

Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, July 17th, 2023
Minutes

Called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

1. **Quorum and meeting attendance-** E. Best, J. Dow, S. Dooley, B. Smythe, S. Miller. N. Nadeau, Town Administrator and B. Farnham, Code Enforcement Officer.

Public: Ben Adams, Road Commissioner; Jeff Milliken; Curtis Jaffray; James Wootten; Chrissy Allen; Shelly Borrer Jackson, Steven Brookman.

Remote: Michelle Rockwell; Jim Jaffray; June Mclaughlin, Nick Sichterman.

2. **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of July 3rd, July 10th, and July 12th**– B. Smythe moved to approve the minutes as distributed. S. Miller seconded. Approved 5-0.
3. **Public Comment-** Steve Brookman voiced his concerns regarding the limited number of floats that have been installed at the town wharf. The Select Board recommended that Steve reach out to the Harbormaster and consider attending tomorrow’s Marine Resources Committee meeting to discuss the lack of floats for the Maritime Festival. Curtis Jaffray offered to repair the floats to help out the town and the Maritime Festival.

Chrissy Allen, Blue Hill Heritage Trust (BHHT), addressed the Blue Hill Mtn. Trail Fest that will be held on Saturday, August 5th. There will be a trail race that will start and end in the field with some using the Mountain Road, the post office trail, and Osgood trail. The Board suggested that first responders should be informed of this event. Chrissy anticipates needing extra parking and asked to use the field adjacent to where the existing parking lot is located. B. Smythe noted a concern for fire due to the taller grass there and the Board suggested she talk with Blaise DeSibour, who mows the field later in the fall, to see if he can address the area needed prior to the event. The Board requested that the vendor who is at the event fill out a mobile vendor permit application and receive approval prior to the event.

Curtis Jaffray expressed his disappointment in the resignation of the Town Administrator, N. Nadeau. Ben Adams also addressed his disappointment at the news.

Business:

1. **GSA Head of School/Board Introduction** – Shelly Borrer Jackson, Interim Head of GSA, attended the meeting to meet the Board members. Shelly stated that it is gratifying to be back at GSA. There is currently a search committee formed that is involved in the process for finding the next Head of School at GSA. The goal is to have a new head of school by January 2024.
2. **USDA Funding – Legal counsel quotes** – N. Nadeau received quotes from Drummond Woodson and Burnstein Shur for legal counsel regarding the USDA funding opportunity that the town received.

After discussion of the two proposals, S. Miller moved to retain Burnstein Shur as our USDA funding counsel. B. Smythe seconded. Approved 5-0.
3. **Department Updates** – N. Nadeau explained that former town staff sold a plot at Seaside Cemetery twice back in 2021. N. Nadeau and deputy clerk, Kelly Herrick, are working on resolving the issue. The families have been contacted and made aware of the situation. The

playground at the town park was replaced last week and Chris (Town Public Works) supervised and provided help with volunteers to spread out the wood chips. Chris and his seasonal assistant Hunter have been working on mowing Seaside Cemetery and other projects.

Summer camp's indoor activities have been moved from GSA facilities to Blue Hill Consolidated School for the remainder of summer due to the BHCS building being closer to the playground and their more elementary-kid friendly resources.

The main floats at South Blue Hill Wharf have been installed along with the finger floats. The main floats at the Town Wharf have been installed but the finger floats have due their material condition.

N. Nadeau will meet with Corey Esposito to discuss getting the stair railings installed on the front steps.

There will be a public hearing held by the Code Enforcement Officer regarding the Devil's Half Acre Beer Garden on Monday July 24th

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

The Board exited executive session at 7:20pm.

Other Business

Updates/Reminders

- a. Public Hearing – Devil's Half Acre Beer Garden – July 24th @ 5:30pm
- b. Transfer Station Committee – July 25th @ 4pm
- c. Select Board Meeting – July 25th @ 5:30pm
- d. Comprehensive Plan Committee – July 27th @ 4pm

Warrant signatures- Warrant signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm