

Warrant Committee Report 2021

Per the Town of Bar Harbor Charter, a Warrant Committee report shall be submitted to the Town Clerk no later than 60 days prior to its Annual Town Meeting that includes all articles submitted to the Warrant Committee and its recommendations with respect to each article.

Bar Harbor's Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2021 and the following articles were considered as part of the Warrant Committee's meeting on March 22, 2021:

Article A:

No Warrant Committee action on this article.

Article B:

Education Budget: Regular Instruction – Education Subcommittee Chair Good moved and Mr. Kelly seconded a motion that the Warrant Committee recommend to the voters of Bar Harbor the adoption of the sum of **\$3,201,264** for regular instruction expenses for fiscal year 2022 (FY'22).

The motion passed unanimously (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain).

Recommendation: **Approve Article B**

Article C:

Education Budget: Special Education - Chair Good moved and Mr. Kelly seconded a motion that the Warrant Committee recommend to the voters of Bar Harbor the adoption of the sum of **\$1,457,812** for special education expenses for FY'22.

The motion passed unanimously (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain).

Recommendation: **Approve Article C**

Article D:

Education Budget: Career and Technical Education - Chair Good moved and Mr. Kelly seconded a motion that the Warrant Committee recommend to the voters of Bar Harbor the adoption of the sum of **\$0** for career and technical education expenses for FY'22.

The motion passed unanimously (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain).

Recommendation: **Approve Article D**

Article E:

Education Budget: Other Instruction - Chair Good moved and Mr. Kelly seconded a motion that the Warrant Committee recommend to the voters of Bar Harbor the adoption of the sum of **\$131,066** for other instruction expenses for FY'22.

The motion passed unanimously (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain).

Recommendation: **Approve Article E**

Article F:

Education Budget: Student and Staff Support - Chair Good moved and Mr. Kelly seconded a motion that the Warrant Committee recommend to the voters of Bar Harbor the adoption of the sum of **\$609,580** for student and staff Support expenses for FY'22.

The motion passed unanimously (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain).

Recommendation: **Approve Article F**

Article G:

Education Budget: System Administration - Chair Good moved and Mr. Kelly seconded a motion that the Warrant Committee recommend to the voters of Bar Harbor the adoption of the sum of **\$177,607** for system administration expenses for FY'22.

The motion passed unanimously (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain).

Recommendation: **Approve Article G**

Article H:

Education Budget: School Administration - Chair Good moved and Mr. Kelly seconded a motion that the Warrant Committee recommend to the voters of Bar Harbor the adoption of the sum of **\$403,668** for school administration expenses for FY'22.

The motion passed unanimously (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain).

Recommendation: **Approve Article H**

Article I:

Education Budget: Transportation and Buses - Chair Good moved and Mr. Kelly seconded a motion that the Warrant Committee recommend to the voters of Bar Harbor the adoption of the sum of **\$347,667** for transportation and buses expenses for FY'22.

The motion passed unanimously (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain).

Recommendation: **Approve Article I**

Article J:

Education Budget: Facilities Maintenance - Chair Good moved and Mr. Kelly seconded a motion that the Warrant Committee recommend to the voters of Bar Harbor the adoption of the sum of **\$714,134** for facilities maintenance expenses for FY'22.

The motion passed unanimously (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain).

Recommendation: **Approve Article J**

Article K:

Education Budget: Debt Service and Other Commitments - Chair Good moved and Mr. Kelly seconded a motion that the Warrant Committee recommend to the voters of Bar Harbor the adoption of the sum of **\$0** for debt service and other commitments for FY'22.

The motion passed unanimously (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain).

Recommendation: **Approve Article K**

Article L:

Education Budget: All Other Expenditures - Chair Good moved and Mr. Kelly seconded a motion that the Warrant Committee recommend to the voters of Bar Harbor the adoption of the sum of **\$95,000** for all other expenditures for FY'22.

The motion passed unanimously (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain).

Recommendation: **Approve Article L**

Article M:

Education Budget: Essential Programs and Services - Chair Good moved and Mr. Kelly seconded a motion that the Warrant Committee recommend to the voters of Bar Harbor the adoption of the sum of **\$4,180,884** for essential programs and services for FY'22.

The motion passed unanimously (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain).

Recommendation: **Approve Article M**

Article N:

Education Budget: Additional Local Funds - Chair Good moved and Mr. Kelly seconded a motion that the Warrant Committee recommend to the voters of Bar Harbor the adoption of the sum of **\$2,547,755** for local share of essential programs and services for FY'22.

The motion passed unanimously (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain).

Recommendation: **Approve Article N**

Article O:

Education Budget: Total Expenditures - Chair Good moved and Mr. Kelly seconded a motion that the Warrant Committee recommend to the voters of Bar Harbor the adoption of the sum of **\$7,137,798** for total expenditures for FY'22.

The motion passed unanimously (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain).

Recommendation: **Approve Article O**

Article P:

Education Budget: State, Federal, and Other Funds - Chair Good moved and Mr. Kelly seconded a motion that the Warrant Committee recommend to the voters of Bar Harbor the adoption of Article P for additional State, Federal, and Other Funds in FY'22.

The motion passed unanimously (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain).

Recommendation: **Approve Article P**

Article Q:

General Government: Build a Fiber Network to Town Facilities – General Government Subcommittee Chair Chappell moved and Ms. Sasner seconded a motion that the Warrant Committee recommend to the voters of Bar Harbor adoption of Article Q: Fiber Network Bond.

The motion passed unanimously (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain).

Recommendation: **Approve Article Q**

Warrant Committee Chair's Comments: Related questions included: to what extent will the cost of the network build to the Mount Desert Island High School be shared by other island towns. The Warrant Committee was informed that the cost would be shared, but there was no provision to do so in this year's budget. Upon further inquiry, at the joint-meeting with the

Town Council, it was pointed out that there are other potential sources of funding for the build-out, including funding from other towns for the Eagle Lake/MDI High School segment. It was also noted that such sources would be accounted for, if at all, once the bond funding and a commitment to build were in place.

Another question involved that status of the Cable Consortium Agreement between Bar Harbor and the local cable television provider, now Spectrum. A stated reason for the necessity of the town to build this fiber network was the expiration of this agreement and the failure to renew it. Under the terms of this agreement, Bar Harbor enjoyed use of Spectrum dark fiber at no charge to connect municipal buildings, among other benefits, in return for granting Spectrum (and its predecessors) rights-of way along town streets. If the end of this agreement requires Bar Harbor to surrender the benefit of complimentary use of this dark fiber, the question was raised as to what consequences, if any, are there for Spectrum, which continues to use municipal right-of-way?

Article R:

No Warrant Committee action on this article.

Article S:

No Warrant Committee action on this article.

Article T:

General Government: Municipal Budget Tax Cap Override - Chair Chappell moved and Ms. Sasner seconded a motion that the Warrant Committee recommend to the voters of Bar Harbor adoption of Municipal Budget Article T: Tax Cap Override.

The motion passed unanimously (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain).

Recommendation: **Approve Article T**

Article U:

General Government: Municipal Budget Grants and Donations - Chair Chappell moved and Ms. Sasner seconded a motion that the Warrant Committee recommend to the voters of Bar Harbor adoption of Municipal Budget Article U: Grants and Donations.

The motion passed unanimously (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain).

Recommendation: **Approve Article U**

Article V:

General Government: Prepayment of Taxes - Chair Chappell moved and Ms. Sasner seconded a motion that the Warrant Committee recommend to the voters of Bar Harbor adoption of Article V: Prepayment of Taxes.

The motion passed unanimously (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain).

Recommendation: **Approve Article V**

Article W:

General Government: Tax Due Date and Interest Rate - Chair Chappell moved and Ms. Sasner seconded a motion that the Warrant Committee recommend to the voters of Bar Harbor adoption of Article W: Tax Due Date and Interest Rate.

The motion passed unanimously (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain).

Recommendation: **Approve Article W**

Article X:

General Government: Overpayment of Taxes - Chair Chappell moved and Ms. Sasner seconded a motion that the Warrant Committee recommend to the voters of Bar Harbor adoption of Article X: Overpayment of Taxes.

The motion passed unanimously (19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain).

Recommendation: **Approve Article X**

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Smith
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