

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

Called meeting to order at 5:30 pm

- 1. Quorum and meeting attendance-** E. Best; J. Dow; S. Miller; S. Dooley; B. Smythe; N. Nadeau, Town Admin; L. Dow, Town Clerk; the Press, and various members of the public, both in person and remotely.
- 2. Approval of January 30th Minutes-** Jim moved approval as submitted, Scott seconded. Approved 5-0.
- 3. Public Comment-**
 - a. Dana Leighton spoke on behalf of the South St. abutters to the proposed Sol America project. His main concern was that the ordinance provides a process for notifying the abutting landowners and this was not followed. The Board agreed that this was the case but reminded Mr. Leighton that the permitting authority for this matter was the planning board and thus this information should be brought to the attention of that board again.
 - b. Karen Frangoulis asked if the board had made any progress on setting a date for the special town meeting. The board reminded the group that all meetings are public, and they have not and will not be discussing this matter until after the Planning Board public hearing on the 8th.
 - c. Birgit Frind said it seemed that the Board had unanimously agreed on the need to get the ordinance right question about timing and who would rewrite. Ellen responded that the Town's Attorney would work on the wording, but the Board has not asked her to do this yet.

New Business:

- 1. School budget discussion with School Committee-**The School board committee presented the 2023/24 projected budget and hope to adopt the final budget at the 2/8/2023 School Board meeting.
- 2. Authorizing the School Committee to sign School Warrants-** Scott moved the approval of the School Board to sign the school payment warrants. Sean seconded. Approved 5-0.
- 3. Schedule Liquor License Hearings-** Scott moved to schedule liquor license hearings on February 20th at 5:45pm for Barncastle, new ownership and the Blue Hill Co-op renewal application. Butler seconded. 5-0 approved:

Old Business:

- 1. Consider Signing MOU for Vulnerability Assessment-** Alan Kratz gave an update. Jim moved to authorize N. Nadeau to sign the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Vulnerability Assessment Grants that Blue Hill and Brooksville were awarded along with Surry. Sean seconded. 5-0 approved.
- 2. Town float update from Butler-** Butler gave a brief review.

Administrator Business

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1. **Authorize playground purchase order**-Jim moved authorized Nick to place the playground order as presented by the playground committee, with funds coming from the playground reserve. Butler seconded. 5-0 approved.
2. **MMA Employee Health Trust Benefit Option** – Nick asked the board to approve offering payroll protection/short term disability for the Town Hall staff. This benefit would be solely the responsibility of the employee enrolled in the benefit. Nick will gather the information from MMA and provide a formal request for a motion at a later meeting.

Other Business

1. Meeting Updates/Reminders
 - a. Select Board Budget Meeting – Tuesday, February 7th @ 3pm
 - b. Planning Board Hearing – Wednesday, February 8th @ 5:30pm
 - c. Budget Committee Meeting – Thursday, February 9th @ 3pm
 - d. Solid Waste Committee meeting – Tuesday, February 28th @ 4pm
 - e. Select Board Meeting – Monday, February 13th @ 5:30pm
 - i. **Parking lot**-2023 town report & warrants; personnel policy updates; ARPA reporting; USDA RD loan requirements

Warrant signatures- Warrants signed.

Adjourn- Meeting adjourned 6:52pm

Approved 02/13/2023 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/Lyndsey Dow, Town Clerk