

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, June 16, 2025
Minutes**

Call to Order: 5:32 PM.

Attendance/Quorum

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

Approval of Minutes

A. Woog proposed two edits to the minutes of June 16, 2025. J. Wootten moved to approve the minutes of June 16, 2025, as edited. S. Miller seconded; vote passed 4/0 with one abstention.

Public Comment

J. Milliken asked for clarification regarding the cost of the Town's proposed purchase of some GSA property. The Board clarified that, while they did make an offer, the amount of that offer was not released to the public.

Business

1. Safe Streets for All – Grant

A. Woog distributed her proposed language for the narrative. S. Miller pointed out that Bar Harbor's example application made proposals for a broader region, rather than just the Town; A. Woog explained that Bar Harbor applied before the grant had been split into separate town and region options. She proposed requesting \$500,000; S. Miller and E. Best expressed concerns about the amount being too high for a town of Blue Hill's size. B. Adams advocated for using the money for sidewalk installation, which the Town has already deemed a priority; A. Woog reminded the Board that the grant in question is only for planning, not implementation. She and B. Adams agreed to meet to discuss options.

2. Phone System

S. Miller is having trouble getting the proposals he is expecting. Tabled.

3. Update Bank Signers

The Board is having trouble finding a candidate for second signer with whom there are no concerns about checks and balances. Tabled.

4. Park Lights

B. Adams explained to E. Best the proposal that he brought to the previous meeting, including that there was no installation charge. E. Best expressed approval as long as the lease length is no longer than one year. S. Miller moved to authorize B. Adams to have the light installed contingent upon securing a lease of one year or less. J. Wootten seconded; vote passed 5/0.

5. Cemetery Plot Sale

E. Best expressed confusion over the size of the plot and to whom it is being sold; she asked J. Atwell to find out.

6. No Parking Stripes

The Congregational Church requested the painting of ‘no parking’ stripes on either side of the exit of their parking lot in order to improve visibility. The Board discussed whether that action was to be taken at the Town or State DOT level. Tabled pending more information about past street painting.

7. Liquor License – Siam Sky & Rioux Catering

S. Miller moved to set the liquor license hearings for both Siam Sky and Rioux Catering for Monday, June 23, 2025, at 5:45 PM. B. Adams seconded; vote passed 5/0.

8. Mobile Vendor – Mobile Cone

The submitted application was missing a few components; tabled pending the receipt of the outstanding documents.

9. Hill’s Market – Special Event (Summer Schedule)

On advice from S. Lavallee, Hill’s Market submitted a group of applications to the Board, with the intention of continuing to submit them individually online. E. Best suggested that the Board should hold a hearing as the events in question are scheduled to recur weekly. S. Miller moved to set the hearing for the whole series of liquor license requests for Monday, June 23, 2025, at 5:45 PM. B. Adams seconded; vote passed 5/0.

Other Business

S. Miller reported that the finger floats for the South Blue Hill harbor are fully built and should be installed on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. He also provided an update on the Toddy Pond Dam legislation, which has unanimously passed out of committee and been signed by the Governor.

E. Best reported that the appeal for the proposed Salt Pond development is underway and that A. Woog is serving as point person. She and D. Goettler discussed the schedule for the Town Office and determined that it must be closed to the public at least on Fridays.

J. Atwell informed the Board that she has received four applications for the vacant Deputy Clerk position and that S. Lavallee is in contact with some applicants to set up interviews.

B. Adams volunteered to retrieve the Town’s park camera from the Hancock County Sheriff’s office, where it was taken after a concerned resident reported it. The Board discussed appropriate labeling to prevent such incidents in the future.

E. Best questioned how long the documents removed from the Town Hall basement need to remain in separate storage. She and D. Goettler discussed how best to remove mold spores from them before they are brought back; S. Miller volunteered the use of a chest freezer for D. Goettler’s remediation efforts.

Executive Session

S. Miller moved to enter executive session per 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(C) - Real Estate at 6:38 PM. B. Adams seconded; vote passed 5/0. Executive session ended at 7:16 PM.

S. Miller moved to make a counteroffer to GSA for two properties (the lot at which the BHCS is located and the former GSA dorm property on Tenney Hill) in the amount discussed during the executive session. B. Adams seconded, vote passed 5/0.

Adjournment

S. Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants. B. Adams seconded; vote passed 5/0.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.