

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 1, 2024**

Called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

1. **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 18, 20, and 25** – S. Miller moved to accept the minutes of March 18, 20 and 25; S. Dooley seconded. Vote: 4/0 Approved.
3. **Public Comment** – No public comment.

Business

1. **Climate Vulnerability Study Pilot Project Selection** – Allen Kratz spoke with the Board regarding GEI’s proposal for the hydrologic study for the culvert/stream that ends at the fire station. The deliverables on this project as compared to the cost (\$15,000) were less than appealing for the Board. There was discussion about the Curtis Cove Road and Parker Point Road projects as well. The Board asked Jeff Milliken, a member of the Climate Resilience Committee, which project he thought would benefit the Town the most. After reminding the Board of his own conflict as a Curtis Cove Road resident, he recommended Curtis Cove Road due to sea level rise and wave action. S. Miller moved to select the Curtis Cove Road Project; J. Dow seconded. Vote: 4/0 Approved.
2. **Public Hearing**
 - a. **Liquor License Renewal – Barncastle Restaurant** – No one was present from the public or the business to speak for or against the license renewal. J. Dow moved to approve the liquor license application; S. Miller seconded. Vote: 4/0 Approved.
3. **Loan Documents – Mountain Road** – J. Dow moved to execute the bond documents as provided by bond counsel; S. Miller seconded. Vote: 4/0 Approved.
4. **Sea Loft Windows** – Tabled.
5. **Warrant Article Review** – The Board reviewed the articles for Saturday’s Open Town Meeting to determine which Board member would address questions for each article. S. Miller stated that he would be glad to deal with the actual numbers for each category, however the individual assigned would need to address the subject matter. The assignments were as follows:
 - Articles 6 – 21 – School Committee
 - Articles 22 – 23 – E. Best
 - Articles 24 – 26 – J. Dow
 - Articles 27 – 29 – S. Dooley
 - Articles 30 – 37 – E. Best (with Ben Adams assistance)
 - Articles 38 – 39 – J. Dow
 - Articles 40 – 41 – S. Dooley
 - Articles 42 – 45 – S. Miller
 - Articles 46 – 60 – J. Atwell will bring letter from the 3rd Party Donation Requestors.
 - Articles 61 – 62 – S. Miller
 - Article 63 – J. Dow

- Article 64 – S. Miller
- Article 65 – E. Best
- Articles 66 – 67 – Planning Board
- Article 68 – E. Best
- Articles 69 – 70 – S. Miller (Article 70 requires a written ballot)

Other Business

1. **Tree Growth Removal Penalties** – The assessors’ agent recommended that three properties be assessed a tree growth removal penalty. S. Miller moved to assess the tree growth removal penalties; S. Dooley seconded. Vote: 4/0 Approved.
2. **Phil Norris (Tree Warden) – Elm Tree Program** – P. Norris has developed a contract for residents to sign in connection with treatment of elms on private property. It provides that the cost of treatment will be split 50/50 by the property owner and the Town. E. Best will review the contract.
3. **Annual Town Reports** – The Board commended J. Atwell for her work on the 2024 Annual Report. They were happy with the end product and said it looked great!
4. **Department of Environmental Protection Report** – A recent DEP report stated that the wastewater treatment plant is well run. Travis Higgins is doing a great job, and the facility is well managed. Kudos to Travis.

Adjournment

J. Dow moved to adjourn after signing warrants; S. Miller seconded. Vote: 4/0 Approved. Warrants were signed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.