

THE RECORD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – JUNE 1 & 8, 2021
TOWN OF BAR HARBOR

The Record reflects changes made by the Governor of the State of Maine due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The voters of the Town of Bar Harbor assembled in the Emerson School Gymnasium on Tuesday, June 1, 2021. There were approximately 54 registered voters present. The annual town meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Town Clerk Elizabeth N. Graves, who called for action under Article A.

Article A ELECTION OF MODERATOR - *To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.* The Town Clerk opened the floor for the election of Moderator. William Ferm was nominated as Moderator. There being no other nominations, it was duly moved and seconded that nominations cease. Motion passed unanimously. There were three ballots cast for Moderator with all three votes cast for William Ferm. William Ferm was elected moderator and sworn in by the Town Clerk.

The Moderator made a few opening remarks. He called for a motion to adopt the Maine Municipal Association Moderator’s Manual for this meeting. The motion was made and duly seconded. By unanimous voice vote, motion carried. In addition, Mr. Ferm called for a motion to allow non-residents to speak. He reported it requires a two-thirds vote. The motion was made and seconded. The motion carried.

Note: Articles B through L authorize expenditures in cost center categories.

Article B EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Regular Instruction - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Regular Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

	<i>School</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Warrant</i>
Recommendations:	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Committee</i>
	\$3,201,264	\$3,201,264	\$3,201,264

The School Committee recommends adoption.

The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.

The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.

VOTED: That the School Committee is authorized to expend \$3,201,264 for Regular Instruction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Article C EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Special Education - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Special Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

	<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
Recommendations:	\$1,457,812	\$1,457,812	\$1,457,812

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.*

VOTED: That the School Committee is authorized to expend \$1,457,812 for Special Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Article D EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Career and Technical Education – To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Career and Technical Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

	<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
Recommendations:	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.*

VOTED: That the School Committee is authorized to expend \$0 for Career and Technical Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Article E EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Other Instruction - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Other Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

	<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
Recommendations:	\$ 131,066	\$ 131,066	\$ 131,066

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.*

VOTED: That the School Committee is authorized to expend \$131,066 for Other Instruction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Article F EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Student & Staff Support - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Student & Staff Support** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

	<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
Recommendations:	\$ 609,580	\$ 609,580	\$ 609,580

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.*

VOTED: That the School Committee is authorized to expend \$609,580 for Student & Staff Support for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Article G EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: System Administration - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **System Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

	<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
Recommendations:	\$ 177,607	\$ 177,607	\$ 177,607

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.*

VOTED: That the School Committee is authorized to expend \$177,607 for System Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Article H EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: School Administration - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **School Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

	<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
Recommendations:	\$ 403,668	\$ 403,668	\$ 403,668

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.*

VOTED: That the School Committee is authorized to expend \$403,668 for School Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Article I EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Transportation & Buses - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Transportation & Buses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

	<i>School</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Warrant</i>
Recommendations:	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Committee</i>
	\$ 347,667	\$ 347,667	\$ 347,667

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.*

VOTED: That the School Committee is authorized to expend \$347,667 for Transportation & Buses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Article J EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Facilities Maintenance - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Facilities Maintenance** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

	<i>School</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Warrant</i>
Recommendations:	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Committee</i>
	\$ 714,134	\$ 714,134	\$ 714,134

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.*

VOTED: That the School Committee is authorized to expend \$714,134 for Facilities Maintenance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Article K EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Debt Service and Other Commitments - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

	<i>School</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Warrant</i>
Recommendations:	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Committee</i>
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.*

VOTED: That the School Committee is authorized to expend \$0 for Debt Service and Other Commitments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Article L EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: All Other Expenditures - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **All Other Expenditures** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

	<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
Recommendations:	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.*

VOTED: That the School Committee is authorized to expend \$95,000 for All Other Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Note: Articles B – L authorize a total budget of:

<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
\$7,137,798	\$7,137,798	\$7,137,798

Note: Articles M & N raise funds for the Proposed School Budget

Article M EDUCATION BUDGET: Essential Programs and Services – To see what sum the voters of the Town of Bar Harbor will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (State Recommends \$4,180,884) and to see what sum the voters of the Town of Bar Harbor will raise as the Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688 for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

***Explanation:** The Town of Bar Harbor’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.*

	<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
Recommendations:			
<i>State Subsidy</i>	\$ 616,600	\$ 616,600	\$616,600
<i>Town’s Minimum Share</i>	\$3,564,284	\$3,564,284	\$3,564,284
<i>State’s Essential Programs & Services Model</i>	\$4,180,884	\$4,180,884	\$4,180,884

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
 The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
 The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.*

VOTED: That the Town appropriate \$4,180,884 and raise \$3,564,284 as the Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

HAND COUNT:

YES 54 NO 0

Note: Article N raises additional local funds recommended to support the proposed school budget

Article N

EDUCATION BUDGET: Additional Local Funds - To see what sum the voters of the Town of Bar Harbor will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

Explanation:

The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town of Bar Harbor’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town of Bar Harbor’s budget for educational programs. The School Committee recommends the additional local funds shown below and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model. The State funding model underestimates the actual costs to fully fund the proposed budget.

	<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
<i>Recommendations:</i>			
<i>Additional Local Funds</i>	\$2,547,755	\$2,547,755	\$2,547,755
<i>Exceeding EPS by</i>	\$2,547,755	\$2,547,755	\$2,547,755

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
 The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
 The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.*

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate \$2,547,755 in additional local funds for school purposes for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$2,547,755.

HAND COUNT:

YES 53 NO 0

Note: Articles M & N raise a total town appropriation of:

<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
\$6,112,039	\$6,112,039	\$6,112,039

Note: Article O summarizes the proposed school budget and does not authorize any additional expenditures

Article O EDUCATION BUDGET: Total Expenditures- To see what sum the voters of the Town of Bar Harbor will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 from the Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

Recommendations:	<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
	\$7,137,798	\$7,137,798	\$7,137,798

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.*

VOTED: That the Town authorize the School Committee to expend \$7,137,798 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 from the Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

HAND COUNT:

YES 54 NO 0

Article P EDUCATION BUDGET: State, Federal, and Other Funds - In addition to the amount in Articles B – O, shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from state or federal grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year 2021-2022 for school purposes provided that

such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Current Year Totals: \$835,759 (including COVID Relief Grants)

Recommendations:

The School Committee recommends adoption.

The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.

The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.

VOTED: That in addition to the amount in Articles B – O, shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from state or federal grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year 2021-2022 for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated.

Article Q BUILD A FIBER NETWORK TO TOWN FACILITIES– Shall the Town of Bar Harbor:

1. **Authorize** the Town Council to provide monies to build a fiber network to its Town Facilities that will connect these Town’s operating facilities in a secure private network; said project, known as the **Fiber Network**, to include all costs related to the following:

- All certifications/Pole attachment agreements
- All pole make-ready work and equipment
- Locations also include pump stations of the Water & Wastewater Divisions
- Installation of said fiber network
- Identify and contract with potential partners, local businesses, network service providers, etc., with the possibility to lower construction and operating costs
- Explore & purchase any existing dark fiber on the poles
- Other activities that are reasonably related to the project

2. **Appropriate** the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$750,000) to provide for the costs of said project, including final engineering and transaction costs;

3. **Authorize** the Treasurer and Chair of the Town Council, acting pursuant to the provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 5772, to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Bar Harbor (with or without call provisions and with or without premium, and including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000); and

4. **Delegate** the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), denominations(s), place(s) of payment, form and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town of Bar

Harbor, and to provide for the sale thereof, to the Treasurer and Chair of the Town Council.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

As of June 1, 2021

1. Total Town Indebtedness- Principal

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$18,021,871
B. Bonds authorized and unissued (June 2021)	- 0
C. Bonds to be issued if this article is approved:	\$750,000

2. Costs

At an estimated interest rate of 2.75% for a twenty (20) year maturity, the estimated costs for this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$750,000
Interest:	<u>\$235,076</u>
<u>Total Debt Service:</u>	<u>\$985,076</u>

3. Validity

The validity of the bond and of the voters’ ratification of the bond may not be affected by any error in the above statements. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issues varies from the estimate, the ratification by the voters is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

/s/

 Sarah M. Gilbert
 Treasurer
 Town of Bar Harbor

Explanation:

Recent federal legislation makes it likely that the Town would soon incur a cost of \$45,000 per year for continued use of its current fiber due to this change as well as resolving the expired (2015) franchise agreement. There is currently no maintenance guarantee if a service break occurs in the network owned by Charter Communications. Charter has advised the Town it requests this “rent” for what it had previously provided to the Town without cost as one of the conditions to re-sign a new franchise agreement. In order to address this situation, the Communications & Technology Committee recognized that the fiber network is part of the Town’s critical infrastructure and recommended that the Town build and take ownership of its own secure network. The Town explored the feasibility of building its own fiber network and completed a detailed engineering plan for connecting twenty-five town-owned locations in 2019. The completed engineering plan outlines the technical requirement and estimates the development and build-out costs through a normal bid proposal basis. Included in this Bond is the authority to seek partners and contract with such businesses and ISP network providers in an effort to lower both the capital and operating costs of the project. The \$750,000 estimate has a 15% included contingency.

*The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.*

VOTED: That the Town of Bar Harbor:

1. Authorize the Town Council to provide monies to build a fiber network to its Town Facilities that will connect these Town’s operating facilities in a secure private network; said project, known as the Fiber Network, to include all costs related to the following:

- All certifications/Pole attachment agreements
- All pole make-ready work and equipment
- Locations also include pump stations of the Water & Wastewater Divisions
- Installation of said fiber network
- Identify and contract with potential partners, local businesses, network service providers, etc., with the possibility to lower construction and operating costs
- Explore & purchase any existing dark fiber on the poles
- Other activities that are reasonably related to the project

2. Appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$750,000) to provide for the costs of said project, including final engineering and transaction costs;

3. Authorize the Treasurer and Chair of the Town Council, acting pursuant to the provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 5772, to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Bar Harbor (with or without call provisions and with or without premium, and including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000); and

4. Delegate the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), denominations(s), place(s) of payment, form and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town of Bar Harbor, and to provide for the sale thereof, to the Treasurer and Chair of the Town Council.

Article R MUNICIPAL BUDGET: Expenditures - To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Municipal Budget for FY22 (7/1/21 TO 6/30/22).

Explanation:

This is the total amount that the Town Council is allowed to spend from all sources except grants and donations, as provided in Article T, and from reserve accounts.

Recommendations:	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	\$16,473,223	\$16,473,223

*The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.*

Howard Gaines, with second by Donna Gaines, moved to increase the FY22 Municipal Budget by \$5,000 to fund Open Table MDI and be included in the Cooperating Agencies annually.

HAND COUNT:

YES 53 NO 1

Crystal DaGraca, with second by Kristi Losquadro, moved to increase the FY22 Municipal Budget by \$5,000 to fund Acadian Youth Sports and be included in the Cooperating Agencies annually.

HAND COUNT:

YES 52 NO 2

VOTED: That the Town of Bar Harbor raise and appropriate \$16,483,223 for the Municipal Budget for FY22 (7/1/21 TO 6/30/22).

Article S MUNICIPAL BUDGET: Other Revenues - To see what sum the Town will vote to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation by using estimated revenues and fund balance for the Municipal Budget for FY22 (7/1/21 TO 6/30/22).

Explanation:

In addition to property taxes, the Town receives other revenues from fees, licenses, excise taxes, etc., and we sometimes use monies left over from prior years (fund balance). The funds shown in this article reduce the amount of property taxes that have to be raised.

<i>Recommendations:</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
<i>Other Revenues</i>	\$ 7,630,007	\$ 7,630,007
<i>Fund Balance</i>	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
<i>Fund Balance – Parking Fund</i>	\$ 364,410	\$ 364,410

*The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.*

VOTED: That the Town reduce the amount to be raised by taxation by using \$7,630,007 estimated revenues, \$100,000 fund balance, and \$364,410 parking fund balance for the Municipal Budget for FY22 (7/1/21 TO 6/30/22).

Article T MUNICIPAL BUDGET: Tax Cap Override – To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$8,709,829 established for the Town of Bar

Harbor by State law in the event that the FY22 Municipal Budget approved by the Town results in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

Explanation:

In 2005 the State Legislature passed a “tax reform” law known as LD#1. This bill created a maximum municipal tax levy based upon this year’s tax, plus an allowance for personal income growth and the town’s tax base growth due to new construction. However, LD#1 allows Bar Harbor voters to increase that tax cap with the approval of a simple majority of the voters at Town Meeting. Using the State’s formula, the maximum tax levy for Bar Harbor’s Municipal Budget is \$8,709,829. As detailed in your copy of the annual Town Report, currently the proposed budget is \$331,023 under the tax cap.

Recommendations:

*The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.*

VOTED: That the Town increase the property tax levy limit of \$8,709,829 established for the Town of Bar Harbor by State law in the event that the FY22 Municipal Budget approved by the Town results in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

HAND COUNT:

YES 54 NO 0

Article U MUNICIPAL BUDGET: Grants and Donations – In addition to the amount in Article R, shall the voters appropriate and authorize the Town Council to expend additional state, federal and other funds received during FY22 (7/1/21 TO 6/30/22) for municipal purposes, provided that such additional funds do not require the expenditure of local funds not previously appropriated?

Explanation:

From time to time, the Town Council receives funds from state and federal grants, and donations, as well as sources other than local tax dollars. This article gives the Town Council the authority to spend such funds, as long as no local property tax dollars are required to match them, other than those already in the budget.

Recommendations:

*The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.*

VOTED: That in addition to the amount in Article R, the voters appropriate and authorize the Town Council to expend additional state, federal and other funds received during FY22 (7/1/21 TO 6/30/22) for municipal purposes, provided that such additional funds do not require the expenditure of local funds not previously appropriated

Article V PREPAYMENT OF TAXES - To see if the Town will vote to accept tax payments prior to the commitment date and to pay interest on said tax payments in the amount of 0% per year figured on a monthly basis until the tax commitment date is reached.

Explanation:

On rare occasions, taxpayers need to pay their taxes before they have been billed. The Town Treasurer cannot accept such early payments unless an article is passed.

Recommendations:

*The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.*

VOTED: That the Town accept tax payments prior to the commitment date and pay interest on said tax payments in the amount of 0% per year figured on a monthly basis until the tax commitment date is reached.

Article W TAX DUE DATE AND INTEREST RATE - To see if the Town will vote that the first half taxes shall be due and payable on or before September 30, 2021 and that second half taxes shall be due and payable on or before March 31, 2022 and that interest shall be charged at the annual rate of 6.0% on any unpaid taxes due on September 30, 2021 beginning October 1, 2021 and on any unpaid taxes due March 31, 2022 beginning April 1, 2022.

Explanation:

The due dates proposed are essentially the same as last year. The proposed interest rate is the highest allowed by State Law to encourage taxes to be paid on time.

Recommendations:

*The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.
The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.*

VOTED: That the Town’s first half taxes shall be due and payable on or before September 30, 2021 and that second half taxes shall be due and payable on or before March 31, 2022 and that interest shall be charged at the annual rate of 6.0% on any unpaid taxes due on September 30, 2021 beginning October 1, 2021 and on any unpaid taxes due March 31, 2022 beginning April 1, 2022.

Article X OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES - To see if the Town will vote to establish the interest rate to be paid to a taxpayer who is determined to have paid an amount of real estate taxes in excess of the amount finally assessed for 2021 at 2.0% per year on the amount of overpayment.

Explanation:

If a taxpayer prevails in a tax assessment appeal against the Town, we must pay interest on the tax amount being refunded. The Town is required by law to set the

interest amount each year. We are suggesting the lowest interest rate allowed by law, which is 4% less than what we charge for late payments.

Recommendations:

The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.

The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 19 to 0.

VOTED that the Town establish the interest rate to be paid to a taxpayer who is determined to have paid an amount of real estate taxes in excess of the amount finally assessed for 2021 at 2.0% per year on the amount of overpayment.

There being no further business and by unanimous vote at 6:58 p.m. June 1, 2021, this portion of Town meeting recessed only to continue Town meeting on Tuesday, June 8, with polls opening at 8:00 a.m. in the Municipal Building auditorium.

Town Meeting Reconvened

June 8, 2021

Election of Officers

Moderator William Ferm appointed Sharon Linscott (Democrat), Clark Stivers (Unenrolled) and Anna Louise Lopez (Unenrolled) as deputy moderators, who were duly sworn in to serve in his place during his absence from the polls. The Moderator opened the polls at 8:00 a.m.

The following ballot clerks, having been appointed and duly sworn in, were in attendance for the election: Democrats – Elizabeth Hubbell, Lucy Witt, and Mark Carignan; Republicans – Barbara Hepburn, Laura Ingerson, Christine Witham, and Joan Tukey; and Unenrolled –Peggy Danneman, Mary Opdyke, Karen McFarland, Catherine Preston-Schreck.

1,211 ballots were cast including 253 absentee ballots. There were 35 spoiled ballots.

Article 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS - *To elect Town Officers as are required to be elected by secret ballot.*

For Town Council – Three-Year Term – Two vacancies

Jennifer Cough	received	319
Gary Friedmann	received	779
Joseph Minutolo	received	813
Peter St. Germain	received	169
Nathan Young	received	225

Declared elected: Gary Friedmann and Joseph Minutolo

For Superintending School Committee – Three-Year Term – One Vacancy

Marie Yarborough received 929

Declared elected: Marie Yarborough

For MDI School District Trustee – Three-Year Term – One Vacancy

Robert Jordan, Jr. received 882

Declared elected: Robert Jordan, Jr.

For Warrant Committee – One-Year Term – Five Vacancies

Juliette Berberian	received	573
Steven Boucher	received	531
Robert Chaplin	received	656
Stephen Coston	received	402
Cara Ryan	received	513
Eben Salvatore	received	363
Jeffery Young	received	559

Declared elected:
Juliette Berberian, Steven Boucher, Robert Chaplin, Cara Ryan, Jeffery Young

For Warrant Committee – Two-Year Term – Five Vacancies

Carol Chappell	received	609
Kevin DesVeaux	received	549
Bethany Reece	received	552
Allison Sasner	received	646
Christine Smith	received	525

Declared elected:
Carol Chappell, Kevin DesVeaux, Bethany Reece, Allison Sasner, Christine Smith

For Warrant Committee – Three-Year Term – Five Vacancies

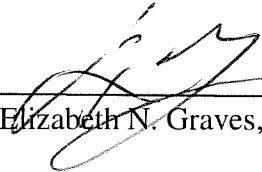
There were two declared writes-in for Warrant Committee – Three-Year Term: Ezra Sassaman and Lawrence Sweet.

Caleb Cough	received	461
Meagan Kelly	received	580
Seth Libby	received	597
Kathleen St. Germain	received	526
Sassaman, Ezra	received	254
Sweet, Lawrence	received	115

Declared elected:
Caleb Cough, Meagan Kelly, Seth Libby, Kathleen St. Germain, Ezra Sassaman

This meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m. by acclamation.

Attest:



Elizabeth N. Graves, Town Clerk of Bar Harbor