

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, April 07, 2025
Minutes**

Call to Order: 5:30 PM.

Attendance/Quorum

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

Approval of Minutes

J. Wootten moved to approve the minutes of March 31, 2025, as edited. B. Adams seconded; vote passed 4/0.

Public Comment

A member of the public asked about the voter turnout at the Town Meeting referendum. The Town Administrator informed her that 899 ballots were cast.

Business

1. Welcome New Select Board Members

The previously-elected members of the Select Board welcomed A. Woog.

2. Select Board Areas of Focus, Training Requirements, Authorities

J. Atwell sent A. Woog the required training materials from MMA. B. Adams must also renew his FOAA training.

3. Appoint Chair

B. Adams moved to appoint E. Best as Chair. S. Miller seconded; vote passed 5/0.

4. Parade Permit – George Hurvitt

George Hurvitt requested a permit for a pride parade beginning at 2:00 PM on June 21, 2025, which will involve total road closure. The group hosting the parade has already confirmed that the fire department will be available at the time; the Hancock County Sheriff's approval is still outstanding. S. Miller moved to grant the permit pending the Sheriff's approval. J. Wootten seconded; vote passed 5/0.

5. Park Lights

Flash in the Pans have communicated that they would like to have at least 20 Amps available in the park, though they can make do with 15 Amps.

6. Protestor Safety

The Board discussed the possibility of requiring permits for large assemblies in order to prevent protests, like the one held on Saturday, April 5, 2025, from spilling into the roadways. Multiple members of the Board expressed hesitation about placing a limit on the right to assemble where it was not clear that there is a recurring safety problem, and the Board decided not to act.

7. WWTP Project

J. Atwell reported that prepaid installments on the loan cannot be redrawn. She has not yet signed the renewal and will ask what the deadline is.

8. Accounting Proposal

J. Atwell told Marc Roy of Blue Star Accounting that the Board is interested in engaging him according to the terms of his third proposal, and he sent her an engagement letter that allows the Board to determine the number of hours for which to hire him. The Board wants to review the letter before J. Atwell signs for the recommended 20 hours. S. Miller moved to authorize J. Atwell to sign the engagement letter for up to 20 hours upon the approval of the majority of the Select Board. B. Adams seconded; vote passed 5/0.

9. Audit Engagement Letters

J. Atwell still has not heard back from RJR Smith, though the auditors are waiting for an engagement letter. The Board agreed to wait for the anticipated reply before signing anything.

10. Website

J. Atwell proposed engaging Revize to update the Town website, making it ADA compliant and easier to navigate, for which they will charge approximately \$11,000 spread across five years. A member of the public advised the Board that that rate was unusually expensive for the service to be rendered, and that ADA compliance is not usually treated as an extra charge. The Board discussed Revize's competitors and other Towns' websites. S. Miller suggested looking into local developers as an alternative to a large company.

Other Business

S. Miller met with the Toddy Pond Association earlier in the morning. They are in favor of the drafted legislation, though some Toddy Pond residents oppose it because of the lack of a reliable budget for operating costs. He has also sent out bids for the finger floats with two potential delivery dates.

Executive Session

S. Miller moved to enter executive session per 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(A) - Personnel Matter at 6:31 PM. B. Adams seconded; vote passed 5/0. Executive session ended at 8 25 PM.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants. The Disbursement Warrants were signed.