

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, November 27, 2023
Minutes**

Call the Meeting to Order at 5:30pm

1. **Quorum and meeting attendance** – E. Best (Chair), J. Dow, S. Miller, S. Dooley, J. Atwell (Town Administrator), B. Adams (Road Commissioner), Andrew Kahrl (Revision Energy) and the press.

2. **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2023, and November 20, 2023.**

S. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes for 11/13 and 11/20, seconded by J. Dow. All approved.

3. **Public comment** – There were no public comments.

Business

1. **ReVision Energy** - Andrew Kahrl – solar power contract

Andrew gave a summary of the events which have caused the delay in the Versant/Hampden solar project in which Blue Hill has a signed contract to receive the Net Energy Billing credits. Andrew believes that the project will still meet the amended deadline of December 31, 2023.

2. **Public Hearing - Liquor license renewal** – CP Blue Hill Leaseco, LLC/DBA: Parker E. Best, Chair opened the public hearing at 5:57pm. There were no comments, so the hearing was closed. J. Dow made a motion to approve the liquor license renewal for Parker Ridge, seconded by S. Dooley. All approved.

3. **Mountain Road construction bids** - There was discussion on the bid information that was provided to the Select Board by Haley Ward. S. Miller had asked for several pieces of information that were never received. It was difficult to determine what the projected total cost will be without knowing the project management and an appropriate reserve amount for contingencies. Ben Adams stated that he believes one day of onsite observation and one day of offsite administration would be sufficient. Depending on what these costs are, it may be necessary to ask the voters for money to cover these additional costs. S. Miller made a motion to award the contract to Thibodeau for the road reconstruction of Mountain Road and to authorize Julie Atwell, Town Administrator, to be the authorized signatory for this project, seconded by E. Best. All approved.

4. **Approve proposed changes to employee policies** – There was continued discussion on the recommended policy changes. The last few details were finalized and there will be a final draft ready for approval at the 12/4 meeting. Employees who receive stipends will have an update to the policy soon. More research is required for these employees. It was agreed by the Board that the remaining changes to the written policies were sufficiently minor that J. Atwell could begin discussing the new policies with Town employees.

5. **Map 29 Lots 69 & 70 – inquiry** – E. Best needs to review this further. It will be kept on the agenda.
6. **Assessing service proposal** – RJD Appraisal submitted a proposal to increase their annual fee to \$45,500. S. Miller made a motion to recommend approval of the RJD Appraisal proposal in the 2024 budget submitted for a vote at Town Meeting, seconded by J. Dow. All approved.

Town Hall – generator replacement & rekeying – The generator at the Town Hall no longer works and needs to be replaced. The Board is going to review a second quote (if one can be obtained) at the next meeting, so one can be ordered. It may take 6-8 weeks from the time the order is placed. The Town Hall is going to be re-keyed. Other Business

Reminder – the Christmas Tree Lighting Event will be Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 5pm.

Meeting Updates/Reminders (details on website)

- 11/28/2023 **Solid Waste Committee Meeting**
- 11/30/2023 - 12/01/2023 **Well Water Test Kits Available**
- 12/04/2023 **Select Board Meeting**

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.