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Sample Ballot for the Town of Bar Harbor Special Town Meeting November 5, 2024

Town Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Complete the oval next to your choice, like this: ●
- Completing the YES oval means you are in favor. Completing the NO oval means you are opposed.
- If you make a mistake, you may request a new ballot.
- DO NOT ERASE.

Article 2 - BOND AMENDMENT - Improvements to town-owned properties - Shall Article R, as adopted at the June 7, 2022 Annual Town Meeting authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4,350,000 for the Higgins Pit Solar Array Project (the Solar Project) be amended to (1) delete the Solar Project as the purpose for which the bonds were authorized, and (2) approve a new project consisting of capital improvements to Town-owned properties that are designed to reduce carbon emissions, promote energy efficiency and lower operating expenses as the purpose for which the bonds were and are authorized?

Recommendations:

*The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.*

- YES
- NO

Article 3 - LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - Transient Lodging Accommodation Uses - Shall an ordinance, dated May 29, 2024, as modified by the Planning Board on August 7, 2024 and entitled "An amendment to reclassify and consolidate Transient Lodging Accommodation uses" be enacted?

Recommendations:

*The seven-member Planning Board recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.*

- YES
- NO

VOTE BOTH SIDES

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Article 4 - LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - Cruise Ship Disembarkation - Shall an ordinance, dated August 2, 2024 and entitled "An amendment to repeal and replace the permit requirements for disembarking persons from cruise ships" be enacted?

Explanation:

Passage of this article shall repeal entirely § 125-77H, and shall replace it in the Town Code with a historical note that explains that such uses will upon repeal be governed by Chapter 50: Reservation and Disembarkation Licensing Ordinance.

If this article is passed, the disembarkation of cruise ship passengers will be governed by Chapter 50: Cruise Ship Reservation and Disembarkation Licensing Ordinance instead of Section 125-77H of the Land Use Ordinance. Further, if this article is passed, the contracts authorized by Chapter 50, which shall be substantially in the form set out in Appendices A and B of Chapter 50, shall be effective and shall constitute solemn contractual commitments by the Town, protected under the contract clauses of the Maine Constitution, Article I, Section 11, and the United States Constitution, Article I, Section 10, and shall be binding on the Town until such time as such terms and conditions are terminated or modified, as authorized by Chapter 50 and the contracts.

Note: An attested copy of Chapter 50 has been posted together with the Special Town Meeting warrant, and copies of the same and any conditional contracts executed pursuant thereto are available from the office of the Town Clerk and will be available at the polls.

Recommendations:

*The seven-member Planning Board recommends adoption by a vote of 4 to 2.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 11 to 2.*

- YES
 NO

Article 5 - LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - Filing and Approval - Shall an ordinance, dated May 29, 2024, and entitled "An amendment to clarify filing and approval requirements" be enacted?

Recommendations:

*The seven-member Planning Board recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.*

- YES
 NO

Article 6 - LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - Submissions - Shall an ordinance, dated May 29, 2024, and entitled "An amendment to change the number of hard copies to be submitted to the Appeals Board" be enacted?

Recommendations:

*The seven-member Planning Board recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.*

- YES
 NO

VOTE BOTH SIDES