

Minutes
Bar Harbor Town Council/Warrant Committee
Joint Budget Workshop
January 29, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:31 p.m.

In attendance were **Councilors** Valerie Peacock, Maya Caines, Earl Brechlin, David Kief, Steve Boucher, and Randy Sprague.

Warrant Committee members present B. Blomquist, T. Bloom, B. Chaplin (remote), C. Chappell, E. Chesler (remote), K. DesVeaux (remote), S. Farrar, J. Kelly, M. Kelly, K. Knopp, L. Lopez, A. Sasner, C. Smith, V. Smith, B. Stillman (remote).

- A. Excused Absence—Ms. Caines, with second by Mr. Brechlin, moved to excuse Councilor Minutolo. Roll Call Vote:

<u>Kief</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Boucher</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Brechlin</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Peacock</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Caines</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Sprague</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Motion passed 6-0.</u>	

Louise Lopez called roll for the Warrant Committee.

II. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED OUTSIDE AGENCY FUNDING FOR FY27

Council Chair Peacock asked for disclosures of relationships with agencies in the budget. The following disclosures were made:

- Christine Smith serves on the board of directors of the Jesup Library
- Kevin Knopp serves on the board of Island Connections
- Steve Boucher serves on the board of the MDI YMCA
- Randy Sprague serves on the board of the West Eden Village Improvement Society
- Shaun Farrar has an immediate family member employed by the Bar Harbor Historical Society
- Earl Brechlin has an immediate family member employed by the Bar Harbor Food Pantry.

- A. Community Service Partnerships

Finance Director Sarah Gilbert gave an introduction to the new process created in the fall by the Town Council and answered questions.

B. Cooperating Agencies

Town Clerk Liz Graves spoke about the process for this group of agencies, updated in the same new Council policy, and introduced the information contained in the application—program descriptions, performance indicators by service category, and financial reporting.

III. ADJOURNMENT—Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Elizabeth Graves, Town Clerk