



TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT WARRANT COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Tuesday, February 23, 2021
6:00PM**

Approved March 2, 2021

Present (16): John Adams, Tate Bushell, Katrina Carter, Owen Craighead Jr., Jesse Hartson, Brian Henkel, Ellen Kappes, Stephanie Kelley Reece, Phil Lichtenstein, Samuel McGee, Jerry Miller, Kathleen Miller, Timothy Murphy, Donna Reis, Carmen Sanford, Craig Roebuck

Late (1): Rodney Eason

Excused (2): William Ferm, Gail Marshall

Absent (3): Blakeslee Bell, Norris Reddish, Marina McGarr

Guests: Kyle Avila, Noel Musson, Kim Keene, Dwight Lanpher

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Phil Lichtenstein.
- II. Announcements and welcome guests to the meeting – The next Warrant Committee meeting is March 2, 2021 at 6:00 PM and includes the MDES budget review. An additional Warrant Committee meeting may be required as a there are potentially 3rd party requests yet to be heard.
- III. A motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting of the Warrant Committee was made by Sam McGee and seconded by Jerry Miller. The minutes were approved.
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- IV. Noel Musson gave an overview of the proposed LUZO Articles including the proposed setback changes, lighting ordinance changes, private road setback, stream protection footnote changes, the basics of zoning areas, and the potential for an update to the Towns comprehensive plan. Kim Keene gave an overview of the Planning Board budget including Planning Board expenses increase, an upcoming update to shoreland zoning due to updated GIS capabilities, and expenditures for legal fees. Kim Keene also gave an update on the Code Enforcement budget including increases for software and the deputy Code Enforcement Officer. Kyle Avila gave an overview of the Assessment budget including, increased software expenses for cloud storage of valuation data and data backup. Kyle Avila also discussed increases in home values and the potential for an upcoming

evaluation of property values starting in July 2022.

- V. Round Table Discussion – The Warrant Committee discussed the agenda order for the previous nights Select Board meeting, the Third Party request application completeness, and Third Party request details being listed in the Warrant Articles. Additionally, the Warrant Committee discussed items to be considered for inclusion in the letter to the Town from the Warrant Committee including a tribute to Tom Savage, incorporation of the Northeast Harbor ambulance service in the Town fire department, the requirements for an entity to become an enterprise zone, and additional, proactive comprehensive planning. The Warrant Committee also discussed the effectiveness of the Mount Desert Elementary School in supporting students through the pandemic and the possibility of further discussion of the current comprehensive plan at the next Warrant Committee round table discussion,
- VI. Ellen Kappes moved to adjourn the Warrant Committee meeting and it was seconded by Jerry Miller. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.