

Joint Budget Workshop Minutes
Bar Harbor Town Council/Warrant Committee
February 8, 2022

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 6:02 pm by Zoom webinar
In attendance were **Councilors** Jefferson Dobbs, Matthew Hochman, Valerie Peacock, Gary Friedmann, Joe Minutolo (arrived after initial roll call), Erin Cough, Jill Goldthwait; and **Warrant Committee members** J. Berberian, B. Chaplin, C. Chappell, C. Cough, K. DesVeaux, M. Kelly, S. Libby, L. Lopez, B. Reece, C. Ryan, A. Sasner, E. Sassaman, C. Smith, K. St. Germain, J. Young (arrived after initial roll call); Town Manager Kevin Sutherland and Finance Director Sarah Gilbert.
Excused absences: Warrant Committee Chair Seth Libby

II. **MOTIONS FOR ADJUSTMENTS** on Public Works cost center budget presented February 3—None.

Mr. Sutherland gave a presentation on county and school assessments and Operations Transfers Out based on questions and requests he had received.

III. **SCHOOL & PROTECTIONS** Budget cost center presentations and Q&A:

Police Chief Jim Willis presented an overview of the Police Department Organization and its FY23 Budget and answered questions, including:

- A. **Police Department**
- B. **Harbor Division** (part of Special Services Division)
- C. **Parking Meter Fund**
- D. **Cruise Ship Fund**

Police Captain David Kerns and Special Services Sgt. Christopher Wharff also participated in the discussion.

Mr. Hochman, with second by Mr. Minutolo, moved to create a budget line 6510-5105 with \$39,175 for FY23 and reduce line 6520-4853 from \$39,175 to \$0. Roll Call Vote:

Dobbs Y
Hochman Y
Peacock Y
Friedmann Y
Minutolo Y
Goldthwait Y
Cough Y
Motion passed 7-0.

E. **Fire Department**—Fire Chief Matt Bartlett and Assistant Fire Chief John Lennon gave a presentation of the work and budget for the Fire Department, Ambulance Service, Public Safety Building and Emergency Management and answered questions.

F. **School Department**—Connors Emerson School Principal Heather Webster gave an overview of the school budget and answered questions. MDIRSS Superintendent Mike Zboray and Business Manager Nancy Thurlow also participated in the discussion.

A general discussion followed about the budget review process and upcoming meetings.

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**— Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to adjourn at 10:39 p.m. Roll Call Vote:

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| <u>Dobbs</u> | <u>Y</u> |
| <u>Hochman</u> | <u>Y</u> |
| <u>Peacock</u> | <u>Y</u> |
| <u>Friedmann</u> | <u>Y</u> |
| <u>Minutolo</u> | <u>Y</u> |
| <u>Goldthwait</u> | <u>Y</u> |
| <u>Cough</u> | <u>Y</u> |
| <u>Motion passed 7-0.</u> | |

Mr. Libby declared the Warrant Committee adjourned at 10:39 p.m.

Elizabeth Graves, Town Clerk