



Warrant Committee Minutes Southwest Harbor
 4 Feb 2026 1800
 Town Office & Zoom

Time	Event	Action	Outcome
1802	Call to Order	Meeting Called to Order at 1802 by Anne Trotter, Chair	
1803	Roll Call	Position	Name
	Chair	Anne Trotter	Present in person
	Vice Chair	Ellen Pope	Present via zoom
	Secretary	Mark Amstutz	Present via zoom
	Member	Don Lodge	Present in person
	Member	Lydia Goetze	Present via zoom
	Member	Carl Wrubel	Present in person
	Member	Alan Rosenquist	Present via zoom
	Member	Bryan Stevens	Present in person
	Member	Colin Samuel	Present in person
	Town Manager	Karen Reddersen	Present in person
1808	Technical pause for streaming issue		
1813	Town Manager Karen Rederson presented technical discussion points on minutes	Zoom recordings now offer written transcripts	
		Discussion on AI notification and consent	

		Proposed modifications to the Warrant Committee Ordinance missed the deadline for the May town meeting and has been moved to November	
	Lydia asked a question on the changes to the agreed upon schedule		
	Adoption of the Agenda -	Adopted with modification that we will not review budget today as not everyone has a budget book, but will set the schedule Motion Don Lodge, second Carl Wrubel	Passed, 9-0-0
	Welcome New Members -unanimous welcome		
1824	Approval of Minutes of 8 Dec 2025	Approved as written motion Ellen Pope, second Carl Wrubel. Lydia abstained	Passed, 8 aye, 1 abstain, 0 nay
1830	Review of tentative committee schedule and develop further agendas	Mark proposed Karen provide overview of budget tonight as not everyone had the books yet, Karen agreed.	
1834	Karen provides overview:	Revenues up 7.8% Administration needs another deputy clerk - overview of workload justification (partly due to 5 elections this year)	
		Water & sewer increase of 15%- we cover infrastructure, rent fire hydrants	
		Code enforcement - new officer, new software	
		Boards & committees 15k	
		Contracted services may see updates	
		Debt services - wastewater treatment (is going well)	
		Insurance - prices are up	
		Municipal buildings - portapotties are now handicap accessible, slightly increased cost (also covers portapotties for race day)	
		Community service orgs who did not get an application in by the deadline are not getting money, show as 0 on sheet.	
		Ambulance increase is significant, they hired a professional director who starts soon. Alan noted he had seen a presentation on the new director had had significant confidence about this change.	

		Highways, Police, Dispatch - increases are union negotiated, cannot be adjusted. Potential to shift CIP funds for cruiser to full time position?	
		Recommendation: look closely at Capital Improvement Plan section	
1915	Review of tentative committee schedule and develop further agendas	Agendas set	
	Next Meeting Date: 9 Feb 2026 at 1800		
1943	Motion for adjournment	by Ellen Pope, second Carl Wrubel.	Passed, 9-0-0