

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, January 06, 2025
Minutes**

Call to Order: 5:30 PM.

Attendance/Quorum

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

Approval of Minutes

J. Dow moved to approve the minutes of December 30, 2024, as submitted. S. Miller seconded; vote passed 5/0.

Public Comment

Dan Welch, the new Head of School at George Stevens Academy, introduced himself to the Board and reported a very successful fall semester. He fielded questions about the school's plans for its real estate holdings.

Business

1. Liquor License Request – Blue Hill Public Library

As the license will be used for a one-time event, the Board determined that no public hearing was necessary. S. Miller moved to approve the license as requested. B. Adams seconded; vote passed 5/0.

2. Drummond Woodsum – Engagement Letter

Drummond Woodsum is increasing their rates for municipal work, though the Board considered the new rates reasonable. S. Miller moved to re-appoint Agnieszka Dixon as town attorney and authorize J. Atwell to execute a letter of engagement to that effect. J. Wootten seconded; vote passed 5/0.

3. Winter Parking / Notice of Violation

Tabled.

4. Assessors Agents – Personal Property

Tabled.

5. Bench Request

Tabled.

6. Town Hall Capital Investment

S. Miller summarized the existing report on the Town Hall's condition, breaking the repair work into short-, medium-, and long-term priorities and providing rough cost estimates for each. Some of the suggested repairs have already been made since the report was compiled in 2020.

7. Abatements

S. Miller moved to approve an abatement and a supplemental tax billing, as recommended by the assessor's agents. The wrong party was listed and billed as the owner of a parcel. This corrects that error. B. Adams seconded; vote passed 5/0.

8. Schedule Work Session for 2025 Proposed Budget

The Board scheduled a first, 90-minute work session for 10:30 AM on January 14, 2025, and a second session for 10:30 AM on January 21, 2025. They discussed which departmental budget proposals they had received, and J. Atwell agreed to distribute those from the fire department and wastewater treatment plant.

Other Business

S. Miller informed the Board that the Town of Orland had received a grant towards public relations, but not legal costs, for Toddy Pond, and might use it to hire a moderator and host public meetings in the five towns concerned. The Toddy Pond Association had started a GoFundMe page and has received approximately \$1000 in donations as of the meeting; going forward, they will ask donors to designate to which dam they would like their donations applied in order to aid in the fair splitting of proceeds between the towns. S. Miller will call a representative from a town that co-owns another dam on the evening of January 7, 2025, in order to discuss the legal technicalities of the co-ownership.

Adjournment

J. Dow moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants. S. Miller seconded; vote passed 5/0.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.