

**Town of Blue Hill**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Monday, September 11, 2023**  
**Minutes**

**Called the meeting to Order at 5:00pm**

- 1. Quorum and meeting attendance** - E. Best, B. Smythe; S. Miller; S. Dooley; J. Dow; K. Herrick, Town Clerk; Lucy Leaf & Claus Hamann, Representatives for Orland Watershed; Susan Brookman & Susan Hipsky, Representatives for Flash in the Pans.
- 2. Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of September 5<sup>th</sup>** - J. Dow moved to approve the Minutes for September 5<sup>th</sup>, S. Miller seconded. Vote: 5-0 Approved.
- 3. Public Comment**
  - a. S. Brookman who represents Flash in the Pans came in to thank the town for the use of the park. There were eight performances this summer. She said they had a very successful season and raised over \$10,000 for community charities. Attendee ages ranged from infants to people in their nineties, although it was mostly senior citizens that came. In the past, there have been issues with cleanliness after the performances as well as noise complaints from neighbors. S. Brookman said they checked the park the mornings after the performances and removed any garbage that was left behind. They angled the tent differently this season, so it wasn't facing neighboring homes. She stated the neighbors and hospital said there were no issues to report this year. Two food vendors were on site: Waffle ME and Stone Fox Farm Creamery.
  - b. S. Brookman also stated there is a new electric car charging station at the library. There are now a total of five charging stations in town. They are located at the Co-op Tradewinds car wash, Blue Hill Inn, Friendship Cottage and the Blue Hill Public Library.

**Business**

- 1. Discussion Orland Watershed** - C. Hamann who represents the Orland Watershed attended the meeting to inform the board on a proposed multi-town planned project. Orland is applying for a NOAA grant to restore the Orland/Narramissic watershed. The grant would allow for Orland to assess the watershed and improve climate resilience. S. Miller asked if this project would require a local match and C. Hamann stated there is no match. When asked what the total cost is, C. Hamann said 2 – 2.5 million and that is for the planning only and does not include construction. There is only a small portion of the watershed in Blue Hill. It is the southern tip of Toddy Pond. S. Miller raised concern that there are some fish passage projects in Blue Hill that we may submit grant applications for. He wants to be sure if we submit a letter of support for Orland, that it will not affect the Town of Blue Hill if we apply for future grants. C. Hamann asked the board to provide them with a letter of support. E. Best asked him to send a draft which C. Hamann said he would. L. Leaf followed up by saying she thinks this is a great opportunity for the towns to come together and collaborate on this project.

2. **Discussion Plowing Contract** - The route mileage is yet to be determined. More information is needed from the Road Commissioner.

### **Other Business**

1. **Discussion Heat Pumps** - The town received a proposal to install a heat pump system from MAC Heat Pumps. E. Best would like to see what funds have been used this year before approving the proposal. S. Miller will ask the Treasurer for the financials. Also mentioned was R. H. Foster, who is able to repair the existing furnaces (one is missing a circuit board). S. Dooley will reach out to them to see what the next step is.
2. **Discussion Cemetery Rules and Regulations** – The board reviewed the cemetery rules and regulations J. Dow submitted. Changes were made and the documents will be reviewed at a future meeting.
3. **Town Audit** - S. Miller asked what the status was on the town audit. It was believed it would be done in August. S. Miller will ask the Treasurer if she has heard anything.
4. **Removal of Crane at the Town Wharf** - J. Dow stated he would like the crane to be removed from the town wharf because of the state of its disrepair, which has gone on for many years, and because the town voted not to spend funds to repair it. S. Miller recommended they discuss it next month and find out ahead of time what options they have to dispose of it.
5. **Upcoming Meetings/Reminders**
  - a) Climate Resilience Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00pm Town Hall
  - b) Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting – Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 4:00pm Town Hall
  - c) Town Office Closed for Election Training in Augusta – Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>
  - d) Select Board Meeting – Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm Town Hall

**Adjourn** - E. Best motioned to adjourn at 6:54pm, S. Miller seconded. Vote 5-0.