

Meeting Record
Bar Harbor Town Council Workshop
Tuesday, March 3, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:02 p.m. in Town Council Chambers.

In attendance were Councilors Earl Brechlin, Maya Caines, David Kief, and Randy Sprague; Town Manager James Smith, Code Enforcement Officer Mike Gurtler, and Town Clerk Liz Graves.

II. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

A. Boards and Committees

Mr. Smith introduced the project, which is to begin conversations with chairs of Town boards, committees, commissions, and task forces with two councilors ahead of any revisions to Chapter 31, Boards and Committees, and any other enabling ordinances. Discussion included the development of mission statements for each body and the benefits of regular committee reports to Council. Councilors Peacock and Caines will work with Mr. Smith on this effort.

Ruth Eveland and Ezra Sassaman offered comments.

B. Chapter 94, Food, Merchandise, and Other Sales

Mr. Smith and Mr. Gurtler reviewed the changes to the proposed ordinance amendment since the January Council meeting. It was noted that the majority of the existing ordinance, which has been in effect for more than 30 years, remains intact. Sales are allowed at approved and permitted special events, such as art shows on the Village Green. A potential future Master Plan for Hadley Point Beach was discussed.

Charles Sidman, Katherine Whitney, and Bill Hersey offered comments.

III. ADJOURNMENT—6:35 p.m.

Elizabeth N. Graves, Town Clerk