

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, December 23, 2024
Minutes**

Call to Order: 5:30 PM.

Attendance/Quorum

E. Best (Chair), S. Miller, B. Adams, J. Dow, J. Atwell (Town Administrator), D. Goettler (Minute Taker).

Approval of Minutes

S. Miller moved to approve the minutes of December 16, 2024 as edited. J. Dow seconded; vote passed 4/0.

Public Comment

Rick Bannister told the Board that previously-discussed potholes were still causing problems. B. Adams agreed to ask Morgan Lawson to patch them following the snowstorm predicted later in the week. R. Bannister also reported that several vehicles were speeding on Mountain Road; at the Board's request, J. Atwell agreed to ask John Chaplin to move an illuminated speed sign from near the Blue Hill Co-Op to Mountain Road.

Business

1. Animal Control Officer (ACO)

Since Morgan Lawson's new-hire probationary period has expired, there was discussion on raising his pay to \$30 per hour and giving him full responsibility as ACO. The Board discussed either hiring a deputy ACO or developing relationships with neighboring towns' ACOs in order to cover one another's call-outs. S. Miller moved to increase M. Lawson's rate of pay to \$30 per hour, effective January 1, 2025. B. Adams seconded; vote passed 4/0.

2. Winter Parking/Notice of Violation

No informational notice was published in the Weekly Packet. The Board discussed the precise parking limitations to be put in place and landed on prohibiting overnight on-street parking between November and March and all on-street parking during winter storms, as will be posted on the town website. Notice of Violation tickets are expected to be ready in January.

3. Assessors Agents

J. Dow has identified 154 businesses within Blue Hill. S. Miller suggested going ahead with mailing general letters requesting the declaration of personal property and J. Dow agreed to seek quotes from assessors agents.

4. Bench Request

Tabled due to businesses' holiday closures.

Other Business

S. Miller informed the Board that the “5 Town Dam Committee” has gone semi-public with the structure of a potential entity to assume ownership of the dams proposed to be abandoned by Bucksport Mill LLC. He also reported that a Blue Hill resident who does not own property on the shores of Toddy Pond donated \$500 toward Blue Hill’s share of the legal fees. E. Best agreed to write letters to owners of property on Toddy Pond to solicit donations.

Adjournment

J. Dow moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 PM, subject to signing Disbursement Warrants. S. Miller seconded; vote passed 4/0.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.