

Minutes
Special Bar Harbor Town Council Meeting
January 31, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER – 9:05 p.m., immediately on conclusion of the preceding budget workshop. In attendance were Councilors Valerie Peacock, Matthew Hochman, Joe Minutolo, Jill Goldthwait, Erin Cough, and Gary Friedmann.

II.

A. Excused Absence(s)—Mr. Hochman with second by Ms. Cough, moved to excuse Councilor Jeff Dobbs as provided by Town Charter section C-12.B(1)(d). Roll Call Vote:

Minutolo Y
Goldthwait Y
Cough Y
Peacock Y
Hochman Y
Friedmann Y
Motion passed 6-0.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA— Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote:

Minutolo Y
Goldthwait Y
Cough Y
Peacock Y
Hochman Y
Friedmann Y
Motion passed 6-0.

IV. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Executive Session Pursuant to 1 MRSA 405.6.A: Personnel Matter—Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 MRSA §405.6.A. Roll Call Vote:

Minutolo Y
Goldthwait Y
Cough Y
Peacock Y
Hochman Y
Friedmann Y
Motion passed 6-0.

Finance Director Sarah Gilbert participated in the executive session. Council returned to regular session at 9:35 p.m.

Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to accept the resignation of Kevin Sutherland as Town Manager. effective Jan 26, 2023.

Minutolo Y

Goldthwait Y

Cough Y

Peacock Y

Hochman Y

Friedmann Y

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to appoint Sarah Gilbert as Interim Town Manager and authorize Council Chair Peacock to execute an employment agreement with Ms. Gilbert in substantially the same form as the draft agreement presented to the Council today. Roll Call Vote:

Minutolo Y

Goldthwait Y

Cough Y

Peacock Y

Hochman Y

Friedmann Y

Motion passed 6-0.

II. ADJOURNMENT—Mr. Hochman with second by Ms. Cough, moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Roll Call Vote:

Minutolo Y

Goldthwait Y

Cough Y

Peacock Y

Hochman Y

Friedmann Y

Motion passed 6-0.

Elizabeth Graves, Town Clerk