

Minutes
Bar Harbor Town Council/Warrant Committee
Joint Budget Workshop
January 26, 2023

In attendance were **Councilors** Matthew Hochman, Valerie Peacock, Gary Friedmann, Joe Minutolo, Erin Cough, and Jill Goldthwait (arrived after first two votes); and

Warrant Committee members J. Berberian, B. Chaplin, C. Chappell, K. DesVeaux, M. Kelly, S. Libby, L. Lopez, A. Sasner, E. Salvatore, E. Sassaman, C. Smith (remote), K. St. Germain, J. Young (remote, part of the meeting).
Absent excused: C. Cough, B. Reece.

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:37 p.m.

A. **Excused absences**—Mr. Hochman with second by Ms. Cough, moved to excuse Councilors Jeff Dobbs as provided by Town Charter section C-12.B(1)(d). Roll Call Vote:

<u>Minutolo</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Cough</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Peacock</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Hochman</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Friedmann</u>	<u>Y</u>
<u>Motion passed 5-0.</u>	

Seth Libby called roll for the Warrant Committee.

Ms. Peacock made opening remarks, beginning with the following statement:
“On behalf of the entire Council, I must regretfully announce Kevin Sutherland has submitted his resignation for personal reasons and the Council has accepted his resignation. Kevin’s letter of resignation is available to anyone who would like a copy. As a Council, we want to extend our gratitude to Kevin for his effort and work on behalf of the Town over this past year. We wish Kevin and his family the best.

“We will announce the appointment of an interim Town Manager shortly and appreciate the staff’s and the public’s patience as we work through this transition time and identify a capable replacement. As you all can appreciate, the role of Town Manager for Bar Harbor is an exceptionally unique and challenging one, and the Council will be working closely with staff and the public to chart a path forward.”

She also said she opened the last meeting with thoughts about how the budget reflects what our values are and how we prioritize things. She thanked everyone for their hard work and positive intentions to do the work in meaningful and positive ways.

II. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**—Without objection, Mr. Hochman requested adding an executive session to the end of the agenda, to discuss a personnel matter. Then. Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Roll Call Vote:

Minutolo Y
Cough Y
Peacock Y
Hochman Y
Friedmann Y
Motion passed 5-0.

III. **PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET PRESENTATIONS**

A. **Public Works Director Bethany Leavitt**—Public Works Director and Highway Superintendent Bill Soukup presented the budget and answered questions.

B. **Supporting agency Service Enhancement Requests in Parks & Rec budget:**

1. Jesup Memorial Library—Library Director Matt Delaney and Treasurer Tom Crikelair presented the request and answered questions.
2. MDI YMCA—Executive Director Ann Tikkenan gave a presentation and answered questions.

Carol Chappell thanked the Council for their service.

Seth Libby declared the Warrant Committee meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

IV. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**—Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 MRSA §405.6.A. Roll Call Vote:

Minutolo Y
Goldthwait Y
Cough Y
Peacock Y
Hochman Y
Friedmann Y
Motion passed 6-0.

Council returned to regular session at 9:15 p.m.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**—Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. Roll Call Vote:

Minutolo Y
Goldthwait Y
Cough Y

Peacock Y
Hochman Y
Friedmann Y
Motion passed 6-0.

Elizabeth N. Graves, Town Clerk