

**Town of Blue Hill  
Select Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 27, 2025  
Minutes**

**Called to order at 5:35 PM**

**Attendance/Quorum**

E. Best (Chair), S. Miller, J. Wootten, A. Woog, S. Lavallee (Town Clerk/Minute Taker).

**Approval of Minutes**

S. Miller moved to approve the minutes of May 12, 2025, as submitted. J. Wootten seconded; vote passed 3/0, with 1 abstention.

**Public Comment**

No Public Comment

**Business**

**1 Abatement & Supplemental**

- Map 006 Lot 030: Mann, M Jane Allen and Ethan requested withdrawal from Tree Growth status. A supplemental 2024 Tax Bill in the amount of \$15267.00 will be processed. S. Miller moved to approve the supplement, seconded by E. Best; vote passed 4/0.

- Map 012 Lot 010: Richardson, Meredith and Lauren had requested an abatement for the valuation of building and land. S. Miller moved to approve the abatement for building condition only as described in a draft assessor's agent letter dated March 31, 2025 for a total of \$855.75 in 2024 property taxes, and to deny the request for an adjustment to land value of land. E. Best seconded; vote passed 4/0. (After the meeting, it was determined that the \$855.75 abatement had already been approved in March 2025 and that, at that time, the Board tabled the request for an adjustment to land value pending further information from the assessor's agent.)

- Map 012 Lot 009: 20 Mile LLC/Richardson, Meredith requested an abatement for valuation of land due to its proximity to school, not having a deeded right to use an existing driveway, and concerns about which assessment "neighborhood" was appropriate. S. Miller moved to deny the request. E. Best seconded; vote passed 4/0.

**2 Public Hearing: Blue Hill Bed & Breakfast**

Hearing opened at 6:26 PM and closed at 6:28 PM with no public comment. S. Miller. moved to approve Liquor License for Blue Hill Bed & Breakfast. J. Wootten seconded; vote passed 4/0.

**3 Liquor License – Devil's Half Acre Beer Garden, LLC**

S. Miller moved to set a public hearing date for June 9, 2025, at 5:45 PM. J. Wootten seconded; vote passed 4/0.

**4 Crosswalk Policy**

A. Woog had sent a draft policy copy to the board. It was suggested that the board make comments on the draft copy so that it can be considered for approval.

## **5 HCPC Appointments**

A. Woog mentioned Elise Schellhase was interested in the Hancock County Planning Board Committee. It was confirmed that alternates as well as appointees need to be Blue Hill residents. J. Wootten moved to appoint Elise Schellhase. S. Miller seconded; vote passed 4/0.

## **6 Payroll Warrant Policy**

A. Woog to update a draft policy from two example policies that were reviewed. S. Miller moved to authorize A. Woog to sign the next payroll disbursement warrant. J. Wootten seconded; vote passed 4/0.

## **7 WWTP- Thank you letters**

E. Best will sign the letters.

## **8 Park Lights**

Tabled.

## **Other Business**

The Board confirmed that its policy is to require public hearings for all liquor license applications, except one-day events.

A. Woog mentioned a “Federal Safe Streets” grant that pays out 80/20, which could be something to look into for the 2026 budget. Application is due June 2025. S. Miller mentioned MaineDOT has a “Local Roads Center” to help municipalities manage their town roads, that MaineDOT also offers a 50/50 “Municipal Partnership Initiative” grant program which might be applicable, and that the Town’s experience with the federal 80/20 program has not been great (the South Street sidewalk project is the most recent example).

## **Executive Session**

A Woog moved to enter executive session per 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(C) – Real Estate at 7:03 PM. S. Miller seconded; vote passed 4/0. Executive session ended at 8 25 PM.

## **Adjournment**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm, subject to signing disbursement warrants.