

Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, May 22nd, 2023
Minutes

Called the meeting to order at 5:08pm

1. **Quorum and meeting attendance-** E. Best; J. Dow; S. Miller; S. Dooley; B. Smythe; N. Nadeau, Town Administrator
Joining after the Executive Session: Dennis Robertson, Harbormaster; James Wooten; Tim Horton; Jeff Milliken; H. Klews; Tabor Horton; the press.
2. **S. Miller moved to enter executive session 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A) - Personnel Matter. J. Dow seconded. Approved 5-0.**

The Board exited executive session at 5:24pm and resumed business at 5:30pm.

3. **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of May 15th, 2023** – J. Dow moved to approve the minutes as distributed. S. Miller seconded. Approved 5-0.

4. **Public Comment-**

D. Robertson provided an update on the South Blue Hill wharf work including an overview on the work that had been done and the next steps of the project by the contractor. D. Robertson stated he was pleased with the work that has been completed thus far and mentioned he thought paving was included in the original quote from the contractor. S. Miller reiterated that we any paving work should be coordinated with and approved by the Road Commissioner and the Town Administrator. D. Robertson will connect the contractor with N. Nadeau to go over the scope of the work left.

H. Klews of the public asked a question regarding the DOT bridge replacement of the village bridge. E. Best said the DOT doesn't tend to give a heads up regarding the specifics. N. Nadeau will reach out to the DOT contact to try to find out more on the timeline.

J. Milliken asked a question regarding a funding reserve for the wastewater treatment plant. E. Best explained the current plan for the wastewater treatment plant with the current funding secured, as well as how we have typically funded plant needs in lieu of a specific reserve account.

T. Horton asked for an update on the cemetery maintenance and the park public toilets. N. Nadeau gave an update on the parks clean up with the contractors and E. Best explained portable toilets are usually delivered by the end of May. N. Nadeau explained that he had secured the portable contract over the winter. N. Nadeau will follow up with the company to get clarification on their delivery date.

T. Horton asked for update on the floats for the harbor and an update on the public works department and general town maintenance.

Business:

1. **Appointment of Public Officers** – J. Dow moved to appoint the Public Officers referenced in N. Nadeau's memo, otherwise replaced by a new appointment. B. Smythe seconded. Approved 5-0.

2. **Mountain Road reconstruction project** – N. Nadeau gave an update on the Mountain Road project. No bids came in. S. Miller expressed his displeasure with Haley Ward due to the perceived timeline and timing of the final bid package. N. Nadeau said he would reach out to Travis from Haley Ward and invite him to a future meeting to go over the process. There was conversation around shifting focus to other roads in the meantime for major road work. N. Nadeau will reach out to B. Adams regarding major road construction.
3. **CEO services to Town of Castine** – N. Nadeau explained Shawn, the Town Manager and CEO in Castine, asked him to allow as-needed use of our CEO when he is away in June. N. Nadeau explained he and Shawn agreed on the scope, capacity, and rate – same as we charge other towns – for this service. The Board agreed it was reasonable and expressed no objections.
4. **Select Board member priorities for 2023** – N. Nadeau distributed a spreadsheet depicting the survey results from the board regarding their priorities and goals for 2023. The Board reviewed and agreed to continue to solidify a process for measuring and obtaining these targets.

S. Miller moved to authorize N. Nadeau to offer an employment offer to Chris Kowalski for the position of Public Works Foreman, per the towns standard hiring process. B. Smythe seconded. Approved 5-0.

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

The Board exited executive session at 6:47.

S. Miller moved to accept service representation from A. Dixon in regard to the SolAmerica project. B. Smythe seconded. Approved 5-0.

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

The Board exited executive session at 7:15. No action was taken.

Other Business

Updates/Reminders

- a. Select Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 30th@ 5:30pm

Warrant signatures- Warrant signed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39pm