

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 11, 2024**

Called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

1. **Determine Quorum and Meeting Attendance** – E. Best (Chair), J. Dow, S. Miller, S. Dooley, J. Atwell (Town Administrator), M. Rockwell (Treasurer).
2. **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of March 4th, 2024** – S. Miller moved to approve the March 4th minutes as amended; S. Dooley seconded. Vote: 4/0 Approved.
3. **Public Comment** – Rick Bannister addressed the Board on roads and land. He stated that the fire department is tasked with cleaning up fallen trees along the roadside due to various hazards and that the Road Commissioner does not appear to be coordinating cleanup of the debris along the sides. He would like to see a chipper employed each spring. Parking signs around town need to be replaced as many are illegible. The causeway on Parker Point Road needs to be replaced or raised due to flooding. He also said that Town owned property on South Street should be surveyed and divided into two lots. The Board advised that they are currently working on getting that parcel surveyed.

Business

1. **Climate Vulnerability Study “Pilot Project”** – S. Miller spoke with the engineer to provide feedback on town priorities and solicit her views on what would be their recommendation for a pilot project. Several were identified for the Board to consider:
 - a. **15% Concept Design for Town Wharf (protection from flooding/damage)**
 - b. **Seaside Cemetery**
 - c. **Culvert near Fire Station**
 - d. **Fresh Water Availability Study**
 - e. **Sea Wall for Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Another project that was discussed was design work for addressing flooding on the two most exposed Town roads—portions of Parker Point Rd. and Curtis Cove Rd. The Board talked about each project and how it would benefit the Town. In the end they decided to ask Allen Kratz to get more information concerning the Fire Station culvert design/replacement and raising roads (Curtis Cove Road in particular). They would like to know what they can expect for deliverables.

2. **Proposed Ordinance Changes** – There are proposed ordinance changes on the upcoming Town Meeting Warrant for both the Shoreland Zoning and the Site Plan Review.
3. **Resolution on WWTP Interim Financing Facility** – S. Dooley moved the contents of a written resolution provided by bond counsel for the WWTP upgrade financing (attached J. Dow seconded. Vote: 4/0 Approved.
4. **Write-In Candidates** – J. Dow recommended that we not make any changes to the Town’s ordinances concerning write-in candidates at the upcoming Town Meeting. We would need a 90-day public notice and a Town vote to make changes. The Board discussed what that means and it was decided that, until the Town does adopt an alternate ordinance, all votes (write-ins included) will be counted and considered eligible.

5. **Sea Loft Windows** – Tabled. E. Best to consult with M. Hewes to obtain his advice on whether to repair or replace the windows and/or the benefits of residing the building.
6. **Review/Approval of Olver WWTP Contract** – S. Miller moved to authorize J. Atwell to sign the Olver two-year WWTP operations contract; J. Dow seconded. Vote: 4/0 Approved.
7. **Approval of 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant** – J. Snow (BHCS School Board Chair) reviewed the educational articles with the Board. She requested that the verbiage for warrant #23 be changed to parallel the text in the 2015 Annual Town Warrant. . They also discussed the overdraft for the school.

Other Business

1. **Mountain Road Interim Financing** – S. Miller moved to adopt the resolution prepared by bond counsel (attached) authorizing issuance of \$1,040,000 in general obligation bonds to finance the Mountain Road improvements; J. Dow seconded. Vote: 4/0 Approved.
2. **Contract with Thibodeau – Mountain Road Project** – S. Miller moved to authorize J. Atwell (Town Administrator) to sign the contract with Thibodeau for the Mountain Road reconstruction work; S. Dooley seconded. Vote: 4/0 Approved.
3. **Town Meeting Lunch** – The seventh-grade class will be offering a turkey dinner to voters at the annual town meeting. They are tentatively serving between 11:00 and 12:30.

Adjournment

S. Miller moved to adjourn after warrants were signed; S. Dooley seconded. Vote: 4/0 Approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.