

**THE RECORD
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2020
Town of Bar Harbor**

The Town of Bar Harbor Special Town Meeting was held in conjunction with the State of Maine General Election in the Municipal Building auditorium, third floor. The Town Clerk called the meeting to order at 7:55 a.m. Election clerks in attendance were: Democrats - Valerie Davis, Jane Tawney, John O'Brien, Elizabeth Hubbell, Burt Wartell, Teagan White, Mark Carignan and Robert Goodwin; Republicans – Christine Witham, Sandra Henderson, Laura Ingerson, Charles Saul, Suzanne Saul, Barbara Hepburn, James Riley, Edwin Garrett and Scott Hammond; and Unenrolled – Karen McFarland, Kaitlen Mullen, Peggy Danneman, Sarah Jackson, Wayne Wilson, Clark Stivers, Anna Louise Lopez and Catherine Preston-Schreck.

Article 1 - ELECTION OF MODERATOR - *To choose a Moderator to preside at the 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 moved and duly seconded that nominations cease. Motion passed unanimously. There were three ballots cast with all three votes for William Ferm. Mr. Ferm was elected moderator and sworn in by the Town Clerk. John O'Brien, Charles Saul and Clark Stivers were appointed by the moderator as Deputy Moderators and were duly sworn in. The Moderator declared the polls open at 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

There were 3,559 Town ballots cast, including 2,971 absentee ballots plus 8 UOCAVA absentee ballots. The election results were as follows:

Article 2 - CHARTER MODIFICATION: Shall the Town of Bar Harbor approve the charter modification to 1. Clarify the recording of recommendations on Town Warrants and Ballots, 2. Change the Warrant Committee's responsibilities to consideration of the Municipal Budget and Land Use Ordinance amendments, and 3. Remove review and recommendations of Citizen Initiative and Referendum from the Town Council, Warrant Committee, School Committee and Planning Board, as presented in the Town Meeting Warrant?

Recommendations:

The nine-member Charter Commission recommends adoption, by a vote of 7 to 2.

The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 1.

The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends rejection by a vote of 15 to 4.

VOTED: This article was defeated by the following votes:

YES 1,527 NO 1,729

Article 3 - CHARTER MODIFICATION: Shall the Town of Bar Harbor approve the charter modification to allow for the use of electronic voting as presented in the Town Meeting Warrant?

Recommendations:

The nine-member Charter Commission recommends adoption, by a vote of 9 to 0.

*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 18 to 0.*

VOTED: This article passed by the following votes:

YES 2,864 NO 517

Article 4 - CHARTER MODIFICATION: Shall the Town of Bar Harbor approve the charter modification to provide a process that allows the Town Council to amend the Land Use Ordinance when an amendment is procedural or minor in that it seeks to correct, modify, or reconcile inconsistencies, contradictions, and errors or to bring the land use ordinance into compliance with statutes, after it has first been recommended by the Town Planner, discussed at Public Hearings and recommended by a supermajority of both the Planning Board and Town Council, as presented in the Town Meeting Warrant?

Recommendations:

*The nine-member Charter Commission recommends adoption, by a vote of 7 to 2.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 1.
The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends rejection by a vote of 15 to 3.*

VOTED: This article passed by the following votes:

YES 1,717 NO 1,574

Article 5 - CHARTER MODIFICATION: Shall the Town of Bar Harbor approve the charter modification to change the language in Articles IV and V of the Charter that would: 1. clarify the Town Manager's residency requirement; 2. ensure that human resource procedures are compliant with State and Federal laws; 3. clarify the role of a Town Planner; 4. allow for additional legal counsel for the Town, if needed, and; 5. establish rotating terms for School Committee members; as presented in the Town Meeting Warrant?

Recommendations:

*The nine-member Charter Commission recommends adoption, by a vote of 9 to 0.
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: This article passed by the following votes:

YES 3,051 NO 305

Article 6 - CHARTER MODIFICATION: Shall the Town of Bar Harbor approve the charter modification to remove specific salaries for Town Council and School Committee listed in the Charter and provide for annually establishing salaries as part of the

budget voted on at Town Meeting as presented in the Town Meeting Warrant?

Recommendations:

The nine-member Charter Commission recommends adoption, by a vote of 9 to 0.

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 18 to 1.

VOTED: This article passed by the following votes:

YES 2,861 NO 464

Article 7 - CHARTER MODIFICATION: Shall the Town of Bar Harbor approve the charter modification to establish a new process for the development and adoption of the annual budget that provides for both the Town Council and Warrant Committee to conduct their reviews concurrently as presented in the Town Meeting Warrant?

Recommendations:

The nine-member Charter Commission recommends adoption, by a vote of 9 to 0.

The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 7 to 0.

The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends rejection by a vote of 15 to 4.

VOTED: This article passed by the following votes:

YES 1,920 NO 1,332

Article 8 - CHARTER MODIFICATION: Shall the Town of Bar Harbor approve the charter modification to establish an election process for the Warrant Committee that is consistent with the other elected bodies of the Town and set the Warrant Committee membership number at 15 from 22 as presented in the Town Meeting Warrant?

Recommendations:

The nine-member Charter Commission recommends adoption, by a vote of 8 to 1.

The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 1.

The 22-member Warrant Committee recommends rejection by a vote of 16 to 3.

VOTED: This article passed by the following votes:

YES 1,834 NO 1,422

Article 9 - CHARTER MODIFICATION: Shall the Town of Bar Harbor approve the charter modification to establish that the due date for filing of nomination papers be not less than 60 days before the election in order to be consistent with the State of Maine as presented in the Town Meeting Warrant?

Recommendations:

The nine-member Charter Commission recommends adoption, by a vote of 9 to 0.

*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: This article passed by the following votes:

YES 3,050 NO 260

Article 10 - CHARTER MODIFICATION: Shall the Town of Bar Harbor approve the charter modification to require that a Public Hearing be held for any proposed Initiative or Referendum as presented in the Town Meeting Warrant?

Recommendations:

*The nine-member Charter Commission recommends adoption, by a vote of 9 to 0.
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 16 to 3.*

VOTED: This article passed by the following votes:

YES 3,036 NO 262

This meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. by acclamation.

Attest:

Sharon M. Linscott Town Clerk of Bar Harbor