

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT WARRANT COMMITTEE

Minutes from

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Northeast Harbor Meeting Hall and via Zoom

Members Present: Phil Lichtenstein, Jerry Miller, Kathy Miller, Katrina Carter, Tim Murphy, Donna Beals, Mike Olsen, Sam McGee, Lauren Kuffler, Al Kimmery, Carmen Sanford, Jesse Hartson, Jamie Blaine, Megan Bailey, Owen Craighead

Zoom: Rosemary Matchak, Rodney Eason, Stephanie Reece

Excused: Bill Ferm, Craig Roebuck

Absent: Marina McGarr, Blakeslee Bell, Tate Bushell

Guests: Rick Mooers, BOS; Amy Wisehart, NEH Library; Steve Anastasia, Somesville Library; Paul Murphy, Downeast Transportation/Island Explorer; Wendy Livingston, Seal Harbor Library; Anne-Marie Hart, Neighborhood House, Durlin Lunt, Town Manager; Kyle Avila, Tax Assessor; Lisa Young, Tax Collector; Claire Woolfork, Town Clerk/Registrar; Jake Wright, Treasurer/Finance Director

- 1. 6:00pm Call Meeting to order
- 2. 6:01pm Welcomed new members Megan Bailey & Jamie Blaine
- 3. 6:05pm BOS member Rick Mooers briefed the WC on 3rd party funding policy revisions
- 4. 6:15pm Third party requests:
- Paul Murphy of Downeast Transportation requested \$14,000
- Amy Wisehart of NEH Library requested \$25,000 (a \$5,000 increase from the previous year)
- Anne-Marie Hart of the Neighborhood House requested a total of \$88,000
- Wendy Livingston of Seal Harbor Library requested \$4,000
- Steve Anastasia of Somesville Library requested \$12,000
 - 5. 6:45pm Town Manager Durlin Lunt guided the WC through the Town Administration budget.

- 6. 7:10pm Tax Assessor Kyle Avila guided the WC through his budget and explained 2022 revaluations after questioning from the WC
- 7. 7:20pm Tax Collector/Finance Clerk Lisa Young briefly explained her budget to the WC
- 8. 7:22pm Town Clerk Claire Woolfork briefly explained her budget to the WC
- 7:25pm Treasurer/Finance Director Jake Wright explained his budget and discussed the creation of a full time Administration Assistant position after questioning from the WC
- 10. 7:35pm Brief Roundtable discussion pertaining to the status of broadband coverage throughout the town. Kathy Miller offered a thorough update.
- 11. 7:45pm Adjournment

Upcoming Meeting: Tuesday, January 31 at 6:00pm at the meeting hall and by Zoom.

This meeting will focus on Public Works and the Marina Budget

Respectfully submitted,

Owen Craighead Recording Secretary