

**Town of Blue Hill  
Select Board Meeting  
Monday, June 9, 2025  
Minutes**

**Call to Order: 5:31 PM.**

**Attendance/Quorum**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

B. Adams moved to approve the minutes of June 2, 2025. J. Wootten seconded; vote passed 4/0. J. Wootten moved to approve the minutes of May 27, 2025, as amended. A. Woog seconded; vote passed 3/0 with one abstention. B. Adams moved to approve the minutes of June 6, 2025. J. Wootten seconded; vote passed 4/0.

S. Miller also informed the public that, following the executive session on June 6, 2024, the Board moved and voted to authorize E. Best to facilitate the Town's purchase of two properties from George Stevens Academy at a rate discussed in executive session, as well as to authorize S. Miller to sign a document pertaining to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**Public Comment**

J. Milliken asked why the Town was interested in the purchase of one of the GSA properties. S. Miller stated that the purchase was related to the plans to relocate the fire station.

**Business**

**1. Safe Streets for All**

A. Woog's contact at MDOT suggested that the Town's action planning grant application include the demonstration add-on to allow some limited implementation. Bar Harbor shared their grant application and proposed timeline as exemplars. S. Miller shared data on traffic collisions within Town, demonstrating that they tended to be spread out rather than clustered around a few problematic intersections.

**2. Public Hearing: Devil's Half Acre Beer Garden, LLC**

S. Miller opened the public hearing. J. Dow and J. Milliken spoke in favor of granting the renewal. Nobody spoke in opposition. The owner of the property praised the proprietors' business acumen. The hearing was closed. S. Miller asked if there is outdoor space in which patrons will be permitted to consume alcohol. The proprietor described the outdoor space and the State's online application portal. B. Adams moved to approve the application including the diagram of outdoor space submitted for 2024. J. Wootten seconded; vote passed 4/0.

**3. Phone System**

S. Miller summarized the differences between the four different proposals he received and expressed a preference for owning rather than leasing the physical handsets.

**4. Update Bank Signers**

The Town will soon require a new Deputy Treasurer as a secondary check signer, and as no member of the Select Board can hold that position, S. Miller expressed a desire to speak with S. Lavallee and D. Goettler about filling the role. J. Atwell expressed hesitation about checks and balances.

**5. Wayfinding Signs**

George Hurvitt, representing the Blue Hill Small Business Collaborative, requested that wayfinding signs be placed around Town to direct pedestrians to businesses that are not immediately visible. J. Chapman and the Board discussed regulations around signs that could distract drivers.

J. Chapman also mentioned his belief that the grant for the replacement of Falls Bridge required an education display be erected about the old bridge, which has not yet happened.

**6. Park Lights**

B. Adams met with the Versant planner and is in favor of an option that will cost \$23.08 per month; he will get a reference image to show E. Best at a future meeting. The Board discussed who bears liability for damage in case of vandalism.

**7. Accounting Update**

S. Miller proposed a Select Board working session to discuss the appropriate level of account consolidation.

**8. Cemetery Plot Sale**

The Board discussed whether or not they have a role in approving interments in Seaside Cemetery. They determined that that is the Sexton's responsibility and tabled the matter without action.

**9. Sewer Ordinance Inquiry**

The Board received an inquiry from a resident regarding why those who own property along the sewer line but use a septic tank are required to pay the sewer use fee. S. Miller confirmed that the Sewer Use Ordinance requires all buildings within 200 feet of the sewer line to be connected unless the Select Board grants a waiver, but the waiver does not preclude the requirement to pay the standard fee. He will offer to set up a meeting with the homeowner.

**10. The Nub**

A mating pair of eagles has been nesting on the Nub for at least ten years, and Melissa Guinness has observed increased pedestrian and dog activity since the Town took over ownership of the islands. She requested the installation of signage prohibiting foot traffic near the nest during nesting season; S. Miller expressed a preference for educational rather than prohibitive signage, since enforcement is not feasible.

**11. GSA Budget Review Committee Appointment**

B. Adams moved to approve the recommendation to appoint Ben Wootten to the GSA Budget Review Committee. J. Wootten seconded; vote passed 4/0.

**12. BYOB – Hill's Market**

Hill's Market applied for a one-time BYOB liquor license for a Father's Day event. As there was no need for a public hearing, B. Adams moved to approve the application as submitted. J. Wootten seconded. The Board discussed instituting a policy requiring liquor license applicants to submit their applications a certain amount of time before the event in question. Vote passed 4/0.

### **Other Business**

B. Adams reached out to a potential candidate to fill the role of Code Enforcement Officer, who was not interested. The Board discussed why no job opening had been posted yet; they intend to confer with neighboring towns before deciding on the future structure of the position.

S. Miller reported that the legislation pertaining to the Toddy Pond dam is progressing well; part of it will be going before the Legislature soon.

### **Adjournment**

B. Adams moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants. J. Wootten seconded; vote passed 4/0.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.