and pursue outside funding sources to advance the work of the Task Force.
- Assist the Town Manager in hiring a consultant to support these duties and responsibilities.

The recommendations of the Task Force will be presented to the Town Council and made available to the public.

Amendment

These bylaws may be amended only by action of the Town Council.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

01/21/2020 – Adopted by Town Council

03/17/2020 – Amended by Town Council