Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, May 1st, 2023
Minutes

Called the meeting to order at 5:31pm

1. **Quorum and meeting attendance-** E. Best; J. Dow; S. Miller; S. Dooley; B. Smythe; N. Nadeau, Town Administrator (remote); B. Farnham, CEO; J. Reel; S. Brookman; P. Kelly; and the press.
2. **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of April 24th, 2023-** J. Dow moved to approve the minutes as distributed. S. Miller seconded. Approved 4-0-1 abstained.
3. **Public Comment**- S. Brookman expressed her interest in park and recreation regulations. Due to N. Nadeau being remote, the demonstration of the new website has been postponed until the following Select Board meeting on May 8th.

<u>Business:</u>

1. **Update on grants –** S. Miller would like the town to maintain a list of grant opportunities that the town may have eligible projects for, so the Board can be better informed of which grants have been applied for. Currently there is a shoreline access planning, waterfront and harbor planning, identification and resolution of waterfront use conflict planning, feasibility and design effort for a waterfront infrastructure planning grant available. Harbormaster, D. Robertson noticed this grant in the Ellsworth American and asked if the town planned to apply for it. S. Miller explained that this grant funding could be used for planning better access at the South Blue Hill Wharf, to evaluate and survey the land for better public access, and several other options to use the funds. The deadline to apply for the grant is June 2. J. Dow asked how A. Kratz was involved in this process, S. Miller explained that he believes A. Kratz works with towns on a project basis and other towns have him on a retainer. S. Dooley suggested that we find out what fee A. Kratz charges to be on retainer for towns. J. Dow will follow up with the Maine SHIP (Small Harbor Improvement Program) that was discussed in a previous meeting.
2. **Update on DEP/ South Blue Hill Wharf –** S. Miller submitted a draft application for the repair to the South Blue Hill Wharf to the Code Enforcement Officer and the Planning Board chair over the weekend. DEP does not require a permit because it is a repair and a public access facility. N. Nadeau will reach out to M.E. Astbury to confirm the work to be done at the wharf after the permit is obtained from the Planning Board.
3. **Update on Land Appraisal –** E. Best reached out to an appraiser to have a piece of land appraised that the town is interested in. She will follow up with them to confirm.

S. Miller moved to enter executive session 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A) - Personnel Matter. S. Dooley seconded. Approved 5-0.

The Board exited executive session at 6:16pm

S. Miller made a motion to accept S. Shaffer's resignation, with thanks for her service. B. Smythe seconded. Approved 5-0.

The Board re-entered executive session at 6:30pm.

The Board exited executive session at 6:41pm. No action was taken.

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Other Business

Updates/Reminders

a. Select Board Meeting – Monday, May 8th @ 5:30pm
b. Marine Resource Committee – Tuesday, May 9th @ 5:30
c. Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee – Wednesday, May 10th @ 12pm
d. Planning Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 10th @ 5:30pm

Warrant signatures- Warrant signed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42pm