

**Town of Blue Hill  
Select Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 22, 2025  
Minutes**

**Call to Order: 5:30 PM.**

**Attendance/Quorum**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

S. Miller moved to approve the minutes of April 14, 2025, as amended. B. Adams seconded; vote passed 5/0.

**Public Comment**

No public comments.

**Business**

**1. WWTP Project**

Two representatives from Olver Associates Inc. intend to attend the May 5, 2025, Select Board Meeting in order to update the Board and discuss edits to the proposed amendment to the MIAF grant agreement.

**2. Attorney Conflict Waiver Request**

The law firm representing four towns in conjunction with the Toddy Pond dam situation has requested a waiver for a potential conflict of interest so that they can also represent the developers of the proposed Salt Pond subdivision in their consideration of an appeal of the Planning Board's rejection of their subdivision. A. Woog agreed to investigate language for a firewall in the waiver. B. Adams moved to agree to the waiver with an appropriate firewall inserted. S. Miller seconded; vote passed 5/0.

**3. Review of 2025 YTD Budget vs. Actual Results**

Tabled.

**4. Review of Carbon Cash-Back Pricing Letter**

S. Miller distributed his version of the letter, revised to contain only strict facts regarding the Town referendum vote. A. Woog proposed an additional edit and agreed to distribute her revised version.

**5. EV Charger Grant**

It is currently unclear whether the federal government intends to honor grants awarded prior to the Trump administration terminating the program. J. Milliken, on behalf of the Climate Resilience Committee, offered to investigate both the technologies and grants available.

**6. Removal of Trees in Town Right-of-Way**

M. Lawson has identified several trees growing on Town right-of-ways on private property, that are at risk of falling into Town roads. The Board discussed whether the Town or landowner is responsible for removing them, and determined that, as they belong to the landowners, it is neither the Town's right nor responsibility to have them removed; however, should they fall into Town roads, the landowners may be liable for the costs to clear the road. The Board agreed to send letters to landowners informing them of the Town's concern.

M. Lawson also requested permission to install a low cedar fence to protect pedestrians in the mountain parking lot; the Board proposed a stone barrier instead.

## **7. Park Lights**

Tabled.

## **Other Business**

E. Best read aloud the easement release for the Town's right-of-way on the Curtis land. Upon receipt of \$2,000.00 in cash from Kim Curtis, the members of the Board present in person signed the release, to be finalized on April 23, 2025, in the presence of B. Emerson, a notary public.

The truck that the Town is considering purchasing has a fuel management issue that the seller claims can be solved by reprogramming; B. Adams intends to get a mechanic's confirmation before proceeding.

S. Miller moved to make the Climate Resilience Committee's recommended appointment of Suzanne Zeliff as third co-chair. BA seconded; vote passed 5/0.

J. Wootten reported that protestors were again in the road the previous weekend and that the Town's sidewalk buggy has broken down again. The Board discussed alternatives.

E. Best recommended that the Board sign a letter outlining her understanding of the history of a plot of land acquired by the Town in 1879 and sold in 2021 so that the current owner, who is looking to sell the plot, can support the assertion that it has a clear title. E. Best sees no potential liability for the Town, but due to the conflict of interest, she will confer with town attorney A. Dixon.

## **Adjournment**

B. Adams moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants. S. Miller seconded; vote passed 5/0.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.