

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, December 30, 2024
Minutes**

Call to Order: 5:31 PM.

Attendance/Quorum

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

Approval of Minutes

S. Miller moved to approve the minutes of December 23, 2024 as edited. J. Wootten seconded; vote passed 5/0.

Public Comment

No public comments.

Business

1. Winter Parking/Notice of Violation

Following the recent winter storm, S. Miller received some complaints about some State-plowed roads, but very few about Town-plowed roads. On-street parking did not cause notable problems except on Tenney Hill. The Board continues to expect Notice of Violation tickets to be ready in January 2025.

2. Assessors Agents – Personal Property

Tabled.

3. Bench Request

Tabled.

4. Town Hall Capital Investment

The Town Hall is poorly insulated and suffering increased degradation by the elements. J. Wootten reported plans to add spray foam insulation to the basement. S. Miller advocated for completely repairing the basement instead, and possibly also addressing rot above grade. The Board agreed to review an existing condition report and either move forward with soliciting quotations or seek an updated report.

5. Sidewalk & Parking Accessibility

A store owner reported that she cannot effectively clear the sidewalk in front of her store due to a signpost planted in the middle of the sidewalk. The Board agreed that the appropriate solution was to have the sign moved, which would also bring the sidewalk back into ADA compliance.

On-street parking following winter storms has been constricting travel lanes on State-plowed roads because the State has not been clearing parking areas. S. Miller proposed two courses of action: either asking the State to plow twice after storms or having M. Lawson clean up the excess snow. The Board discussed where the excess snow could be moved.

B. Adams received a complaint that a cedar tree, rooted on private land, had grown to block a sidewalk and render it impassable. E. Best agreed to send a letter to the homeowners to inform them that they must trim it so as not to block public traffic.

Other Business

S. Miller informed the Board that the Solid Waste Committee would like to discontinue the use of defrayment accounts at the Transfer Station in order to simplify bookkeeping. J. Atwell provided the update that advertisements for a new Transfer Station Manager were published and she has received some responses. In the meantime, J. Wooten has been helping at the Transfer Station.

Adjournment

S. Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants. B. Adams seconded; vote passed 5/0.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.