

Select Board Meeting
Monday March 6th, 2023
Town of Blue Hill
Minutes

Called meeting to order at 5:30pm

1. **Quorum and meeting attendance-** E. Best; J. Dow; S. Miller; B. Smythe; S. Dooley; N. Nadeau, Town Admin; B. Farnham, CEO; M. A. Hurvitt, Planning Board Chair, various members of the public and the press.
2. **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes as amended** - Butler moved to approve meeting minutes from February 13th, 21st, and 27th as updated. Scott seconded. Approved 5-0.
3. **Public Comment-** A member of the public asked if there would be public comment at the Planning Board meeting being held on Wednesday, March 8th, 2023. Mary Alice Hurvitt; Planning Board Chair, responded that there will be public comment at the beginning of the meeting but it will be limited as the meeting is not a public hearing. Rachel Randall asked questions regarding the articles in the draft warrant referring to solar language.

New Business

1. **KYC Town Wharf request / update** – Tom Morris from the KYC came to thank the Board for making adjustments to schedule the maritime festival and apologized for not getting it on the calendar sooner. He stated he would make sure to ask the Board for permission in the future.
2. **Community Trash Clean-up** – Zoey, a 6th grader at Blue Hill Consolidated School, presented her “20% project” to the Board, implementing a community trash clean-up day to be held on May 6th, 2023. The “20% project” is a project for gifted and talented students to pursue a passion or area of interest. At the end of the project the students will give a 5-10 minute “Ted” style talk about their project and the success, or if further work on the project is needed. Zoey is working with mentor Chrissy Beardsley Allen from the Blue Hill Heritage Trust on this project. Zoey has spoken with Josh Gray, owner of Blue Hill Disposal, about leaving a dumpster on Friday May 5th, and having it emptied on Monday May 8th after the clean-up day is done. Zoey requested that the dumpster be emptied at zero cost to Josh. Ellen stated that the Town has a certain amount of poundage of trash that they can be disposed of at no cost, it should be no problem to allow this project to use that privilege. BHCS has a trash clean-up day for students only, but this year Zoey wanted to get the entire community involved in hopes to create a larger impact. Zoey would like to leave a table at the Town Hall for the community to pick up garbage bags and rubber gloves prior to the clean-up day. Zoey would also like to be set up outside the Town Hall the day of the clean-up for community members to be able to pick up materials if needed. Nick stated he would get this on the calendar and coordinate building access for this effort.

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1. **Town Warrant final vote-** The Board removed Article 76 regarding changes to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. The changes to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance will be held at a special town meeting in the future. Mary Alice Hurvitt also asked that they remove the article regarding changes to the Notice of Intent to Alter or Construct and move that to a special town meeting in the future. The Board concurred and also struck it from the warrant. The Board will have a meeting on Thursday March 9th to review final warrant. Scott moved to approve a 2023 warrant as distributed to include articles 1-4 and excluding all the remaining articles. Butler seconded. Approved 5-0.

Administrative Business

1. **New Fire Truck Update** – The Town Administrator gave an update on the cost for the new fire truck as it came in a little higher than originally thought. The total cost for the fire truck will be \$706,000.00 including a \$41,000 discount for pre-purchasing the chassis this year, and is projected to be completed in early 2025. The company will be paying slightly less than half of the total cost of the truck over the next 6 years.
2. **Float Update** – Denny Robertson has sourced 3 separate contractors who could potentially build floats. The Board would prefer the builder and the person responsible for putting the floats out to be the same person. The Town Administrator encouraged Robertson to keep in contact with him regarding the process, with a requested update next week. Butler moved to not go out for bid. Scott seconded. Approved 5-0.
3. **Transfer Station / MRC Update** – There was some conversation regarding the MRC and the concern of no alternative other than landfills if the current operations fail. There was conversation regarding PERC and its inability to handle the MRC's members volume any longer due to a down size. There was conversation regarding the waste from the Blue Hill/Surry Transfer Station being sent to Juniper Ridge since 2022.

Other Business

1. Meeting Updates/Reminders

- a. **Planning Board meeting** – Wednesday, March 8th @ 5:30pm
- b. **Comprehensive Plan Committee** – Thursday, March 9th @ 4pm
- c. **Select Board special meeting** – Thursday, March 9th @ 12pm
- d. **Select Board meeting** – Monday, March 13th @ 5:30pm
- e. **Marine Resource Committee** – Tuesday, March 14th @ 5:30pm
- f. **Climate Resilience Committee** – Wednesday, March 15th @ 4pm
- g. **Comprehensive Plan Committee** – Thursday, March 16th @ 5pm

Warrant signatures- Warrants signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

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