

Minutes
Bar Harbor Town Council/Warrant Committee
Joint Budget Workshop
January 27, 2022

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 6:03 p.m. by Zoom webinar
In attendance were **Councilors** Jefferson Dobbs, Matthew Hochman, Valerie Peacock, Gary Friedmann, Joe Minutolo, 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; and Town Manager Kevin Sutherland.
- II. **GENERAL GOVERNMENT** Budget cost center presentations and Q&A:
- A. **Planning and Code Enforcement Department**—Planning Director Michele Gagnon, Code Enforcement Officer Angela Chamberlain and Assistant Planner Steve Fuller gave an overview of the department’s work and budget and answered questions.
 - B. **Finance Director’s Department**—Finance Director Sarah Gilbert discussed the department’s work and budget, and answered questions.
 - C. **Town Clerk’s Department**—Town Clerk Liz Graves discussed the department’s work and budget, and answered questions.
 - D. **Town Manager’s Department**—Town Manager Kevin Sutherland explained the expenses in the Town Manager cost center and use of Fund Balance in the budget.
 - E. **Cooperating Agencies**—Agencies requesting an increase over the FY22 funding level were invited to present their requests. Jody Wolford-Tucker of Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County spoke and answered questions.
 - F. **Nonprofit Agencies**—Alf Anderson of the Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce spoke to his organization’s requests and answered questions.
 - G. **Island Explorer**—Paul Murphy of Downeast Transportation, which operates the Island Explorer, spoke and answered questions.

A general discussion followed about the budget requests in these cost centers.

- III. **ADJOURNMENT**— Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Roll Call Vote:

<u>Dobbs</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Hochman</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Peacock</u>	<u>Y</u>

Friedmann Y
Minutolo Y
Goldthwait Y
Cough Y
Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Libby declared the Warrant Committee adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Elizabeth Graves, Town Clerk