

Minutes
Special Bar Harbor Town Council Meeting
Joint Meeting with Warrant Committee
February 24, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:32 p.m.

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

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

Absent excused: B. Blomquist, B. Chaplin, B. Stillman.

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

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

- II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**—Ms. Caines, with second by Mr. Brechlin, moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

Secretary Louise Lopez called roll for the Warrant Committee.

III. REGULAR BUSINESS: FY2027 Municipal Budget Review

- A.** Warrant Committee Recommendations – *Presentation of recommendations per Charter C-31 (D).*—Chair Smith shared the list of the Warrant Committee’s recommended changes to the presented budget.

- (1) The committee recommended re-evaluating the town’s relationship with the online polling platform Polco.
- (2) By a vote of 9-3, the committee recommended removing funding in the Community Events line.
- (3) By a vote of 11-1, the committee voted to recommend removing the proposed new Purchasing Agent position.

- (4) By a vote of 7-6, the committee voted to recommend removing the proposed new Parks position.
- (5) By a vote of 11-1, the committee voted to recommend removing the proposed new Environmental Services Foreman position.

Councilors asked about the recommendation to remove the Community Events funding. Mr. Smith and Finance Director Sarah Gilbert participated in the discussion and answered questions.

IV. COUNCIL ORDERS

- A. Order 2026-02-13, amend the proposed FY27 budget to update assessments and school budget.

Ms. Caines, with second by Mr. Brechlin, moved to waive the reading that that the order have passage.

Kief Y
Brechlin Y
Peacock Y
Caines Y
Minutolo Y
Sprague Y
Motion passed 6-0.

- B. Order 2026-02-14, tentatively adopt FY27 budget and set public hearing.

Ms. Caines, with second by Mr. Brechlin, moved to waive the reading that that the order have passage.

Kief Y
Brechlin Y
Peacock Y
Caines Y
Minutolo Y
Sprague Y
Motion passed 6-0.

- V. **ADJOURNMENT**—Ms. Caines, with second by Mr. Brechlin, moved to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. Roll Call Vote:

Kief Y
Brechlin Y
Peacock Y
Caines Y
Minutolo Y
Sprague Y
Motion passed 6-0.

Elizabeth N. Graves, Town Clerk