

**Joint Budget Workshop Minutes**  
**Bar Harbor Town Council/Warrant Committee**  
**February 10, 2022**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 6:04 pm by Zoom webinar  
In attendance were Councilors Jefferson Dobbs, Matthew Hochman, Valerie Peacock (arrived after initial roll call), Gary Friedmann, Joe Minutolo, Erin Cough, Jill Goldthwait; and **Warrant Committee members** J. Berberian, C. Chappell, C. Cough, K. DesVeaux (arrived after roll call), L. Lopez, B. Reece, C. Ryan, E. Sassaman, C. Smith, K. St. Germain; Town Manager Kevin Sutherland and Finance Director Sarah Gilbert.  
Excused absences: Warrant Committee members B. Chaplin, M. Kelly, S. Libby, A. Sasner. Absences: J. Young.
- II. **MOTIONS FOR ADJUSTMENTS** on Protections and Education cost center budgets presented February 8, or any other budget sections.

Ms. Cough, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to decrease line 1045-5255 (Police – inoculations & physical exams) from \$10,000 to \$5,000. Roll Call Vote:

Dobbs            N  
Hochman       N  
Friedmann    N  
Minutolo      N  
Goldthwait   N  
Cough           N  
Motion failed 0-6.

Ms. Cough, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to decrease line 1045-5844 (Police - training/workshops) from \$10,000 to \$8,000. Roll Call Vote:

Dobbs            N  
Hochman       N  
Friedmann    N  
Minutolo      N  
Goldthwait   N  
Cough           N  
Motion failed 0-6.

Ms. Cough, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to decrease line 1077-5386 (Highway – Contract Services Tree Pruning) from \$9,000 to \$5,000 coming from the General Fund and transfer in \$4,000 from the Parking Fund. Roll Call Vote:

Dobbs            Y  
Hochman       Y  
Friedmann    Y  
Minutolo      Y  
Goldthwait   Y

Cough \_\_\_\_\_ Y  
Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Cough, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to decrease CIP line 6136 (Municipal Building – Energy Audit/Improvements) from \$2,000 to \$0. Ms. Peacock joined the meeting during discussion of the motion. Roll Call Vote:

Dobbs \_\_\_\_\_ Y  
Hochman \_\_\_\_\_ Y  
Peacock \_\_\_\_\_ Y  
Friedmann \_\_\_\_\_ N  
Minutolo \_\_\_\_\_ Y  
Goldthwait \_\_\_\_\_ Y  
Cough \_\_\_\_\_ Y  
Motion passed 6-1.

Ms. Peacock, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to decrease CIP line 6162 (Planning Department – Comprehensive Plan) from \$50,000 to \$30,000 and shift the \$20,000 to FY24. Following discussion, motion was withdrawn.

Ms. Cough, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to decrease CIP line 6243 (Police-planning and Psafety collaboration) from \$42,000 to \$0. Following discussion, motion was withdrawn.

Ms. Cough, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to decrease CIP line 6254 (Harbor - Gangways) from \$2,100 to \$0. Roll Call Vote:

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

Ms. Cough, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to decrease CIP line 6256 (Harbor – Fishermen’s Hoists) from \$2,103 to \$0. Following discussion, motion was withdrawn.

Ms. Cough, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to decrease CIP line 6258 (Harbor - Ferry Terminal Lot) from \$5,000 to \$0 coming from the General Fund and add \$5,000 to reach \$100,000 from the Parking Fund. Roll Call Vote:

Dobbs \_\_\_\_\_ Y  
Hochman \_\_\_\_\_ Y  
Peacock \_\_\_\_\_ Y  
Friedmann \_\_\_\_\_ Y

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

Ms. Cough, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to decrease CIP line 6304 (Parks - Tree Planting) from \$8,000 to \$0. Roll Call Vote:

Dobbs         Y  
Hochman      Y  
Peacock      Y  
Friedmann    N  
Minutolo      Y  
Goldthwait    N  
Cough         Y  
Motion passed 5-2.

Ms. Cough, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to decrease CIP line 6318 (Parks - Village Bandstand) from \$45,000 to \$5,000 and delay the project for a year. Roll Call Vote:

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

Ms. Peacock, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to use \$75,000 Fund Balance for CIP line 6332 (Parks – Glen Mary Renovations). Following discussion, motion was withdrawn.

Ms. Cough, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to change CIP line 6402 (Highway - Backhoe) from \$3,000 coming from the general fund to \$70,000 coming from the Parking Fund. Roll Call Vote:

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

Ms. Cough, with second by Mr. Hochman moved to change CIP line 6420 (Highway - Road Improvements) from \$200,000 appropriated from the Parking Fund to \$350,000 full appropriated from the Parking Fund.

Following discussion, Ms. Cough amended the motion to change the amount to \$300,000 appropriated from the Parking Fund and \$50,000 from the General Fund. Roll Call Vote:

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

Ms. Cough, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to change CIP line 6426 (Highway - Sidewalk Constr) from \$100,000 coming from the Parking Fund to \$130,000 coming from the Parking Fund. Roll Call Vote:

Dobbs            Y  
Hochman       Y  
Peacock        Y  
Friedmann     Y  
Minutolo       Y  
Goldthwait    N  
Cough           Y  
Motion passed 6-1.

Ms. Cough, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to change CIP line 6452 (Highway – Plow Trucks) from \$50,000 from the Parking Fund to \$66,000 to fully fund from the Parking Fund. Roll Call Vote:

Dobbs            Y  
Hochman       Y  
Peacock        N  
Friedmann     Y  
Minutolo       N  
Goldthwait    Y  
Cough           Y  
Motion passed 5-2.

Ms. Cough, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to decrease CIP line 6608 (School – Computers & Technology) from \$57,000 to \$0. Roll Call Vote:

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

Ms. Cough, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to decrease CIP line 6650 (School – Safety & Access Controls) from \$10,000 to \$0. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Minutolo, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to decrease CIP line 6654 (School – CIP Building Repair) by \$250,000 to make the appropriation \$3,000,000. Roll Call Vote:

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

Ms. Goldthwait requested that school staff provide for a subsequent meeting the information the Council would need to recommend reducing new positions in the school budget by one position.

III. **ADJOURNMENT**—Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Cough moved to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Libby declared the Warrant Committee adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

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Elizabeth Graves, Town Clerk