**Town of Blue Hill**

**Select Board Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Monday July 25,2022**

**Town Hall**

**Called the meeting to order at 5:30pm**

1. **Quorum and meeting attendance- E. Best, J. Dow, S. Miller, B. Smythe, S. Dooley; Lyndsey Dow, Town Clerk; Robert Carter, Cemetery Sexton; Jeff Milliken; Becky Wentworth; Vaughn Leach; Nicholas Sichterman; Caroline Jeffrey,**
2. **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2022- Approved 5-0**
3. **Public Comment-Becky Wentworth asked for clarification on whether there would be an opportunity or not to ask questions at the end of the meeting. Both portions will be at the discretion of the Select Board members.**

**Old Business:**

1. **Cemetery Update-**
	1. **Robert Carter attended to review various issues as well as what he discussed with Lyndsey regarding the current process for selling cemetery plots. Per Bobby’s recommendation, Scott made a motion to price the unsold plots as follows:**
		1. **Mountain View: 10’x10’ plots to be sold for $600 and 5’x5’ plots be laid out for cremations and sold for $300**
		2. **Seaside Cemetery: 10’x10’ sold for $1,000 and 5’x5’ lots laid out for cremations and sold for $500. Sean Second. 5-0 approved.**
	2. **Scott moved to extend the moratorium of plot sales until Tuesday 8/2 after review and revision of the current “deed” format and the Select Board’s tour of both cemeteries. Sean Second. 5-0 approved.**
2. **Board of Appeals meeting dates set- The Appeals Board is scheduled to meet August 1st and 5th at the Blue Hill Fire Station. Lyndsey will reach out to Matt and Randy.**
3. **TS operating agreement – Scott distributed the TS agreement and received feedback from a couple other SB members. There has been no feedback from the prospective operator.**
4. **FOAA request- As the FOAA officer; Sydney responded to the request last Thursday and will begin preparing to look for items pertaining to the request.**
5. **Climate Resilience Committee- Jeff Milliken submitted a final draft of prospects for the Climate Resilience Committee. Scott submitted a draft charter for the committee and the board will review and vote next week (8/1)**
6. **Interim TA update-** On Tuesday morning, July 19, Dow met with Hayes, and they agreed that Hayes service would end on the 19th. Dow expressed the Board's gratitude to Hayes for his help and sent a thank you letter as well.
7. **Plowing Contract-** Ellen and Lyndsey both talked with Mike Cook regarding his current plowing contact not due to expire until May 2023. He expressed his grievances which included an issue with the new Road Commissioner. Ellen offered to talk with Ben about this. He also wanted to receive his check on the first of the month which the Ellen didn’t see a problem with and the board agreed. Ellen will follow up with Mike thereafter.

**New Business:**

1. **Budget Review Committee**- The Budget Review Committee (BRC) met with GSA representatives on July 19 to discuss the school's budget planning process.  The meeting produced several new questions from the BRC, and several prior questions remain unanswered.  BRC will be submitting written follow up questions to, and scheduling another meeting with, GSA.
2. **Review and edit draft Special Town Meeting warrant and ordinance amendments**
3. **Schedule Liquor License renewal and special amusement permit- Sandy’s Blue Hill Café**- Scott moved to schedule hearing for August 15th @ 5:45. Sean Second 5-0 approved.

**Other Business**

1. **GSA Energy Inquiry**- TABLED
2. **Quick Check in from Town Clerk—**Lyndsey reported issues with Trio causing a delay in the tax commitment. Town Hall staff still seeing influx of vehicle registrations. We are currently helping Surry with NEW registrations while they are closed this week. Lyndsey asked the board to weigh in on their view of providing plates for other towns. Scott moved that, effective September 1st, the Town Office will only complete registrations for Blue Hill residents. Sean second. Lyndsey and Jim will draft a letter to submit to the surrounding towns to notify them. 5-0 approved.
3. **CEO Resignation-** Martin Conant our current Code Enforcement Officer and Licensed Plumbing Inspector submitted his letter of resignation with his term with us ending August 31st. The board agreed to begin the search for his replacement and put an ad in the paper once the job description has been reviewed.
4. **Updates/Reminders**
	1. Public Hearing- ACOE Dredging Project August 11 @5:30
	2. Board of Appeals Meetings August 1st and 5th @5:15pm at the Firehouse.

**Warrant signatures-** Warrants signed

**Adjourn-** Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm