

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

Called to Order at 5:30pm

1. **Determine quorum and meeting attendance** – E. Best (Chair), B. Adams, J. Dow, S. Miller, J. Wootten, J. Atwell (Town Administrator) and M. Rockwell (Treasurer)
2. **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of July 1 & 8, 2024** – S. Miller moved to approve the minutes as amended for July 1 and July 8; J. Dow seconded. Vote: 4/0/1. Approved.
3. **Public Comment** – Christopher Closs of the Toddy Pond Association addressed the Select Board concerning American Iron and Metal (AIM) and the Toddy Pond dam in Orland. AIM has filed an intent to abandon the dams with the state. These dams affect 5 communities including Blue Hill.

George Harrop spoke to the Board concerning the Parker Point subdivision that is currently being considered by the Planning Board. He requested that the Board put a moratorium on future development until the comprehensive plan has been completed. The Board suggested that Harrop contact Wilson King, Planning Board Chair, to make his request. It was also noted that, if the relevant application has been deemed complete by the Planning Board, the ordinance provisions to be applied to the project may be “grandfathered” as they stood on the date the application was complete.

Business

1. **Tax Commitment** – S. Miller moved to set the tax commitment rate at 8.75 mils; J. Wootten seconded. Vote: 5/0 Approved.
2. **Mobile Vending Permit – Blue Hill Heritage Trust Mountain Trail Race** – The Blue Hill Heritage Trust requested a permit to set up a table at the race to sell Heritage Trust Memorabilia at the Mountain Trail Race. S. Miller moved to approve the one-day permit; B. Adams seconded. Vote: 5/0 Approved.
3. **Town Facilities Permits – Exclusivity** – The Board discussed and agreed that a permit issued for the use of Town property does not convey a right to exclusive use unless requested by the applicant and approved by the Board. The Board agreed that it would be useful for Town staff to notify all concerned about mobile vending applications. J. Atwell will communicate with Flash in the Pans.
4. **Rental Agreement Request – Trio Follow Up** – J. Atwell reached out to Trio and requested an exchange of 2 hours of training for the rental of the Town Hall. They agreed and will be coming August 5.
5. **Liening and Deeding Process** – J. Atwell and M. Rockwell developed an internal process for putting liens on properties with unpaid real estate taxes. The Select Board would like to be informed prior to 30-day notices being sent out in the future, to allow it time to review the list for errors.
6. **CDAR Renewal Options** – The First has offered the same rate of 5% for 1-month, 2-month, 3-month and 6-month CDARs. The Board would like to check rates at Bar Harbor

Bank & Trust, understand how much cash the Town currently has on deposit, and review a cash flow forecast at least through the remainder of 2024.

Other Business

1. **New Deputy Clerk Hired** – Michael Laundry has been accepted the position as deputy clerk and will begin on August 5.

Executive Session

S. Miller moved to enter executive session per 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(A) Personnel Matters at 6:29pm; B. Adams seconded. Vote 5/0 Approved.

S. Miller moved to exit executive session at 6:44pm, E. Best seconded. Vote: 5/0 Approved. No decisions were made.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 6:45pm; all approved.