



Warrant Committee Minutes
Town of Southwest Harbor
 14 February 2024 - 6:00 pm
 Town Office & Zoom

1. Call to Order: Meeting Called to Order at 6:01 pm by Ellen Pope. In Chair Priscilla Kionsyck's absence, Vice Chair Ellen Pope led the meeting. She noted that while the committee's charge is to review and endorse or decline to endorse budget Warrant Articles for FY, there is an opportunity to offer comments or recommendations in an accompanying memo from the committee's chair.

2. Roll Call

Committee:

Status	Position	Name
Not Present	Chair	Priscilla Ksionzyk
Present in person	Vice Chair	Ellen Pope
Present via zoom	Member	Anne Trotter
Present in person	Member	Melanie Lisy
Present in person	Member	Lydia Goetze
Present in person	Member	Carl Wrubel
Present in person	Member	Don Lodge
Present in person	Member	Alan Rosenquist

Also Present:

Status	Position	Name
Present in person		Dave Ashworth
Present in person	Southwest Harbor Nursing Association	Kristen Hutchins
Present in person	Southwest Harbor Nursing Association	Andy Cline
Present in person	Town Manager	Marilyn Lowell
Present via zoom	Select Board	Jim Vallette (left 6:48 pm)

3. Adoption of the Agenda - Request of the Vice Chair for a motion to adopt the agenda
Motion (Alan), second (Lydia) - passed 7-0-0
4. Approval of Minutes of 7 Feb: motion to accept minutes with changes - Moved by Ellen, seconded by Lydia - passed 7-0-0
Approval of Minutes of 31 Jan motion to table - Moved by Ellen, seconded by Lydia - passed 7-0-0
5. Discussion with Southwest Harbor Nursing Association on budget increase request, this line item as well as Library and Harbor House has moved (recategorized) from "Community Service Organizations" to "Contracted Services".
Recommendation to examine whether this recategorization is a good idea as it might obscure the funding decisions. Don will draft a memo to the Select Board recommending that these items be retained as separate warrant articles.
6. Deferred Mr. Vallette's solid waste discussion until next meeting.
7. Discussion on admin with Town Manager: potential changes to budget projections. Discussion on potential for adding in online payments for town taxes, including advantages and potential risks. Does code enforcement pay for itself? Ie, revenue exceeds cost? Yes, self-supporting.
8. Discussion on Pemetec School budget including note that school enrollment is down but budget is going up. School enrollment is down due to lack of year round residents and lack of affordable available housing
9. Feb 21st Agenda discussion: Fire, Highway, discussion following as time permits: (community service orgs will be skipped as all agree that budget is fine for those), start on boards and committees: conservation commission. Discussed Mt. Heights cemetery budget as part of agenda.
10. Next Meeting Date: February 21, 2024 6pm Town Office. Motion to confirm by Lydia, seconded by Carl Passed (vote7-0-0)
11. Adjournment: Motion for adjournment @ 7:45 pm. motion Carl, second Don. Passed (vote 7-0-0)