

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, February 03, 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. Wootten moved to approve the minutes of January 27, 2025, and January 28, 2025, as submitted. J. Dow seconded; vote passed 5/0.

Public Comment

No public comments.

Business

1. BHBT – Close Sewer Bank Account (Opened 2009)

Account #3742 at Bar Harbor Bank and Trust contains roughly \$1,200. Those funds are left over from the sewer extension project and do not currently earn interest. The Board agreed to examine the minutes from the special town meeting in which those funds were allocated in order to determine whether or not their use is restricted. J. Dow moved to close account #3742 and transfer the contents to the reserve account for the wastewater treatment plant. B. Adams seconded; vote passed 5/0.

2. Treasurer Bank Transfer Authority

S. Miller moved to authorize treasurer J. Atwell to make transfers she deems appropriate between FDIC-insured accounts titled to the Town of Blue Hill, even if the transfer is between multiple depository institutions. J. Dow seconded; vote passed 5/0. S. Miller proposed amending the previous motion to add the requirement that all transferred funds must be accessible within 24 hours without penalty; the Board unanimously agreed.

3. Liquor License Renewal Request – Blue Hill Co-Op

S. Miller moved to set the public hearing for the Blue Hill Co-Op's liquor license renewal for Monday, February 10, 2025, at 5:45 PM. B. Adams seconded; vote passed 5/0.

4. Abatement

The Board received an appeal on an abatement only partially granted to Meredith Richardson. The Board must review the appeal and respond by March 24, 2025, and decided to invite the property owner to the Select Board meeting on Monday, March 3, 2025, to explain the request.

5. Winter Parking / Notice of Violation

Tabled.

6. Bench Request

Tabled.

Other Business

The Board will not meet the week of February 17, 2025, but will meet with the goal of finalizing its budget on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 1:00 PM. J. Atwell will ask Janice Snow and Derek Perkins to attend the Select Board meeting on February 24, 2025, to review the school budget.

The pest control ordinance drafting team plans to host a public meeting regarding proposed amendments to the ordinance on March 11, 2025; S. Miller offered to host an informational meeting about the town budget in late March.

S. Miller moved to adopt a distributed resolution authorizing the Town of Brooksville, acting as fiscal agent for several towns on the Peninsula, to sign a contract with Resilience Works, LLC, with regard to development of a Wildfire Protection Plan. B. Adams seconded; vote passed 5/0.

Blue Hill will host its public informational meeting about the Toddy Pond dam on Wednesday, February 12, 2025. The DEP has written to Bucksport Mill seeking the release of information on the dam's condition to the public.

Executive Session

S. Miller moved to enter executive session per 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(A) - Personnel Matter at 6:48 PM. B. Adams seconded; vote passed 5/0. Executive session ended at 8:02 PM.

Adjournment

E. Best moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants. S. Miller seconded; vote passed 5/0.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.