

Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday August 22, 2022, at 5:30 PM
Town Hall

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Call Select Board Meeting to Order

1. Quorum and meeting attendance
2. Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2022
3. Public Comment-

Old Business:

1. Road Safety and Noise – Pleasant St.
2. Broadband CCI Update
3. Planning Board/Land Use fees

New Business:

1. USDA Rural Development Wastewater grant/loan application & public hearing

Administrator Business

1. Town Park signage & lighting – update
2. Complaints at Town Park - Water St.
3. Authorize adding N. Nadeau to Town & Transfer Station Bank Accounts
4. Town Hall Parking
5. Sidewalk – Parker Point
6. GSA Update

Other Business

1. Updates/Reminders
 - a. Rep. Golden Touring Wastewater Facility: August 24th @ 2:15
 - b. Next SB Meeting: August 29th @ 5:30pm

Warrant signatures

Adjourn

TOWN OF BLUE HILL

2022

FEE SCHEDULE

PERMIT TYPE ⁱ	FEE	Minimum Fee	Notes
Advertising	Cost + 10%	\$50.00	Public Hearing notices
Cell Tower Permit	\$.20 /ft ²	\$500.00	Total fenced area
Flood Zone Permit	\$.30 /ft ²	\$250.00	See note 2.
Driveway Opening Permit	\$75.00	\$75.00	Executed MDOT permit must be provided
Residential Building Permit	\$.20 /ft ²	\$300.00	Incl. all floors + basement + decks
Sewer, Commercial Permit	\$500 + \$5.00	\$500.00	See note 5.
Sewer, Residential Permit	\$500 /unit	\$500.00	\$500.00 per unit on property.
Shoreland Zone Permit	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Site Plan Review, Commercial	\$300 + \$.30 /ft ²	\$300.00	\$.30 /ft ² for building area over 1000 ft ²
Solar, Commercial (CSPRO)	\$.40 /ft ²	\$250.00	Solar panel surface area
Plumbing Permit	\$15/fixture	\$100.00	
Structures Over Water Permit	\$1.00 /ft ²	\$100.00	Docks, floats, piers etc. See note 3.
Subdivision Permit	\$100.00	\$300.00	Per lot (or unit) and per review
Subsurface Wastewater Permit	\$250	\$250.00	Engineered design required
Technical Review Fee (CSPRO)	\$150.00	\$150.00	Per 2000 ft ² See note 4.
Wind Energy System Permit	\$20.00 /kW	\$500.00	Nameplate capacity

1. Refer to ordinance in all cases
2. In addition to any permit(s) required
3. Applicable to all surface areas
4. Applicable to each 2000 ft², or any part thereof, of all new impervious surfaces
5. Non-residential connection fees shall be based on the design flow of the building use cited in the design flow table of the most recent edition of the sub-surface sewer rules of the State of Maine. The fee shall be \$500 for the first 270 gallons of design flow and \$5 per gallon of design flow thereafter

Belated Fee: The customary permit fees above shall triple where work commences prior to the issuance of all appropriate permits.

Select Board Areas of Responsibility Report – Butler Smythe

Roads/Public Safety

1. Truck Noise: I have recently been made aware of some in-village “noise” issues that have been clarified based on a recent call and specific questions from myself, that had not been previously made available. This is not specific to speeding cars or loud and sometimes fast trucks going up Tenny Hill as they try to make the grade... or those going down and failing to come close to the speed limit on any road leading into the village. This is about pickups - speed, noise and behavior that may have a broader relevance.

Issue

- a. Excessive noise and speed caused by pickup trucks going UP Pleasant St. between approximately 3:30-5:00pm.
 - i. Speed limit is 25 going uphill until just after Baptist Church, where it changes to 35.
- b. Other locations may have similar issues but I have not heard of those similar specifics.
- c. A comment was made to me that this is related to political commentary from the drivers, and I researched that and there is potentially some validity.
- d. I made a point of stating that those with issues need to document the problem’s specifics and present it in writing and even better – express it in one of our weekly Select Board meetings where everyone can hear it. All details in #1 came from someone that doesn’t live on Pleasant St. but has had conversations with those that do. There is no documentation from prior complaints – or details.

Of note:

- 1) We can request that the Hancock County Sheriff takes this issue on, but specific patrolling requests would be a part of overtime that a deputy would have to volunteer to take on after the request is posted on their in-house request board. There is no guarantee anyone will volunteer - as has happened in the past! We cannot promise that someone will show up.
 - 2) Costs would be borne by the town with no reimbursement from speeding tickets or otherwise – at least that is how it is assumed to work and will investigate those details.
 - 3) Speed signs do not work in this case and \$ for electronic speed signs do not work either.
2. Delivery Truck Parking: Mill St and Main St. both have specific delivery truck unloading issues with Mill St. being completely blocked off at Sandy’s as noted by several residents attempting to use the road or get out of parking spots.

Broadband

1. Met with CCI via ZOOM with ALL Peninsula towns represented – including Castine. Discussed and obtained further insight into Fidium fiber build. A brief summary/overview follows and the PUB site is updated.
 - a. Waiting for federal NEPA approval, but CCI will start build sooner with RDOF (FCC awarded) funding.
 - b. Start August 2022 and Complete Dec 2022
 - c. Those Pre-Ordered on the Fidium site will get 45-day notice via email that they can subscribe for service.
 - d. CCI would like to get copper phone line use changed over to Fiber (via VOIP) and encourage that with price, better service and support for battery backup...

Town Park

1. Camping is via Vans and other vehicles – not tents. Noted two vehicles after the fact from Quebec.

Select Board Report

Scott Miller

For the August 22, 2022 Meeting

Marine Resources

<nothing noteworthy>

Land Use/Planning

SolAmerica Solar Panel Permit Appeal. At the end of the August 18 public hearing, the Appeals Board scheduled a further meeting on September 1, 6:30pm for deliberation on the appeal.

Fees. We'll discuss the proposed fees at our meeting. My biggest issue, as already noted, is the lack of an ordinance basis for several of them (like residential building permits).

Transfer Station

Operating Agreement. Continue to work on a draft of the agreement; I expect we will distribute something this coming week.

Finance/Administration

Grant Opportunity. MDOT has established a grant program to help municipalities pay for replacing or upgrading culverts and stream crossings—I have forwarded the information to Ben A. and Butler S.

School Union Fiscal Agency Costs. Becky has estimated that she spends 1.5 hrs/week on school warrants and cash receipting school funds (of which I think very little can be attributed to the School Union), and 1.25 hrs/month on reconciliation of the school checking account. I think the amount of any fiscal agency fee would be very small, but I nonetheless think it should be part of any fiscal agency agreement to establish the precedent that the service does involve extra work for the Town and is not free. This will be especially important if the amount of work increases substantially in the future or we identify other Town costs appropriately allocated to the School Union.

Plowing; Salt/Sand. I have reviewed the plowing contracts and marked some changes as discussed last week. At this point, awaiting the cost figures that build up to the \$65,000 2022-23 cost we discussed at the meeting.

Technology

Old Website. The old website has been decommissioned, and the old URL is redirected to the new site (<https://bluehillme.gov>).