

Select Board Meeting
Tuesday January 24th, 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; varies members of the public and the press.
- 2. Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of January 9th** - Scott moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Jim seconded. Approved 5-0.
- 3. Public Comment-** There was no public comment at the time.

Administrator Business

- 1. Private property on town property (harbor) MMA update** – By statute there are two options to remove the trailer from town property. Those options are as follows: initiate through certified mail throughout harbormaster; or ask local law enforcement agency to take possession of the property and start the same process. The result would be that the town would get to sell the property and keep the profits. The Board did not find it necessary to take any of those steps at this point.
- 2. MOU for Vulnerability Study Grant update** – Allen Kratz gave an update on the Vulnerability Study Grant for Blue Hill, Brooksville, and Surry. A major part of the vulnerability assessment is the report, which in this case the expense can be spread across 3 towns. Allen spoke with a consulting firm which informed him that a vulnerability assessment for 3 towns is a more appealing project for firms to place a bid on. There will be a meeting held on Thursday (1/26/2023) and depending on the outcome will depend if he will be back with a vulnerability assessment memorandum of understanding. Scott brought up a few questions regarding the Vulnerability Study Grant. 1) What will actually be required by the Town of Blue Hill? In Section 4 it states that the Town of Blue Hill will do several different things on behalf of the other towns, what does that mean in terms of Blue Hill resources and time? 2) Who would the 3 representatives be for the Town of Blue Hill? 3) How do the grant funds work? 4) A clear understanding of terms and conditions of community action grant.

New Business

- 1. Citizens petition discussion-**
 - a.** The Board listened to testimony from several members of the public including Attorney's Kristin Collins (abutters attorney - remote) and Stephen Wagner (SolAmerica attorney - remote) regarding the date as to which the town will vote on the solar language change to be amended in the Commercial Site Plan Review Ordinance presented by Attorney Kristin Collins. The Board decided to table the decision on whether to hold a special town meeting or to wait until the annual town meeting in April to vote on the presented solar language change in the Commercial Site Plan Review Ordinance until after the Public Hearing/Planning Board meeting that will be held on February 8th, 2023.

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2. **Consider appointment of Amanda Woog to the Budget Committee** – Scott moved to appoint Amanda Woog to the Budget Committee for a 3-year term expiring in 2025. Butler seconded. Approved 5-0.

Old Business:

1. **Marine float update** – Butler recommended having the Marine Resource Committee look at the draft specifications that he sent out and would like their input on overall design of the float. Butler will be reaching out to other towns with town floats to discuss their process with contracts and getting designs.

Other Business

1. **Executive Session** – Sean moved to enter an executive session regarding personnel matters at 6:55pm. Ellen seconded. Approved 5-0.
2. **Meeting Updates/Reminders**
 - a. **Select Board budget meeting** – Wednesday January 25th @ 3pm
 - b. **Planning Board Public Hearing**- Wednesday February 8th @ 5:30 pm in theater.
 - c. **Budget Committee meeting** – Thursday January 26, 2023 @ 3pm
 - d. **Comprehensive Plan Committee** - Thursday January 26, 2023 @ 4pm
 - e. **Select Board meeting** – Monday January 30th, 2023 @ 5:30pm

Warrant signatures- Warrants signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm

Approved 5-0 1/30/2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Lyndsey Dow