

**Minutes**  
**Bar Harbor Town Council**  
**Special Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 9, 2021**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – 5:30 P.M. – Town Clerk Liz Graves called the meeting to order. In attendance were Councilors Jefferson Dobbs, Matthew Hochman, Valerie Peacock, Gary Friedmann, Joe Minutolo, Erin Cough, Jill Goldthwait; and Town Manager Cornell Knight.
- II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**
- A. Oath of Office** – The Town Clerk administered the oath of office.
- B. Election of Officers**
- 1. Chair** – The Town Clerk called for Chair nominations. Mr. Friedmann nominated Jeff Dobbs. Ms. Cough nominated Matthew Hochman. There being no further nominations, Jeff Dobbs was elected Chair by a vote of 6-1.
  - 2. Vice Chair** – Chair Dobbs called for Vice Chair nominations. Mr. Minutolo nominated Matthew Hochman. There being no further nominations, Matthew Hochman was elected Vice Chair by unanimous vote (7-0).
- C. Selection of Seating** – Councilors selected their seats in order of seniority.
- III. REGULAR BUSINESS:**
- A. Council Committee Appointments** –
- 1. Appointments Committee** – *Appointment of three Councilors to serve for one year.* – Mr. Minutolo, Ms. Cough and Mr. Friedmann have termed out. Mr. Hochman is not yet eligible to serve again. Ms. Peacock, Ms. Goldthwait and Mr. Dobbs were nominated. There being no further nominations, by unanimous vote (7-0), Ms. Peacock, Ms. Goldthwait and Mr. Dobbs were appointed to the Appointments Committee.
  - 2. Cruise Ship Committee** – *Appointment of one Council representative.* – Mr. Minutolo nominated Matthew Hochman. There being no further nominations, by unanimous vote (7-0), Mr. Hochman was appointed to the Cruise Ship Committee.
  - 3. Parking Solutions Task Force** – *Appointment of one Council representative.* Mr. Hochman has been serving as the Council representative and Ms. Cough serves on the committee as a citizen. Ms. Cough offered to become Council representative and was duly nominated. Mr. Hochman said he will seek appointment to the committee as a citizen. There being no further nominations, by unanimous vote (7-0), Ms. Cough was appointed to the Parking Solutions Task Force.
  - 4. Task Force on the Climate Emergency.** Ms. Cough volunteered and was duly nominated. There being no further nominations, by unanimous vote (7-0), Ms. Cough was appointed to the Task Force on the Climate Emergency.

5. Joint (School) Budget Advisory Committee – *Appointment of two Councilors to serve for one year.* - Mr. Minutolo and Ms. Peacock volunteered and were duly nominated. There being no further nominations, by unanimous vote (7-0), Mr. Minutolo and Ms. Peacock were appointed to the Joint Budget Advisory Committee.
6. MD/BH Joint Police Chief Sharing – *Appointment of two Council representatives.* – Ms. Goldthwait and Mr. Friedmann volunteered and were duly nominated. There being no further nominations, by unanimous vote (7-0), Ms. Goldthwait and Mr. Friedmann were appointed to the MD/BH Joint Police Chief Sharing Committee.

**IV. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

**Mr. Minutolo** thanked the voters for reelecting him.

**Ms. Cough** acknowledged the passing of former Councilor Judith Noonan.

**Ms. Goldthwait** thanked all five people who were willing to run for Council.

**Mr. Hochman** congratulated Joe and Gary on their reelection and thanked Nate, Jen and Peter for running.

**Ms. Peacock** said she hopes, coming out of the election, to change how we talk about some of the challenges and decisions the town is facing. She appreciated the idea, from Bates professor Ethan Miller in his book, “Reimagining Livelihoods,” that businesses, the community and the environment are not separate from each other; they’re the same thing. She encouraged “calling in” rather than “calling out,” trying to really listen and meet people where they are.

**Mr. Friedmann** thanked Liz Graves for her work on the election. He is looking forward to trying to bring the community together to find the best compromises possible.

**Mr. Dobbs** thanked the Council for electing him Chair and said he shares the goal of bringing the community together.

- V. ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Hochman, with second by Ms. Cough, moved to adjourn at 5:46 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

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Elizabeth N. Graves, Town Clerk