

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, April 22, 2024
Minutes**

Called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

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 1st, 10th and 15th** – J. Dow moved to approve the minutes as edited for April 1st, 10th and 15th; S. Miller seconded. Vote: 5/0 Approved.
3. **Public Comment** – Henrietta Clews wanted to go on record stating that she appreciates the Fire Department and believes they should have a new location.

Business

1. **Banking/Investments** – The Treasurer recommended investing \$1,000,000 in a 3-month CDAR with The First at an interest rate of 5%. S. Miller moved to authorize the Treasurer to invest \$1,000,000 of Town operating funds at The First for 3 months with an interest rate of at least 5%; J. Dow seconded. Vote: 5/0 Approved.
2. **Public Hearing**
 - a. **Liquor license renewal – Blue Hill Co-op (5:45pm)** – E. Best opened the public meeting and reviewed the application with the Board and the public. There were no comments for or against the renewal. The public meeting was closed. J. Dow moved to approve the license; S. Miller seconded. Vote: 5/0 Approved.
3. **Climate Resilience Committee – Co-Chair recommendation** – J. Milliken withdrew the recommendation for a candidate for co-chair at the request of the candidate.
4. **Seaside Cemetery Rules – J. Dow** – Rule changes stem around plantings and animals. E. Best discussed “woody plants” in particular. Dogs urinating on headstones, and feces left on the grounds, among other issues are causes for concern. A public hearing is set for May 6th at 5:45pm to get public input on the rules. J. Atwell will submit a draft for the advertisement in the paper to J. Dow. It should be posted for two weeks. The meeting should be posted on the Town website and Facebook page.
5. **Sewer Extension Request – Peters Cove vicinity** – Olver will respond to the request sometime this week. S. Miller suggested that the Board come up with parameters for considering extensions in the future so as not to continue to burden Olver with all requests. This item was tabled awaiting Olver’s response.
6. **Mountain Rd. Project Administration (CES)** – B. Adams received an email from CES/Haley Ward. There were two options for construction administration and oversight on the upcoming Mountain Road Project. He recommends the lower priced option (\$42K – \$47K) with observation being conducted one day per week and one day per week of administration. B. Adams moved to hire Haley Ward, accepting this option; J. Dow seconded. Vote: 5/0 Approved.
7. **Short-Term Rental Regulation** – The Board agreed that this was a Planning Board issue not a Select Board item. The topic of ‘glamping’ came up as well and the Board agreed that this was also a Planning Board issue.

8. **Coastal Community Grant LOI Acceptance/Full Application** – The letter of interest concerning Town Wharfs and Piers was accepted and now a completed application needs to be submitted for access to the \$50K grant. May 31st is the deadline for completing the application.
9. **Marine Resources – Float Construction** – Questions have been raised about the construction of the new Town floats—concerns that they might not hold up (screws were used in place of carriage bolts, etc). J. Wootten will get in touch with the Harbormaster and Kipp Quinby, chair of the Marine Resources Committee.

Executive Session

S. Miller moved to enter executive session at 6:21pm per 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(A) Personnel Matters; J. Dow seconded. Vote: 5/0 Approved.

The executive session ended at 6:39pm. No action was taken in the subsequent public session.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned after the Board signed disbursement warrants.