

Town of Blue Hill  
**2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

State of Maine, County of Hancock  
Town of Blue Hill

To: Jeff Milliken, a resident of said Blue Hill, in said County.

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to warn and notify the voters of Blue Hill, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the auditorium at the Town Hall, Blue Hill, on Friday, April 7, 2023, at 9:30 am, then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

***NOTE:** Articles 2 through 4 are set out in a written ballot to be acted upon Friday, April 7. The polls will be open for voting in the auditorium at the Town Hall at 10:00 am and close at 8:00 pm. The meeting will reconvene Saturday, April 8, 2023 at the Blue Hill Consolidated School gymnasium at 9:00 am and will run until adjourned by the moderator.*

**ARTICLE 2.** Election of officers

**ARTICLE 3.** Harbor Dredging Project

**ARTICLE 4.** Additional GSA Payment

**ARTICLE 5.** To authorize the moderator at his/her discretion, to dispense with the complete reading or re-reading of an article and allow the Town to vote by written ballot upon a request from 10 or more voters.

**ARTICLE 6.** To authorize the moderator to continue his/her responsibilities until all articles have been received and verified as to the outcome.

**EDUCATION ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 7.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Regular Instruction. (Elementary Instruction Program, Secondary Instruction Program, Alternative Education, English as a 2nd Language, Gifted and Talented)

**School Committee Recommends: \$3,875,858.40**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,875,858.40**

**ARTICLE 8.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Special Education. (Special Education Programs and Administration)

**School Committee Recommends: \$969,741.07**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$969,741.07**

**ARTICLE 9.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Other Instruction. (Co-curricular, Extra-curricular, Summer School)

**School Committee Recommends: \$57,355.18**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$57,355.18**

**ARTICLE 10.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Student and Staff Support. (Guidance Services, Health Services, Library Services, Instructional Technology, Instructional Staff Training, Curriculum Development)

**School Committee Recommends: \$331,964.14**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$331,964.14**

**ARTICLE 11.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for System Administration. (School Board Services, Office of the Superintendent Services)

**School Committee Recommends: \$180,900.40**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$180,900.40**

**ARTICLE 12.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for School Administration.

**School Committee Recommends: \$311,445.88**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$311,445.88**

**ARTICLE 13.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Transportation and Buses.

**School Committee Recommends: \$347,053.84**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$347,053.84**

**ARTICLE 14.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Facilities Maintenance. (Maintenance/Custodial, Capital Enhancement & Improvement, Capital Renewal & Renovation)

**School Committee Recommends: \$459,068.47**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$459,068.47**

**ARTICLE 15.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

**School Committee Recommends: \$127,492.33**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$127,492.33**

**ARTICLE 16.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for All Other Expenditures, including the food service program with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the food service program.

**School Committee Recommends: \$203,558.27**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$203,558.27**

**ARTICLE 17.** To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the Town will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

**School Committee Recommends that \$4,238,184.77 be appropriated  
and \$3,892,415.17 be raised.**

**Budget Committee Recommends that \$4,238,184.77 be appropriated  
and \$3,892,415.17 be raised.**

*State-Mandated Explanation: The town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.*

**ARTICLE 18. (Written Ballot Required).** To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

**School Committee and Budget Committee Recommend \$2,464,053.21** for additional local funds and give the following reason for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$2,464,053.21**: in order to maintain current programs and offerings.

*State-Mandated Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Blue Hill Public Schools budget for educational programs.*

**ARTICLE 19.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, local funds for debt service on non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

**School Committee Recommends: \$6,864,437.98**

**Budget Committee Recommends: \$6,864,437.98**

**ARTICLE 20.**

To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to raise and appropriate funds for the Technology Reserve Fund (current balance is \$10,000.00).

**School Committee Recommends: \$5,000.00**

**Budget Committee Recommends: \$5,000.00**

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to raise and appropriate funds for the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund (current balance is \$95,000.00).

**School Committee Recommends: \$20,000.00**

**Budget Committee Recommends: \$20,000.00**

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will appropriate \$491,000 for **payments to be made on behalf of other School Union 93 towns**, representing their shares of the School Union’s costs, to be fully reimbursed by payments to be received from these other towns.

**Select Board Recommends: \$491,000.00**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$491,000.00**

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will appropriate \$412,000 for **educational expenditures** funded by **federal, state, and other grants**.

**Select Board Recommends: \$412,000.00**  
**Budget Committee Recommends: \$412,000.00**

**RECURRING MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES**

**General Government**

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$332,700 from **Property Tax** and appropriate \$20,000 from **Fees** and \$150,000 from **Revenue Sharing** for the **General Government Account**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 463,800	\$ 430,223	\$ 502,700	\$ 502,700

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$105,000 from **Property Tax**, with \$95,000 appropriated for the **Town Hall** account and \$10,000 appropriated to the **Town Hall Reserve**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 177,500	\$ 154,339	\$ 105,000	\$ 105,000

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$27,000 from **Property Tax** for **Select Board Wages and Payroll Taxes**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 27,000	\$ 16,150	\$ 27,000	\$ 27,000

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$113,200 from **Property Tax** and appropriate \$14,000 from **Fees** and \$4,000 from **donated funds** for **Other Government Activities**, including the Code Enforcement/Plumbing Inspector; the Planning Board; the Animal Control Officer; tax assessing, mapping and quarterly review activity; and the Town Administrator’s discretionary fund.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 94,300	\$ 81,312	\$ 131,200	\$ 131,200

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 from **Property Tax** for **General Assistance** and/or for the discretionary use by the Overseers of the Poor for those “in need.”

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 10,000	\$ 3,974	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$385,164 from **Property Tax** for the **Hancock County Tax**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 394,000	\$ 364,452	\$ 385,164	\$ 385,164

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$154,961 from **Property Tax** and \$75,000 from the **Treatment Plant Reserve** to pay principal and interest due on **Municipal Bonds and Notes**.

	<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
USDA/Sewer ext.	\$ 102,394	\$ 102,394	\$ 102,394	\$ 102,394
MMBB	91,835	91,835	91,835	91,835
BHBT/High St. bridge	15,732	15,732	15,732	15,732
USDA/WWTP upgrade	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
Total	\$ 209,961	\$ 209,961	\$ 229,961	\$ 229,961

***NOTE:** BHCS construction loan payments are included in the school budget.*

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 from **Property Tax** and authorize the Select Board to expend up to \$25,000, as they deem advisable, to meet **Unanticipated Expenses and Emergencies**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 25,000	\$ 340	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000

### **Roads**

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200,543 from **Property Tax**, and appropriate \$600,000 from **Auto Excise Tax**, \$49,950 from **Local Road Assistance**, the full amount of the **Parker Point Road Reserve** (approximately \$38,375), and \$70,200 from **Unassigned Funds** for the **maintenance and improvements of highways and sidewalks**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 1,393,450	\$ 1,111,287	\$ 959,068	\$ 959,068

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,000,000 for major reconstruction of Town roads, and to fund this project, raise \$280,000 from **Property Tax**, appropriate \$680,000 from **Unassigned Funds**, and authorize the Select Board of the Town to issue general obligation bonds or notes in the name of the Town of Blue Hill in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,040,000, which bonds or notes may be made callable.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000

*See attached Treasurer's Statement*

**Public Safety**

**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$93,000 for the **Fire Department**, to be funded by raising and appropriating \$78,200 from **Property Tax** and by appropriating \$14,800 from **rental funds** received from Peninsula Ambulance Corps.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 85,000	\$ 79,653	\$ 93,000	\$ 93,000

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$190,507 from **Property Tax** and to appropriate the full amount of the **Fire Dams Reserve** (approximately \$9,493), \$100,000 from **Unassigned Funds**, and an \$80,000 donation from the **Blue Hill Fire Company** for the initial payment on a new fire truck with any unexpended funds to lapse into the **Fire Truck and Equipment Reserve**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 380,000	\$ 380,000

**ARTICLE 36.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$24,185 from **Property Tax** and appropriate the full amount of the **Law Enforcement Reserve** (approximately \$5,365) for **Other Public Safety and Emergency Services**, including the Hancock County RCC-911 dispatch service, forest fire suppression, emergency management, law enforcement, and streetlights.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 27,050	\$ 15,535	\$ 29,550	*

*\*See Budget Committee report in the Town's Annual Report*

### Waste Management

**ARTICLE 37.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$244,300 from **Sewer Fees** to fund the **Wastewater Treatment Plant Operation**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 227,100	\$ 227,705	\$ 244,300	\$ 244,300

**ARTICLE 38.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$10,000 from **Sewer Fees** for the **Disposal of Septic Tank Sludge**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 10,000	\$ 5,967	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000

**ARTICLE 39.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$270,000 from **Property Tax** for Blue Hill's share of operating the **Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Program**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 254,000	\$ 232,150	\$ 270,000	\$ 270,000

### Marine Resources

**ARTICLE 40.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$46,800 from **Boat Excise Tax, Mooring Fees, Dinghy Tie-up Fees, Shellfish License Fees**, \$14,024 from the **Marine Resources Reserve**, the full amount of **Town Wharf/Firehouse Paving Reserve** (approximately \$1,801) and the full amount of the **Float Repair/Replacement Reserve** (approximately \$975) to support **Marine Resource** activities, including Harbormaster stipend, Shellfish Warden activities, and routine maintenance, reports, legal fees and operational expenses for the South Blue Hill and Town wharves, with any unexpended balance to lapse to the Marine Resources Reserve.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 44,500	\$ 24,493	\$ 46,800	\$ 46,800

**ARTICLE 41.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$37,006 from the **Marine Resources Reserve**, and the full amount of the **Clam Management/Shellfish Reserve** (approximately \$19,994) to **engineer, construct and install four (4) replacement floats**, with any unexpended balance to lapse to the Marine Resources Reserve.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 57,000	\$ 57,000

## Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries

**ARTICLE 42.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$28,700 from **Property Tax**, appropriate \$50,000 from **Fees**, and appropriate \$5,000 from **donated funds** to administer and operate the Town's **Recreation Program**.

<u>2022 Appropriation</u>	<u>2022 Expended</u>	<u>2023 Select Board Recommends</u>	<u>2023 Budget Committee Recommends</u>
\$ 30,000	\$ 13,897	\$ 83,700	\$ 83,700

**ARTICLE 43.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$37,000 from **Property Tax** and appropriate the full amount of the **Playground Reserve** (approximately \$65,000) and \$4,000 from **donated funds** for the **Town Parks, Public Fields, Lawns, and Trees** with any unexpended balance to lapse to a Parks and Recreation Reserve.

<u>2022 Appropriation</u>	<u>2022 Expended</u>	<u>2023 Select Board Recommends</u>	<u>2023 Budget Committee Recommends</u>
\$ 35,000	\$ 19,097	\$ 106,000	\$ 106,000

**ARTICLE 44.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$57,230 from **Property Tax** and to appropriate the full amount of the **Cemetery Repairs/Maintenance Reserve** (approximately \$1,770) and \$6,000 from **donated funds** for the **Care, Upkeep and Capital Improvement of Cemeteries**.

<u>2022 Appropriation</u>	<u>2022 Expended</u>	<u>2023 Select Board Recommends</u>	<u>2023 Budget Committee Recommends</u>
\$ 65,000	\$ 34,929	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000

**ARTICLE 45.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 from **Property Tax** for **Memorial Day**.

<u>2022 Appropriation</u>	<u>2022 Expended</u>	<u>2023 Select Board Recommends</u>	<u>2023 Budget Committee Recommends</u>
\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000

## Third-Party Donation Requests

**ARTICLE 46.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$73,988 from **Property Tax** for the **Peninsula Ambulance Corps**.

<u>2022 Appropriation</u>	<u>2022 Expended</u>	<u>2023 Select Board Recommends</u>	<u>2023 Budget Committee Recommends</u>
\$ 65,619	\$ 65,619	\$ 73,988	\$ 73,988



**ARTICLE 47.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$90,500 from **Property Tax** for the **Blue Hill Public Library**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 87,500	\$ 87,500	\$ 90,500	\$ 90,500

**ARTICLE 48.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$2,000 from **Property Tax** for the **East Blue Hill Library**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000

**ARTICLE 49.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$4,500 from **Property Tax** for **Hancock County Home Care and Hospice** (Northern Light Home Care and Hospice).

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500

**ARTICLE 50.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$20,000 from **Property Tax** for the **Blue Hill Family YMCA/ Lawrence Family Fitness Center**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000

**ARTICLE 51.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$1,794 from **Property Tax** for the **Eastern Area Agency on Aging**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 1,495	\$ 1,495	\$ 1,794	\$ 1,794

**ARTICLE 52.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$1,500 from **Property Tax** for the **Blue Hill Historical Society**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500

**ARTICLE 53.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$2,600 from **Property Tax** for the **Blue Hill Society for Aid to Children**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600

**ARTICLE 54.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$10,888 from **Property Tax** for **Downeast Community Partners**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 10,888	\$ 10,888	\$ 10,888	\$ 10,888

**ARTICLE 55.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$2,350 from **Property Tax** for the **WIC Program**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 2,550	\$ 2,550	\$ 2,350	\$ 2,350

**ARTICLE 56.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$1,500 from **Property Tax** for **Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500

**ARTICLE 57.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$698 from **Property Tax** for the **LifeFlight Foundation**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 672	\$ 672	\$ 698	\$ 698

**ARTICLE 58.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$500 from **Property Tax** for the **Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 500	\$ 500

**ARTICLE 59.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$550 from **Property Tax** for **Downeast Transportation**.

2022 <u>Appropriation</u>	2022 <u>Expended</u>	2023 <u>Select Board Recommends</u>	2023 <u>Budget Committee Recommends</u>
\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 550

**NON-RECURRING MUNICIPAL BUDGET ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 60.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$6,125,096 for the **Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project**, to be funded with \$125,096 of **ARPA Funds**, \$2,750,000 of proceeds from a **USDA/Rural Development Loan**, and \$3,250,000 of **Federal Grant Funds**, with such funds to be available for this purpose without further appropriation until December 31, 2025.

*The Select Board recommends a “YES” vote.*  
*The Budget Committee recommends a “YES” vote.*

**ARTICLE 61.** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to establish a **Public Works Department**, including such full- or part-time employees and purchased and/or leased equipment as the Select Board deems advisable, *provided* that the costs incurred in establishing and operating the department shall be entirely paid for by spending reductions in related 2023 budget categories (such as those relating to roads, parks, and cemeteries).

*The Select Board recommends a “YES” vote.*  
*The Budget Committee recommends a “YES” vote.*

**ARTICLE 62.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$5,000 from **Property Tax** to **repair the hoist at the Blue Hill Village Wharf**.

*The Select Board recommends a “NO” vote.*  
*The Budget Committee recommends a “NO” vote.*

**ARTICLE 63.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$89,500 from the **Revaluation Reserve** for the **Revaluation of Real Property in the Town**, with such funds to be available for this purpose without further appropriation until December 31, 2025.

2023 <u>Select Board Recommends</u>	2023 <u>Budget Committee Recommends</u>
\$ 89,500	\$ 89,500

**ARTICLE 64.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 for a revision to the **Comprehensive Plan**, with \$30,000 to come from **Unassigned Funds** and \$30,000 to come from the **Comprehensive Plan Reserve**, with such funds to be available for this purpose without further appropriation until December 31, 2024.

2022 <u>Appropriation</u>	2022 <u>Expended</u>	2023 <u>Select Board Recommends</u>	2023 <u>Budget Committee Recommends</u>
\$ 30,000	\$ 0	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000

**ARTICLE 65.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$14,000 from **Unassigned Funds** for **surveys of Town-owned land**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000

**ARTICLE 66.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the full amount of the **Sidewalk Fund** (approximately \$100,000), the full amount of **Sidewalk Donations** (approximately \$3,200) and \$27,755 from **Unassigned Funds** to provide ‘matching funds’ for the **South Street Sidewalk Project**, with such funds to be available for this purpose without further appropriation until December 31, 2024.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 145,000	\$ 14,045	\$ 130,955	\$ 130,955

**ARTICLE 67.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the full amount of the **AA Field Walking Path Reserve** (approximately \$8,639) for **improvement and maintenance of the Walking Path**.

<u>2022</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Select Board</u> <u>Recommends</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommends</u>
\$ 8,639	\$ 0	\$ 8,639	\$ 8,639

**ARTICLE 68.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$654 from Undesignated Funds to cover the following overdrafts/shortfalls from the amounts appropriated for 2022.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Overdraft/Shortfall</b>
911 Signs	\$ 49
Wastewater Treatment Plant	<u>605</u>
Total	\$ 654

*The Select Board recommends a “YES” vote.*

**ARTICLE 69.** To see if the Town will vote to release the full amounts held in the following reserve accounts into **Unassigned Funds** and to eliminate the associated reserve accounts.

<b>Reserve Account</b>	<b>Approximate Balance</b>
250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reserve	\$ 1,731
Dodge Fountain Reserve	10,000
Elm Trees Reserve	3,485
AA Field Reserve	3,100
July 4 <sup>th</sup> Reserve	<u>11,363</u>
Total	\$ 26,889

*The Select Board recommends a “YES” vote.*

**ARTICLE 70.** To see if the Town raise and appropriate through a proposed loan of \$2,750,000 at an interest rate not to exceed 2.625% for a period of twenty-eight (28) years, from USDA Rural Development, for the purpose of Fiscal Year 2022 Waste Water Treatment Facility Upgrades Project in accordance with Loan Resolution (Public Bodies) RUS Bulletin 1780-27, and a proposed grant in the amount of \$1,250,000 in accordance with Grant Agreement RUS Bulletin 1780-12, to lapse into a WWTF capital improvement reserve account?

*The Select Board recommends a “YES” vote.*

*The Budget Committee recommends a “YES” vote.*

*See attached Treasurer’s Statement*

**NOTE:** This article was approved in December of 2022 at a special town meeting, but was missing the attached Treasurer’s Statement.

## **ORDINANCE ARTICLES**

### **AMENDMENTS TO COMMERCIAL SITE PLAN REVIEW ORDINANCE**

**ARTICLE 71.** *(By Citizens’ Petition)* Shall the Town of Blue Hill Commercial Site Plan Review Ordinance, Section 3, be amended as follows?

#### **B. Table of Land Uses**

<b>Land Use Activity</b>	<b>Site Plan Review Permit Required?</b>
17. <del>Any large-scale solar farm interconnected with a line tap to a subtransmission line with a voltage of 46kv or less.</del> <u>Any large-scale solar farm interconnected directly to the utility grid using a line tap to a transmission line of 46kV or greater and not interconnected through a distribution line or through a substation.</u>	Yes

#### **C. Prohibited Uses**

The following land use activities within the Town of Blue Hill, and any structures associated with such activities, are prohibited:

1. Any large-scale solar farm that does not meet the requirements of Section 3(B)(17), above. Notwithstanding 1 M.R.S. § 302, this prohibition shall be applicable to any large-scale solar farm that did not receive lawful site plan approval by the Planning Board on or before December 1, 2022.

*The Select Board recommends a “NO” vote.*

ARTICLE 72. In the event Article 71 is not adopted by this meeting, shall the Town of Blue Hill Commercial Site Plan Review Ordinance be amended by adding the words shown in underline and deleting the words shown in strikethrough, as follows:

**Section 2. Definitions**

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**Solar farm, local-scale:** A ground-mounted **solar energy system**, other than an **accessory solar energy system**, whose **solar land area** is less than 3.0~~does not exceed 2.5~~ acres and whose nameplate capacity is 500 kW (DC) or less.

**Solar farm, large-scale:** A ground-mounted **solar energy system**, other than an **accessory solar energy system**, whose **solar land area** is exceeds 2.5 3.0 acres or more whose nameplate capacity is greater than 500 kW (DC).

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**Section 3. Site Plan Review Required**

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**B. Table of Land Uses**

Land Use Activity	Site Plan Review Permit Required?
17. Any <del>large-scale solar farm</del> interconnected with a line tap to a subtransmission line with a voltage of 46kv or less.	Yes

**C. Prohibited Uses**

The following land use activities within the Town of Blue Hill, and any structures associated with such activities, are prohibited:

1. Any <del>large-scale solar farm</del> that does not meet the requirements of Section 3(B)(17), above.
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**Section 6. Site Plan Review Criteria**

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**O. Permissible Solar Farms**

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1. Minimum Setbacks: **Permissible solar farms** and all **structures** shall meet the following minimum setbacks:

	Minimum setback from any <b>lot line</b>	Minimum setback from any residence on an <b>abutting lot</b>
<b>Local-scale solar farm</b>	50 feet	150 feet
<del><b>Large-scale solar farm</b></del>	100 feet	100 feet
<b>Solar microgrid</b>	As the <b>permitting authority</b> determines is necessary to satisfy any other applicable requirements of this Ordinance	

*The Select Board recommends a “YES” vote, with 4 in favor and 1 opposed.*

**ARTICLE 73.** In the event **Article 72 is adopted by this meeting**, shall the Town of Blue Hill Commercial Site Plan Review Ordinance be amended by adding the words shown in underline, as follows?

**F. Effective Date; Date of Applicability**

The effective date of this Ordinance or any amendments hereto is the date of its adoption at a Town Meeting.

Notwithstanding 1 M.R.S.A. § 302 or any other law to the contrary, and regardless of the effective date, this Ordinance, as amended at a Town Meeting held on April 8, 2023, shall apply to all proceedings and applications that were or are pending before any **permitting authority** on or any time after February 14, 2023 (the “Date of Applicability”) and, to the extent allowed by 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3007(6), shall nullify the issuance of any final approval of a **permitting authority** made on or any time after the Date of Applicability.

*The Select Board recommends a “YES” vote, with 3 in favor and 2 opposed.*

**ARTICLE 74.** Shall an ordinance entitled “Blue Hill Commercial Site Plan Review Ordinance,” and further incorporating any amendments adopted at this Town Meeting, be enacted to replace the Commercial Site Plan Review Ordinance of the Town of Blue Hill, Maine?

*A copy of the proposed amendments to the ordinance is attached to the posted warrant and copies are available at the Town Office and at <https://bluehillme.gov>.*

**ARTICLE 75.** Shall an ordinance entitled “Blue Hill Subdivision Ordinance” be enacted to replace the Subdivision Ordinance of the Town of Blue Hill, Maine as adopted in October 1992 and any subsequent amendments?

*A copy of the proposed amendments to the ordinance is attached to the posted warrant and copies are available at the Town Office and at <https://bluehillme.gov>.*

**OTHER MUNICIPAL ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 76.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to fix compensation of labor, trucks, and equipment for Town services for fiscal year 2023.

**ARTICLE 77.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the following amounts of money and the interest to be used for **Perpetual Care of Cemetery Lots**.

<b>Seaside Cemetery</b>	
S. & W. Biochel	\$ 500
A. Williamson	500
S. Williamson	500
<b>Mountain View Cemetery</b>	
C. Stanko	<u>200</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,700</b>

**ARTICLE 78.** To see if the Town will vote to (1) authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepaid taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506; (2) fix the annual interest rate at 6.00% on overdue property taxes, tax liens, and tax acquired property; (3) set the date of October 16, 2023 for property tax payments after which interest will accrue on unpaid taxes; (4) increase the municipal property tax level limit of \$1,234,288 established by the State in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than this property tax limit; (5) authorized the Select Board to sell and repurchase lots in the Town’s cemeteries and accept payments for said lots; (6) authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed 4/12 of the amount assigned to each budget category of the 2023 Annual Budget during the period from January 1, 2024 to the 2024 Annual Town Meeting.

GIVEN UNTO OUR HANDS at Blue Hill, Maine this 10th day of March 2023

/s/ Ellen Best  
Ellen Best

/s/ Sean Dooley  
Sean Dooley

/s/ James Dow  
James Dow

/s/ D. Scott Miller  
D. Scott Miller

/s/ Butler Smythe  
Butler Smythe

A majority of the Municipal Officers of Blue Hill, Maine.

Attest: A True Copy:

/s/ Lyndsey Dow  
Lyndsey Dow, Town Clerk

The Registrar of Voters hereby gives notice that she will be in session at her office Friday March 31, 2023, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for the purpose of registering new voters and correcting names and addresses of voters already on the voting list.

Attest:

/s/ Lyndsey Dow  
Lyndsey Dow, Town Clerk



**TOWN OF BLUE HILL FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FOR ARTICLES 3, 33 & 70**

<b>1. <u>Total Town Indebtedness</u></b>	<b>Article 3</b>	<b>Article 33</b>	<b>Article 70</b>
Bonds Outstanding and Unpaid	\$ 2,692,870	\$ 2,692,870	\$ 2,692,870
Bonds Authorized but Unissued	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Bonds to be Issued if this Article is Approved	\$ 527,750	\$ 1,040,000	\$ 2,750,000
<b>Total Indebtedness:</b>	<b>\$ 3,220,620</b>	<b>\$ 3,732,870</b>	<b>\$ 5,442,870</b>

**\*Total of all borrowing proposed if approved: \$ 7,010,620**

<b>2. <u>Estimated Costs of Proposed Bonds</u></b>	<b>Article 3</b>	<b>Article 33</b>	<b>Article 70</b>
Estimated interest rate:	5%	5%	2.625%
Estimated term of bond	30 years	20 years	28 years
Principal	\$ 527,750	\$ 1,040,000	\$ 2,750,000
Interest	\$ 502,177	\$ 629,045	\$ 1,167,709
<b>Total Principal &amp; Interest Paid at Maturity</b>	<b>\$ 1,029,927</b>	<b>\$ 1,669,045</b>	<b>\$ 3,917,709</b>

**3. Validity**

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above Estimated Costs of Proposed Bonds. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issues varies from the estimates, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue(s) is not affected by reason of the variance.



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Michelle Rockwell, Treasurer  
Town of Blue Hill

NOTE: Article 3 is a ballot question and Articles 33 & 70 are voted upon during open town meeting.

NOTE: Article 70 was previously voted on and passed at a special town meeting in December of 2022 but was unaccompanied by the treasurer's statement; thus, requiring a re-vote.