

**Town of Blue Hill  
Select Board Meeting  
Monday, June 2, 2025  
Minutes**

**Call to Order: 5:34 PM.**

**Attendance/Quorum**

E. Best (Chair), S. Miller, B. Adams, A. Woog, D. Goettler (Minute Taker). J. Wootten joined the meeting during the first executive session.

**Approval of Minutes**

The approval of the minutes of May 27, 2025, was tabled pending further discussion of one business item.

**Public Comment**

Jim Dow sought permission to perform repair work on some damaged headstones in Seaside Cemetery. B. Adams moved to grant permission. S. Miller seconded; vote passed 4/0.

Allen Kratz informed the Board that the Hancock County Planning Commission will be meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 6:00 PM and encouraged Blue Hill to send a representative. He also mentioned that Brooklin's Climate Response Committee, which advises residents on energy-saving home improvements, would like to expand to work with neighboring communities. There will also be a panel on floating offshore wind at the Blue Hill Public Library on Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

Cynthia Winings informed the Board and the public that her gallery is open for the season and that a committee of several local businesses has agreed to stay open late on the first Friday of every month.

Jeanette Gray expressed frustration regarding the lack of drainage on and around her property. She stated that she had previously been in contact with E. Best, B. Adams, and J. Atwell regarding the water level; E. Best and B. Adams expressed that J. Gray misunderstood the Town's level of responsibility for preventing water damage to private property and suggested that she get back in contact with the assessors' agents if she thinks that she is being unfairly taxed.

**Business**

**1. Safe Streets for All**

A. Woog presented an 80/20 action planning grant opportunity for improving road safety in Blue Hill. The Board discussed how much prior planning was expected of applicants. B. Adams volunteered to help A. Woog look into the program before the June 26, 2025, application deadline.

**2. HCPC Appointments – New Request**

On A. Woog's recommendation, S. Miller moved to appoint Julia Zell to the Hancock County Planning Commission. B. Adams seconded; vote passed 4/0.

**3. Payroll Warrant Policy**

A. Woog had circulated a draft, and S. Miller redistributed it with a few edits. S. Miller moved to adopt the policy as distributed; B. Adams seconded. The Board discussed whether or not the Transfer Station employees were paid as Town employees. Vote passed 4/0.

**4. Phone System**

SJ Rollins has presented suggestions to overhaul the Town Office phone system. S. Miller expressed the belief that the improved system will not cost significantly more than the existing one.

**5. Park Lights**

B. Adams had received a work order but was unable to connect with the planner the previous week; he will try again on June 5 or 6, 2025.

**6. Abatement Request**

S. Lavallee had pointed out to E. Best that the Select Board voted to grant one of the abatements requested by M. Richardson for 012-010 twice. No further action is required.

**7. WWTP MIAF Amendment**

S. Miller had circulated the amendments to the agreed-upon timeline with the State of Maine, negotiated by Olver Associates, Inc. Though the final deadline is unchanged, some internal milestones have shifted to permit more effective use of grant funds; Olver Associates, Inc.'s representatives are very confident that the new timeline is achievable and that the requisite \$1,000,000 can be spent on the project rather than being forfeited. S. Miller moved to authorize himself to sign the agreement as amended on behalf of the Town; B. Adams seconded. The Board discussed when the project would go out to bid. Vote passed 4/0.

**8. Code Enforcement/Licensed Plumbing Inspector**

S. Miller moved to accept B. Emerson's emailed offer to remain Code Enforcement Officer in a remote capacity until the end of July 2025. B. Adams seconded; vote passed 4/0. E. Best will reply to B. Emerson's email.

**9. Accounting Update**

S. Miller received Marc Roy's responses to six emailed questions and will report on them at the next Select Board meeting. He mentioned some concerns surrounding the extent of proposed account consolidation.

**10. Aquaculture Moratorium – Delayed**

S. Miller informed Bailey Bowden that the Select Board does not currently have the capacity to discuss the proposed moratorium, but that they can revisit the topic at the end of June 2025.

E. Best mentioned the potential for an ordinance limiting "glampgrounds"; S. Miller suggested that such restrictions could instead be added to the existing Commercial Site Plan Review Ordinance.

E. Best also mentioned that the developer behind the proposed Salt Pond subdivision has sued the Town in appeal of the Planning Board's decision to deny the developer's application for subdivision approval.

#### **11. Agency Liquor Store Application/State Hearing**

The state has informed the Town that a hearing will be held on June 16, 2025, to consider an application from Mike's Market to become an agency liquor store. The State's notice to the Town did not specify how to retrieve the application. The Select Board requested that the notice be posted on the Town website so interested members of the public will be aware of the hearing.

#### **Other Business**

S. Miller moved to authorize E. Best to sign the appropriate documentation to appoint M. Lawson as e911 Addressing Officer. B. Adams seconded; vote passed 4/0.

#### **Executive Session**

S. Miller moved to enter executive session per 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(A) - Personnel Matter at 6:51 PM. B. Adams seconded; vote passed 4/0. Executive session ended at 7:42 PM.

S. Miller moved to enter executive session per 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(C) - Real estate at 7:42 PM. B. Adams seconded; vote passed 5/0. Executive session ended at 8:24 PM.

#### **Adjournment**

S. Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants. B. Adams seconded; vote passed 5/0.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.