

Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, March 13th, 2023
Minutes

Called the meeting to order at 5:31pm

1. **Quorum and meeting attendance-** E. Best; J. Dow; S. Miller; B. Smythe; S. Dooley; N. Nadeau, Town Administrator; B. Farnham, CEO; J. Milliken; A. Kratz; R. Curtis; and the press.
2. **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of March 6th, 2023-** Jim moved to table the approval of minutes. Scott seconded. Approved 5-0
3. **Public Comment-** None

New Business:

1. **Community Wildfire Funding Resolution** – The Board had previously approved to be a part of a \$250,000 grant to have an assessment completed for nine-towns within the peninsula area to create a Community Wildfire Protection Plan. A. Kratz proposed a resolution for each of them to re-submit for funding via congressionally directed funds. N. Nadeau updated the board that he received an email previously in the day stating the town[s] did not receive the initial grant; thus, making sense to apply via this route. Scott moved to approve the resolution as distributed. B. Smythe Seconded. Approved 5-0.
2. **Shellfish Warden Discussion** – Bailey Bowden (Shellfish Warden and Committee Chair in the Town of Penobscot) reached out to J. Dow with concerns about Blue Hill not currently having a Shellfish Warden. N. Nadeau explained that back in August a gentleman came in and spoke with the town clerk about becoming the Shellfish Warden. He was informed that he would have to be appointed and there was no further communication. J. Dow would like a recommendation for the Shellfish Warden position from N. Nadeau. S. Miller suggested that the Town asks Bailey Bowden to be a resource for the us as to what a Shellfish Warden is required to do and enforce.

Old Business:

1. **Town Meeting Written Material & Process** – N. Nadeau has been creating supporting explanations to accompany the warrant articles to help explain several large expenses and special projects that will be voted on at town meeting such as, the purchase of a new fire truck, road construction, the harbor dredging, recreation programs, and the new public works position. Scott suggested mentioning the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the \$6 million dollars that they have received through funding. There was discussion on including ordinance updates as well. B. Farnham has prepared narratives for ordinance changes that will be voted on and Jim volunteered to create a draft letter explaining the proposed solar language changes. These materials will accompany the Town Report at Town Meeting, as well as be submitted to the local paper and posted on the Town's website prior to Town Meeting. N. Nadeau has attempted to schedule a public hearing with the US Army Corps of Engineers to provide the public information regarding the harbor dredging project. N. Nadeau stated that it has been difficult to solicit a response from the USACE. The Board set a date and time to hold this meeting; April 4th, 2023, at 5:30pm. There will be notice of the meeting published in the weekly packet at least two weeks prior to the hearing. Ellen went over the general process of how questions are answered by Select Board members at the town meeting. Once the town report is published, the Board will go through the materials and pick out the articles that they think the public will raise questions about, and each Select Board member will be assigned to answer those questions.

2. **Town Meeting Moderator** – Due to the unique and complex nature of some of the Town’s articles, Scott mentioned that having a moderator who has experience and has done well would benefit the town. Jeff Milliken volunteered to be the moderator at the town meeting this year. Scott has offered to spend time with him going over the general process of being a moderator at a town meeting if no other candidate that better matched the ideal criteria was sourced.

Administrator Business

1. None

Other Business

1. Updates/Reminders

- a. Solid Waste Committee meeting – Tuesday, March 28th @ 4pm
- b. Select Board meeting – Monday, March 20th @ 5:30pm

Warrant signatures- Warrant signed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31pm