

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, April 15, 2024
Minutes**

Called the meeting to order at 5:30

1. **Quorum and meeting attendance** – E. Best (Chair), B. Adams, J. Dow, S. Miller, J. Wootten, J. Atwell (Town Administrator), M. Rockwell (Treasurer).
2. **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of April 1 and 10** – J. Dow moved to accept the minutes of April 1 and 10; S. Miller seconded. Vote: Tabled
3. **Public Comment** – Henrietta Clews supports the new fire station but requested that the Board to keep the lines of communication open with the citizens. She wants Blue Hill to avoid an issue like the Ellsworth/county courthouse situation.

Business

1. **Salt/Sand Purchase** – Ben Astbury asked about purchasing salt in the spring versus the fall. May 1 is the end of the salt season, so it would need to be soon. B. Adams recommends we purchase now as well. Ben Astbury gave kudos to Gary Runnells for the great work in his first season of plowing. It was agreed that B. Adams, B. Astbury, and J. Atwell determine how much salt to order and to do so.
2. **Banking and Investments** – Tabled.
3. **Fire Station Relocation** – VHB Engineering firm proposal includes survey work at a cost of \$50,000. S. Miller mentioned that this is exactly what the Town appropriated for, so it wouldn't leave a contingency. E. Best mentioned the importance of the aesthetics (we want something nice that will fit in with our community and what the people want). Jim Dow and Matt Dennison (Fire Chief) will take the lead on this project. S. Miller moved to authorize the Town Administrator to execute the contract on behalf of the Town; J. Dow seconded. Vote: 5/0 Approved.
4. **Seaside Cemetery Rules** – J. Dow wants the Board to review the rules of the Seaside Cemetery focusing mainly on a prohibition on dogs on the premises and whether plants will be allowed at gravesites. Jim would like the Board to work on the rules at next week's meeting. Jim and Scott will work on this together and provide the Board with their draft.
5. **Mobile Vending Application – Stone Fox** – Stone Fox Creamery would like to serve ice cream in the park. S. Miller moved to accept the application as ready for hearing; J. Dow seconded. Vote: 5/0 Approved. The Board set the public hearing for April 29.
6. **Bond – Post Issuance Compliance** – S. Miller moved to adopt the post issuance compliance policy for the Wastewater Treatment Plant financing as distributed to the Select Board on Friday; J. Dow seconded. Vote: 5/0 Approved.
7. **Penobscot MSW Meeting Report (S. Miller)** – S. Miller attended the Penobscot meeting which included three Penobscot Select Board members, the towns of Brooklin, Surry, Deer Isle, Stonington and Castine. They identified several problems, including: 1) Waste going to a land fill, 2) PERC plant closed, 3) hauling costs have increased substantially. There was discussion about sending a letter to Augusta to request legislative aid, however enthusiasm is not there yet. It was generally agreed to form a committee to understand what the individual issues are for each municipality. What does each town do

with their solid waste? What fees do they impose on the users? Etcetera. What is a realistic path forward? Each town has been invited to have representation at a meeting to be held on Friday, April 26 at 4pm, location to be determined. J. Wootten volunteered to represent Blue Hill.

Other Business

- 1. Solid Waste Committee** – S. Miller asked Mary Allen of the Surry Select Board if she would take over the Chair responsibilities for the Committee. S. Miller moved to appoint J. Wootten to the Solid Waste Committee, E. Best seconded. Vote: 5/0 Approved.
- 2. Rainbow Crosswalk (Library)** – In follow-up to the previous meeting's discussion about the Library crosswalk, B. Adams reported that he had discussed the situation with the line painting vendor. Painting this area would require sand blasting of the existing paint. The Board discussed that this crosswalk wasn't a true, legal crosswalk--partly due to the colors, also to do with location. A legal crosswalk must run from sidewalk to sidewalk and cannot be within a certain amount of distance from another crosswalk. When the road is reconstructed this year, the library crosswalk will be removed. B. Adams will speak with R. Boulet.
- 3. AA Field Turf** – B. Adams will order the materials and a group of volunteers will do the work. S. Miller moved to authorize expenditure for turf at the AA Field for \$1,561.64 from the Select Board's unanticipated/emergencies fund; J. Dow seconded. Vote: 5/0 Approved.

Executive Session

S. Miller moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(A) Personnel Matter; J. Dow seconded. Vote: 5/0 Approved. The executive session started at 6:18pm and ended at 7:21pm.

Adjournment

S. Miller moved to adjourn after warrants are signed; B. Adams seconded. Vote: 5/0 Approved.