

Town of Blue Hill
Select Board
Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2023

Called meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

1. **Quorum and meeting attendance-** E. Best; J. Dow; S. Miller; B. Smythe; S. Dooley; N. Nadeau, Town Amin; L. Dow, Town Clerk; J. Milliken; R. Curtis; various members of the public and the press.
2. **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of February 13th & 21st- TABLED.**
3. **Public Comment-**

New Business:

1. **Maritime Heritage Festival-** Steve Brookman reviewed his plan for the 2023 Maritime Heritage Festival and asked the Board for the use of the town space. Jim moved to allow the Harbor Heritage Festival committee to utilize the Town Wharf and the wharf building and Emerson Park for August 5th Maritime Heritage Festival. Sean seconded. Approved 5-0
2. **Consider the appointment of Drew Kelly** – Scott moved to appoint Drew Kelly to the Climate Resilience Grant oversight committee succeeding interim member N. Nadeau. Jim seconded. Approve 5-0

Old Business:

1. **Budget & Town Warrant discussion-**
 - a. **Commercial Site Plan regarding solar-** Jim moved to modify warrant article number 70 to prohibit large scale solar farms and define local scale solar as no more than three acres and to increase the setback to residences from 100 to 150 feet. Sean seconded. Approved 4-1
2. **Warrant votes-** The Board reviewed the wording of the referendum questions (articles 2-6) with a focus on the wording/language of the ordinance articles (70-76). The final draft of the warrant should be voted on at the next weekly meeting.

Administrator Business

1. **Consider Rec Department Employees-** Nick recommended that the Board blanket-authorize him to hire part-time and seasonal staff, especially with the summer season approaching and the town needing to fill these types of roles for the recreation and public works department. Jim moved to authorize the Town Admin to offer part-time, temporary employment to recreation and seasonal staff. Sean seconded. Discussion focused around executing a successful recreation program within budget. Approved 5-0.

Other Business

1. **Executive Session-** Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(A) personnel matter- Entered at 7:14pm. Exited at 8:06pm. Sean moved to authorize the Town Administrator to notify the current Rec Director that the town will not be seeking reappointment of his services. Jim seconded. 5-0 approved.
2. Meeting Updates/Reminders
 - a. Solid Waste Committee meeting – Tuesday, February 28th @ 4pm

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- b. Select Board Meeting – Monday, March 5th @ 5:30pm
 - i. **Parking lot-**; personnel policy updates; ARPA reporting; USDA RD loan requirements

Warrant signatures- Warrants signed.

Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm

Approved 5-0 3/6/2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Lyndsey Dow, Town Clerk