

Meeting Record

Bar Harbor Town Council Workshop

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:45 p.m. in Town Council Chambers.

In attendance were Councilors Val Peacock, Steve Boucher (remote), Earl Brechlin, Maya Caines, Joe Minutolo, David Kief, and Randy Sprague; Town Manager James Smith, Police Chief David Kerns, and Town Clerk Liz Graves.

II. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

A. Proposed Ordinance Revision: Chapter 14, Amusements

Ms. Graves introduced the proposed ordinance changes and proposed new policy on Disposition of Special Amusement Permits. Mr. Smith and Chief Kerns participated in the discussion.

Councilors requested changes to the drafts including:

- Remove trivia, games, and pool tables from the definition of entertainment requiring a permit, leaving live music, music played by a disc jockey, and karaoke.
- Require full Council review for initial application and second year before moving to continuation process for subsequent years.

Public comments were offered by Lori Corbani, Russ Gibbons, Bo Jennings, and Everal Eaton.

B. FY27 Budget Review Timeline

Councilors agreed to hold a Town Council Budget Workshop on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 4:30 p.m., move the scheduled Budget Public Hearing and budget adoption vote to Thursday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m., and move the scheduled action to tentatively adopt the budget and schedule the budget public hearing to Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the end of the joint meeting with the Warrant Committee.

III. ADJOURNMENT—9:05 p.m.

Elizabeth N. Graves, Town Clerk