

Minutes
Bar Harbor Town Council
February 4, 2020

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – 7:00 P.M.-In attendance were Councilors: Jefferson Dobbs, Matthew Hochman, Stephen Coston, Gary Friedmann, Erin Cough, Jill Goldthwait, Joe Minutolo; and Town Manager Cornell Knight.
- A. Excused Absence(s)** – all present.
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** - *The Town Council allows at this time up to fifteen minutes of public comment on any subject not on the agenda and not in litigation with a maximum of three minutes per person.* – Jim O’Connell expressed his views on the distinction between hotels, motels and weekly rentals and spoke in favor of weekly rentals.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –
- A. January 21, 2020 Regular Meeting**
Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to approve the January 21, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed 7-0.
- B. January 23, 2020 Special Meeting**
Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to approve the January 23, 2020 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed 7-0.
- C. January 28, 2020 Special Meeting**
Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to approve the January 28, 2020 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed 7-0.
- IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed 7-0.
- V. CONSENT AGENDA** - *A single vote has been scheduled to approve the following routine items of business without discussion, unless individual agenda item action is requested by a Councilor:*
- A. Certification of Property Owners and Abutters Mailing Lists** – *Possible motion* to sign the certification of the mailing list used for notice of the Town Council’s Public Hearing February 18, 2020 for five LUO Amendments for the June 9, 2020 annual town meeting warrant.
- B. Maine Service Centers Coalition** - *Possible motion* to adopt the resolution to renew membership in the Service Center Coalition and appoint the Town Manager as representative.
- C. Statutory Officers** – *Possible motion* to appoint Patrick Lessard as Deputy Local Plumbing Inspector and Deputy Electrical Inspector.
- Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to approve the Consent Agenda as published. Motion passed 7-0.
- VI. REGULAR BUSINESS:**

- A. Cruise Ship Committee** – *Review of the 2019 Annual Report by Committee Chair Eben Salvatore and possible motion to accept and file report.* Mr. Salvatore summarized the report and addressed Council questions and comments. Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Friedmann, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to direct the Cruise Ship Committee to direct their efforts toward further visitor impact studies on the local population. Motion passed 7-0. Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to thank the Cruise Ship Committee for their report and place it on file. Motion passed 7-0.
- B. Rules of Order** – *Possible motion to approve amendments.* Mr. Friedmann, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to approve the Rules of Order as presented. Motion passed 7-0.
- C. Combined Middle School** – *Clarification on straw poll wording for June 2020 ballot.* Kristi Losquadro, a member of the school board but not the middle school committee, participated in the discussion. Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to strike the note about what a yes/no vote would mean. Motion passed 7-0.
- D. Treasurer’s Warrant** - *Request of Treasurer to authorize paid bills.* – Mr. Friedmann, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to sign the Treasurer’s Warrants for paid bills. Motion passed 7-0.
- VII. TOWN MANAGER’S COMMENTS** – Mr. Knight announced the school committee will have a workshop on 2/24 at 4:00 in the library to discuss the building committee options for renovations or additions or new construction. He also stated that ½ the street light project was completed when they had to leave a month ago for various reasons. They will restart March 2.
- VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**
- Mr. Friedmann** inquired whether the Climate Task Force openings had been advertised and if we had any applications. Town Clerk Sharon Linscott stated it was advertised in the Islander and on the website and we have received 3 applications.
- Mr. Hochman** thanked the Council for a spirited discussion on cruise ships. We all have different opinions but that really moves us forward. He thanked everyone for their passion.
- Mr. Dobbs** asked about an agenda item for further discussion on cruise ships. The consensus was to put it on the first meeting in April.
- IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (none)
- X. ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Sharon M Linscott, Town Clerk