

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 18, 2024**

Called the meeting to Order at 5:32pm

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 8th and 11th** – S. Miller moved to approve the minutes from March 8th and 11th as amended; S. Dooley seconded. Vote: 4/0 Approved.
3. **Public Comment** – No public comment

Business

1. **Climate Vulnerability Study Pilot Project Selection** – The Board discussed GEI's response to the projects and are leaning towards the culvert/stream (hydro-logic study) that ends at the fire station. They requested Allen Kratz to obtain more information to find out what the deliverable would be. They would like to know: 1) What size culvert is needed; 2) Are there any topographic changes; 3) How long does the water run under the pavement. They would also like a cost estimate to replace the existing culvert. Jim Dow stated that Stonington's road work would be a good indicator of what Blue Hill will need to do with Parker Point and Curtis Cove Roads. The culvert is unique and could have major impact on important Town infrastructure, including the hospital, fire station, wastewater treatment plant and the wharf.
2. **Coastal Community Grant Program** – There is a \$50,000 grant available, and a letter of intent including a budget estimate and written goals is due by March 29th. Allen Kratz would like to receive it by the 25th or 26th to review. The Board discussed the focus of this grant would be for the South Blue Hill Wharf and the Town Wharf but not in connection with the GEI project.
3. **Sea Loft Windows** – Tabled. E. Best will talk with Hewes and Company.
4. **Public Works Update** – The Board asked for an itemized list of responsibilities for the public works department. This was tabled until next week.
5. **Summer Camp Update (sign-ups/bus availability)** – The Board expressed concern for the lack of communication from the YMCA and noted low initial signups from Blue Hill residents for the summer camp program. The bus situation is being negotiated between Blue Hill School Committee and the YMCA .
6. **Liquor License and BYOB Approval – (Barncastle and Conte)** – The Conte's have requested a BYOB (Public Birthday Party) at the Halcyon Grange on March 23 from 7 – 10pm. S. Miller moved to approve the request; S. Dooley seconded. Vote: 4/0 Approved.

S. Miller moved to set a public hearing for April 1st at 5:45pm for the Barncastle liquor license; S. Dooley seconded. Vote: 4/0 Approved.

Other Business

1. **Versant Application** – Versant has requested permission to set a utility pole on the Range Road. S. Miller moved to table this until the Board had more information: J. Dow seconded. Vote: 4/0 Approved.

2. **Mountain Road Bond Agreement** – Greg sent information concerning the next steps for financing the Mountain Road project. J. Dow moved to table this discussion until next week; S. Miller seconded. Vote: 4/0 Approved.
3. **Signing of the Warrant for Town Meeting** – S. Miller moved to vote to authorize and sign the Town Warrants and then withdrew his motion. The Board discussed having a meeting on Wednesday (March 20th) at noon to sign.

Meeting Updates/Reminders

1. **Climate Resilience Committee** – Wednesday, March 20th.
2. **Select Board Meeting** – Monday, March 25th.
3. **Transfer Station Committee Meeting** – Tuesday, March 26th.
4. **Select Board Meeting** – Monday, April 1st.

Adjournment

J. Dow moved to adjourn after warrants were signed; S. Miller seconded. Vote: 4/0 Approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.