

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
August 22, 2022
Minutes**

Called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

1. **Quorum and meeting attendance:** E. Best; J. Dow; S. Miller; B. Smythe; S. Dooley; N. Nadeau, Town Administrator; L. Dow, Town Clerk; Ann Rioux; Jenn Jackson; Kathleen and Brian Soper; Gavin Riggall; Mary Alice Hurvitt; Wilson King
2. **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2022:** 5-0 approved.
3. **Public Comment:** Members of the community expressed their growing concern for the excess speeding on Pleasant Street, in light of the recent crash resulting in death of a local man and multiple speed relation motor vehicle incidences. Both Ann Rioux and Jenn Jackson reported on their conversations with Hancock County Sheriff's office and the Maine Department of Transportation and were told to discuss various issues and requests with the town. Ann asked that one of the Town's speed signs be placed on Pleasant St. The Board agreed. Nick will contact Bed Adams and ask him to reach out to the DOT Regional Traffic Engineer to discuss other options. The Board requested that Nick contact the Maine State Police for options for presence here in town.

Old Business:

1. **Road Safety and Noise:** Butler's report followed the public comment portion, to which he did add that there have been complaints of loud trucks and speeding during the afternoon hours and specifically on Pleasant Street. The Board noted that this might be another area for priority State Police enforcement.
2. **Broadband CCI Update-** See update on Butler's report.
3. **Planning Board/Land Use fees-** Members of the planning board presented their proposed fee schedule and to review with the Board. Mary Alice voiced her concern for the lack of support the Planning Board has had over the last couple of years, specifically from the Code Enforcement Officer.

New Business:

1. **USDA Rural Development Grant Application Public Hearing-** A public hearing is scheduled for Monday 08/29 @5:00pm to discuss the Wastewater Treatment Plant grant funding application. Scott moved that repayment of the USDA loan, in the event successfully obtained, would be the town's obligation. Sean seconded. 5-0 approved.
2. **Abatements- Personal Property-** Personal property BETE and real estate homestead exemption both omitted in error from the original commitment. Scott moved that the homestead exemption abatement be granted. __ seconded. 5-0 approved. Scott moved that the BETE abatement be granted. __ seconded. 5-0 approved.

Administrator Business

1. **Town Park signage & lighting**-Both the town park signs and the lighting for the Town Park have been ordered and expected to be delivered this week.
2. **Complaints at Town Park - Water St.**- Nick discussed some complaints that he has been receiving regarding the park and the Monday night event's occurring. He said that it's too late in the summer now to tackle this, but will look at updating and adding ordinances in order to better enforce guidelines at town parks for next year.
3. **Authorize adding N. Nadeau to Town & Transfer Station Bank Accounts**- Scott moved adding Nicholas Nadeau to bank accounts at Bar Harbor Bank as well as the First National. Jim seconded. 5-0 approved.
4. **Town Hall Parking**- Nick met with Ben to discuss the parking space in front of the side entrance of the Town Hall. Ben could easily carve out the spots to make more room and push back the granite blocks. The Board expressed again their hope that Ben be getting quotes from and contracting with other vendors for various projects. Nick agreed and will discuss it with Ben. Nick will also look into the agreement with the state for accelerated repairs of state or state-aid roads (subsequently reimbursed by the state).
5. **Sidewalk – Parker Point**- Nick stated that he and Ben identified Parker Point Rd. as an area to extend the sidewalk. The Board agreed but pointed out that MDOT upgraded portions of the Tenney Hill sidewalk and suggested that that work be completed to a similar standard by the Town. Nick will work with Ben to get the work on Tenney Hill scheduled and completed before considering Parker Point Rd. or other roads for new or improved sidewalks.
6. **GSA Update**- Town notified GSA of new billing and Brock Muir, Director of Finance at GSA, replied that GSA would bill same as previous years without acknowledging current monthly billing. GSA did not separately invoice Town for additional voter-approved monies. Board agreed to invite a GSA rep to next meeting to resolve billing issues so Town and Union 93 can expedite payment of tuition and additional voter-approved monies.

Other Business

1. **Updates/Reminders**
 - a. **Rep. Golden Touring Wastewater Facility: Round table discussion at the library- 12:30 limited attendance. August 24th @ 2:15**
 - b. **Next SB Meeting: August 29th @ 5:30pm**

Scott made a motion to adopt the fee schedule as proposed by the Planning Board with the exception of the driveway opening and residential building inspection being omitted until supporting ordinances were enacted. Butler seconded. 4-0 approved ([Dow] absent).

Warrant signatures- Warrants were signed

Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm