

THE RECORD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – JUNE 4 & 11, 2019
TOWN OF BAR HARBOR

The voters of the Town of Bar Harbor assembled in the Emerson School Gymnasium, on Tuesday, June 4, 2019. There were approximately 135 registered voters present. The annual town meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Town Clerk Sharon M. Linscott, 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 five ballots cast for Moderator with all five 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 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, duly seconded, and by voice vote the motion carried.

Article AA RESOLUTION – *Recognition of Jake Jagel for many years of service to the Town of Bar Harbor.*

Warrant Committee Chair Seth Libby presented the following resolution to Jake Jagel:

Resolution
of
The Bar Harbor Town Council

WHEREAS, in recognition of Jake Jagel who has served on the Town of Bar Harbor Warrant Committee since 2010; and

WHEREAS, in his municipal service he has mentored other Warrant Committee members; and

WHEREAS, he has served as a good friend and colleague to many Warrant Committee members; and

WHEREAS, he continues to work tirelessly to promote good town government; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Honorable members of the Bar Harbor Town Council and the residents of Bar Harbor do hereby recognize Jake Jagel for his service to the Town, and to take this opportunity to wish him much success in his future endeavors

Council Chair Gary Friedmann presented the following resolution to Paul Paradis:

RESOLUTION
of
THE BAR HARBOR TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, in recognition of Paul Paradis who has served as a Bar Harbor Town Councilor for thirteen years, first elected in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Paul served as Chair of the Town Council for 4 years: and

WHEREAS, in his municipal service, Paul has undertaken various tasks associated therewith, including time served as a Warrant Committee member, and years with the Cruise Ship Committee; and

WHEREAS, Paul grew up in Bar Harbor and has a unique historical perspective on many issues that have come before the Council including the ferry terminal, the Charter, municipal collaboration, Rte 3 construction, cruise ships, parking, vacation rentals, zoning amendments as well as water, sewer and municipal budgets; and

WHEREAS, his willingness to discuss rather than dismiss controversial topics, and his conviction to do right by the citizens of Bar Harbor, has earned him respect; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Honorable members of the Bar Harbor Town Council do hereby recognize and honor Paul Paradis with great gratitude and appreciation for his many years of commitment to his neighbors, friends, visitors, and residents of Bar Harbor, and to wish him much success in his future endeavors.

Article B ELECTION OF WARRANT COMMITTEE MEMBERS - To elect Warrant Committee members as required by Section C-34 of the Town Charter. The Moderator called for a motion to elect the slate of nominees. The motion was made and duly seconded.

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| Julie Berberian | Meagan Kelly |
| Steven Boucher | Amanda Kendall |
| Robert Chaplin | James Kitler |
| Carol Chappell | Seth Libby |
| Sherri Dyer | William Matteson |
| Rosemary Gladstone | William Murphy |
| Michael Good | Christine Smith |
| Michael Handwerk | Kathleen St. Germain |
| Emily Henry | Lawrence Sweet |
| Donna Karlson | Michael Tadenev |
| John Kelly | Mary Jane Whitney |

VOTED: By voice vote, the slate of members as presented was elected for the 2019-2020 Warrant Committee.

Note: Articles C through M authorize expenditures in cost center categories.

Article C 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, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

	<i>School</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Warrant</i>
Recommendations:	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Committee</i>

\$2,835,594 \$2,835,594 \$2,835,594

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
 The seven member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 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 \$2,835,594 for Regular Instruction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

Article D 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, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

	<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
Recommendations:	\$1,353,115	\$1,353,115	\$1,353,115

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
 The seven member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 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 \$1,353,115 for Special Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

Article E 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, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

	<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 6 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, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

Article F 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, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

	<i>School</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Warrant</i>
Recommendations:	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Committee</i>
	\$ 86,855	\$ 86,855	\$ 86,855

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 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 \$ 86,855 for Other Instruction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

Article G 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, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

	<i>School</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Warrant</i>
Recommendations:	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Committee</i>
	\$ 605,603	\$ 605,603	\$ 605,603

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 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 \$ 605,603 for Student & Staff Support for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

Article H 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, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

	<i>School</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Warrant</i>
Recommendations:	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Committee</i>
	\$ 150,868	\$ 150,868	\$ 150,868

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 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 \$ 150,868 for

System Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

Article I 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, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

	<i>School</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Warrant</i>
Recommendations:	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Committee</i>
	\$ 389,389	\$ 389,389	\$ 389,389

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 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 \$ 389,389 for School Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

Article J 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, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

	<i>School</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Warrant</i>
Recommendations:	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Committee</i>
	\$ 316,000	\$ 316,000	\$ 316,000

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 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 \$ 316,000 for Transportation & Buses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

Article K 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, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

	<i>School</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Warrant</i>
Recommendations:	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Committee</i>
	\$ 650,153	\$ 650,153	\$ 650,153

The School Committee recommends adoption.

*The seven member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 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 \$650,153 for Facilities Maintenance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

Article L 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, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

	<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 6 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, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

Article M 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, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

	<i>School</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Warrant</i>
Recommendations:	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Committee</i>
	\$ 115,000	\$ 115,000	\$ 115,000

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 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 \$115,000 for All Other Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

Note: Articles C – M authorize a total budget of:

<i>School</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Warrant</i>
<i>Committee</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Committee</i>

\$6,502,577 \$6,502,577 \$6,502,577

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

Article N 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 \$4,087,327) 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, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

***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>	\$ 545,467	\$ 545,467	\$545,467
<i>Town’s Minimum Share</i>	\$3,541,860	\$3,541,860	\$3,541,860
<i>State’s Essential Programs & Services Model</i>	\$4,087,327	\$4,087,327	\$4,087,327

*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 \$4,087,327 and raise \$3,541,860 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, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

HAND COUNT:

YES 129 NO 0

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

Article O 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, 2019 to June 30, 2020, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

Written Ballot Vote Required

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>	\$2,132,810	\$2,132,810	\$2,132,810
<i>Exceeding EPS by</i>	\$2,132,810	\$2,132,810	\$2,132,810

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 \$2,132,810 in additional local funds for school purposes for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$2,132,810.

WRITTEN VOTE:

YES 115 NO 3

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

<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
\$5,674,670	\$5,674,670	\$5,674,670

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

Article P 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, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 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.

	<i>School</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Warrant</i>
Recommendations:	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Committee</i>
	\$6,502,577	\$6,502,577	\$6,502,577

*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 \$6,502,577 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 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 124 NO 0

Article Q EDUCATION BUDGET: State, Federal, and Other Funds - In addition to the amount in Articles C – P, 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 2019-2020 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: \$236,697

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 the Town in addition to the amount in Articles

C – P, appropriate and authorize the School Committee to expend such other sums as may be received from state or federal grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year 2019-2020 for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated.

Article R MUNICIPAL BUDGET: Expenditures - To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Municipal Budget for FY20 (7/1/19 TO 6/30/20).

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 U, and from reserve accounts.

<i>Recommendations:</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>\$14,457,874</i>	<i>\$14,457,874</i>

*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.*

Council Chair Gary Friedmann, with second by Councilor Paul Paradis, moved to increase the FY20 Municipal Budget by \$55,000 to fund staffing changes for the Planning Department.

WRITTEN VOTE:

YES 112 NO 8

Heather Lewis, with second by Claire Sasner, moved to increase the FY20 Municipal Budget by \$5,000 to fund Mount Desert Nursing Association and be included in the Cooperating Agencies annually.

WRITTEN VOTE:

YES 119 NO 5

Harold Wheeler, with second by Marla O’Byrne, moved to increase the FY20 Municipal Budget by \$7,589 to fund Downeast Community Partners and be included in the Cooperating Agencies annually.

WRITTEN VOTE:

YES 93 NO 25

Anne Damm, with second by Ed Damm, moved to increase the FY20 Municipal Budget by \$12,000 to re-fund the Transfer Station to be back open on Thursday afternoons and Sunday mornings in summer.

WRITTEN VOTE:

YES 14 NO 108

VOTED: That the Town of Bar Harbor raise and appropriate \$14,525,463 for the Municipal Budget for FY20 (7/1/19 TO 6/30/20).

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 FY20 (7/1/19 TO 6/30/20).

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>	\$ 5,836,055	\$ 5,836,055
<i>Fund Balance</i>	\$ 275,000	\$ 275,000

*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 17 to 0.*

Town Council Chair Gary Friedmann, with second by Councilor Judith Noonan, moved to increase the FY20 Municipal Budget: Other Revenues, additional vacation rental fees, by \$55,000 to offset staffing changes for the Planning Department.

WRITTEN VOTE:

YES 96 NO 10

VOTED: That the Town reduce the amount to be raised by taxation by using \$5,891,055 estimated revenues and \$275,000 fund balance for the Municipal Budget for FY20 (7/1/19 TO 6/30/20).

Article T MUNICIPAL BUDGET: Tax Cap Override – To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$8,016,991 established for the Town of Bar Harbor by State law in the event that the FY20 Municipal Budget approved by the Town results in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

Written Ballot Vote Required.

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. The only requirement is that a secret vote must be taken by written ballot. Using the State’s formula, the maximum tax levy for Bar Harbor’s Municipal Budget is \$8,016,991. As detailed in your copy of the annual Town Report, currently the proposed budget is \$329,828 over 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 \$8,016,991 established for the Town of Bar Harbor by State law in the event that the FY20 Municipal Budget approved by the Town results in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

WRITTEN VOTE:

YES 99 NO 7

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 FY20 (7/1/19 TO 6/30/20) 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 the Town 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 FY20 (7/1/19 TO 6/30/20) 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 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.

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, 2019 and that second half taxes shall be due and payable on or before March 31, 2020 and that interest shall be charged at the annual rate of 9.0% on any unpaid taxes due on September 30, 2019 beginning October 1, 2019 and on any unpaid taxes due March 31, 2020 beginning April 1, 2020.

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, 2019 and that second half taxes shall be due and payable on or before March 31, 2020 and that interest shall be charged at the annual rate of 9.0% on any unpaid taxes due on September 30, 2019 beginning October 1, 2019 and on any unpaid taxes due March 31, 2020 beginning April 1, 2020.

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 2019 at 5.0% 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 2019 at 5.0% per year on the amount of overpayment.

There being no further business and by unanimous vote at 9:17pm June 4, 2019, this portion of Town meeting adjourned only to continue Town meeting on Tuesday, June 11, with polls opening at 8:00 a.m. in the Municipal Building auditorium.

Town Meeting Reconvened

June 11, 2019

Election of Officers

Moderator William Ferm appointed John Bennett (Republican), Jill Goldthwait (Unenrolled) and Jocelyn McLean (Republican) 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 am.

The following ballot clerks, having been appointed and duly sworn in, were in attendance for the election: Democrats – Anna Ryan, James Linnane, Valerie Davis, Burt Wartell, Sharon Riley, Lucy Witt; Republicans – Barbara Hepburn, James Riley Jr, Charles Saul, Suzanne Saul; and Unenrolled – Richard Sassaman, Anna Louise Lopez, Catherine Preston-Schreck.

888 Ballots were cast including 96 absentee ballots. There were 22 spoiled ballots.

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

There was one declared write-in for MDI School District Trustee: Robert C. Webber.

For Town Council – Three Year Term – Two vacancies

Jefferson Dobbs	received	480
Matthew Hochman	received	440
Martha Searchfield	received	325
Peter St. Germain	received	356

Declared elected: Jefferson Dobbs and Matthew Hochman

For Superintending School Committee – Three Year Term – Two Vacancies

Kristina Losquadro	received	608
Alexandra Simis	received	607

Declared elected: Kristina Losquadro and Alexandra Simis

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

Robert C. Webber	received	95
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Declared elected: Robert C. Webber

Article 2 - LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – Museum Use – Shall an Ordinance dated August 15, 2018 and entitled “Museum Use in the Downtown Village II district” be enacted?

Recommendations:

The five member Planning Board recommends rejection, by a vote of 3 to 0.

The 22 member Warrant Committee recommends rejection, by a vote of 19 to 0.

VOTED: This article was defeated by the following votes:

YES 268 NO 576

Article 3 - LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – Appendix A– Shall an ordinance, dated December 19, 2018, to amend Appendix A Historic Properties in Design Review Overlay District be enacted?

Recommendations:

The five member Planning Board recommends adoption, by a vote of 3 to 0.

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

VOTED: This article passed by the following votes:

YES 738 NO 111

Citizens’ Initiative

Article 4 - Only registered voters in the Town of Bar Harbor shall be permitted to vote on any appointed board, committee or commission. – Shall the above-described ordinance be enacted?

Recommendations:

The seven member Town Council recommends rejection, by a vote of 7 to 0.

The 22 member Warrant Committee recommends adoption, by a vote of 15 to 3 with one abstention.

VOTED: This article passed by the following votes:

YES 590 NO 291

Citizens’ Initiative

Article 5 - LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – Limits on Pier Length and Size of Berthed Cruise Ships – Shall an Ordinance entitled “An Amendment to the LUZO to Prohibit Berthing Piers for Large Cruise Ships” be enacted?

Recommendations:

The five member Planning Board recommends rejection, by a vote of 3 to 0.

The 22 member Warrant Committee recommends adoption, by a vote of 14 to 4.

VOTED: This article passed by the following votes:

YES 493 NO 384

This meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm by acclamation.

Attest:

Sharon M. Linscott, Town Clerk of Bar Harbor