Blue Hill Planning Board - DRAFT May 10th, 2023 – Meeting Minutes

Location Blue Hill Town Hall, 18 Union Street, Blue Hill, ME

Attendance

Present: Wilson King (chair), Scott Blanchard (vice chair), Gavin Riggall, Emily Cushman, Sergei Breus, Marcia McKeague, Mary Alice Hurvitt, Bryce Farnham (CEO)
Remote: Bobbie Burdick, Suzanne Hackett, James Wooten
Public: Ellen Best

The meeting began at 5:30pm and a quorum was recognized - 6 board members were present for the first two motions, 7 members present for the remainder of the meeting.

Discussion: The Board reviewed the minutes from the March 8th, 2023 meeting.

Motion: Scott motioned to approve the meeting minutes from March 8th. Gavin seconded. Approved 5-0-1 abstained. Board member Marcia McKeague abstained due to not attending the March 8th meeting.

Motion: Mary Alice motioned to elect Wilson King as the chairperson and Scott Blanchard as the vice chairperson of the Planning Board. Marcia seconded. Approved 6-0.

Discussion: The planning board reviewed the shoreline stabilization project presented by Burdick Associates on behalf of Beverly Bartlett. All work to be done will be above the high-water line. Once the shoreline is stabilized with rip rap it will be revegetated to increase the stabilization. The work is to be done during the off season.

Motion: Wilson motioned to accept and approve the application as presented. Mary Alice seconded. Approved 7-0

Discussion: The planning board reviewed the application presented by the Town of Blue Hill for the repair to be completed at the South Blue Hill Wharf. Ellen Best explained that DEP does not require permitting through the state so long as the repair and replacement is less than 50%.

Motion: Wilson motioned to accept and approve the application as presented. Scott seconded. Approved 7-0.

Discussion: Bryce Farnham proposed the idea of adding a table to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance that would provide an easier way to determine setbacks in specific districts and other important information to note within the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. The planning board would like to set up an annual meeting with the select board.

Next Meeting: June 14th, 2023

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