

Blue Hill Planning Board
August 14th, 2024 – Meeting Minutes

Location

Blue Hill Town Hall, 18 Union Street, Blue Hill, ME

Attendance

Present: Wilson King, Matthew Martin, Scott Blanchard (vice chair), Emily Cushman, Diana Page, Gavin Riggall, Bryce Emerson (CEO)

Public: See attached list for attendance.

The meeting began at 5:30pm and a quorum was recognized - 6 board members were present

Discussion: The Board reviewed the minutes from the July 10th, 2024 meeting.

Motion: Emily motioned to approve the meeting minutes from July 10th. Scott seconded. Approved 5-0-1. 1 member abstained.

Public Comment: None

Business:

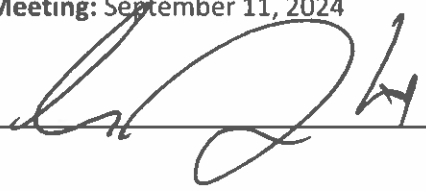
1. **Salt Pond Subdivision Public Hearing** – Over 150 people were in attendance at the public hearing from all over the area. Some of the main concerns from the public that were brought up during the meeting were: the application is non-compliant in meeting the state review criteria such as, pollution, sufficient water, erosion, aesthetics, groundwater, and storm water. The horseshoe crab population is in decline on the east coast, there has been signs of horseshoe spawning grounds in the salt marsh, other voiced concerns on the impact other wildlife in the area such as the eagle's nest on the island across from the property, several kinds of raptors, sea otters, along with aquaculture being impacted. Another member had taken the time to reach out to DEP and a civil engineer who had pointed out that the developer is neglecting to factor in impervious areas for withdrawal and recharge rates to the aquifer, the map of the underground geology is vague, the fields have been sprayed with pesticides and herbicides for many years, another person asked what kind of light pollution there would be on the newly installed homes and roadways. There were many great points and concerns expressed. Attached is all of the written emails and statements provided by the public.

Public hearing was closed at 7:35pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

Next Meeting: September 11, 2024

Signed: _____



Date: _____

9/11/2024