

Town of Blue Hill
Select Board
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2023

Called the 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; I. Dow, Town Clerk; B. Farnham, CEO; various members of the public and the press.
2. **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of February 6th-** Butler moved approval of the minutes as submitted. Jim seconded. Approved 5-0
3. **Public Comment-** D. Leighton and E. Brumfield spoke to the urgency of a decision regarding the citizens petition and mentioned to the Select Board that if they chose to do nothing that the citizens could enact a meeting with the direction of a notary public. The Board acknowledged their concern and indicated that it was their intention to schedule a vote with the statutory period for retroactive effect.

Old Business:

1. **Budget update-** Jan Snow, the chair of the school committee said that the committee voted on the budget previously reviewed and that there were two note changes but no figure changes. The additional GSA tuition will appear on the warrant as a referendum question as decided in 2020, and, for this year, the Select Board would propose and make recommendations on the articles pertaining to appropriation of funds received as grants and appropriation of Union 93 costs to be reimbursed by other U93 member towns. The Select Board will review these figures and the rest of the budget, as well as a draft warrant at a work session on Tuesday 2/14 at 3pm.
2. **Citizens petition discussion-** No decision was made by the Planning Board regarding SolAmerica's solar application and are awaiting a draft decision letter from Aga Dixon, the Town's Attorney. Bryce Farnham was not sure about the date of the next Planning Board meeting to review the findings. If a decision is not made before February 22nd the Board agreed that this would be voted on at the Annual open Town Meeting and would satisfy the time requirements. If the Planning Board does decide before that date, the Select Board would schedule a special Town Meeting to vote on the Citizen Petition. Ellen had been in contact with Aga and was awaiting a response.

Administrator Business

1. **2023 town report and timeline- Table**
2. **Authorize N. Nadeau to hire PT cleaner-** Jim moved to authorize the Town Administrator to hire Joan Brewer, as a part time employee to clean the Town Office building. Scott seconded. Approved 5-0.

Other Business

1. Scott moved to authorize the treasurer to make the transfer of 2 million dollars in one or more 3-month CDARS at BHBT or First National Bank, provided the interest rate is not less than 4.5% p.a., and if necessary, opening a deposit account with no

more than \$10k. Jim seconded. This will be used to enhance the return on Town funds before the low point in the annual cash cycle. Approved 5-0

2. Meeting Updates/Reminders

- a. **Select Board Budget Meeting** – Tuesday, February 14th @ 3pm
- b. **Budget Committee Meeting** – Thursday, February 16th @ 3pm
- c. **Town Hall Closed for Maintenance**- Friday, February 17th.
- d. **Solid Waste Committee meeting** – Tuesday, February 28th @ 4pm
- e. **Select Board Meeting** – Tuesday, February 21st @ 5:30pm
 - i. **Parking lot**-; personnel policy updates; ARPA reporting; USDA RD loan requirements

Warrant signatures- Warrants signed.

Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm

Approved 5-0 03/06/2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Lyndsey Dow, Town Clerk