

Explanation: The new ordinance, whose adoption would repeal and replace the existing ordinance of similar title, is offered to fulfill a promise made at the Town Meeting in April 2024, by a group of Town voters, to provide alternate and more narrow language to improve upon the amendment that was passed at the 2024 Town meeting. The 2024 amendment was a blanket exemption for anyone to use prohibited pesticides in cases of invasive species. The replacement language offered in 2024 updates the ordinance, provides for a specific process to apply for a waiver for pest emergencies, and a specific exemption to authorize the Blue Hill Tree Warden to oversee pesticide treatments for Dutch Elm Disease, emerald ash borer, and browntail moth. A copy of the proposed amendments to the ordinance is attached to the posted warrant and copies are available at the Town Office and at <https://bluehillme.gov>.

OTHER ARTICLES

ARTICLE 68. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell a town-owned right of way, located at 820 Ellsworth Road, Map 29 Lot 72, for such price and subject to such terms and conditions as the Select Board may deem appropriate.

ARTICLE 69. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board, on a continuing basis until such authority is revoked by a vote of the Town, to accept easements on real property owned by others and benefitting the Town, subject to such terms and conditions as the Select Board may deem reasonable.

ARTICLE 70. To see if the Town will vote to (1) authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepaid taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 506; (2) fix the annual interest rate at 7.50% on overdue property taxes, tax liens, and tax acquired property; (3) set the date of October 15, 2025 for property tax payments after which interest will accrue on unpaid taxes; (4) authorize the Select Board to sell and repurchase lots in the Town’s cemeteries and accept payments for said lots; and (5) authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed 4/12 of the amount assigned to each budget category of the 2025 Annual Budget during the period from January 1, 2026 to the 2026 Annual Town Meeting.

GIVEN UNTO OUR HANDS at Blue Hill, Maine this fourth day of March 2025.



Ellen Best



D. Scott Miller



Benjamin Adams



James Dow

James Wootten

A majority of the Municipal Officers of Blue Hill, Maine.

Attest: A True Copy:



Sarah Lavallee, Town Clerk

The Registrar of Voters hereby gives notice that he will be in session at his office Monday, March 31, 2025, from 8:00am to 7:00pm for the purposes of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Attest:



Sarah Lavallee, Town Clerk