

**Town of Blue Hill  
Select Board Meeting  
Thursday, July 10, 2025  
Minutes**

**Call to Order: 8:00 AM.**

**Attendance/Quorum**

Select Board: E. Best (Chair), B. Adams, S. Miller, J. Wootten  
Public: R. Florian, J. Gulliver

**Business**

**1. Florian Request for Use of South Blue Hill Wharf Facilities**

Rex Florian, who owns property on Long Island, requested that the Select Board hear an appeal of a Marine Resources Committee/Harbormaster decision not to allow Florian exclusive use of the facilities for up to four days beginning Saturday, July 19.

Florian gave the background to his request, which is for permission to relocate the Town's finger floats to facilitate access by a barge to the boat launch ramp for the purpose of transporting construction materials to Long Island. He described the multi-year background to his efforts to have a well drilled on his property and how he believes that there is now a narrow window for moving his project forward—the ground is relatively dry, a large barge is available in the vicinity, and the typical wind strength is lower than at other times of the year.

After some discussion and clarification, the specific request made of the Select Board (which is narrower and more detailed than the request reviewed by the Marine Resources Committee) is for the following:

- Permission to relocate the Town's finger floats away from the south (boat launch) side of the main floats.
- Priority access to the boat launch ramp 1.5 hours before high tide to 1.5 hours after high tide during the four-day period. (There are two "daylight" high tides per day on some of these days.)
- Movement of two moored vessels to facilitate access to the ramp by the barge.

There was extensive discussion about the specifics of the request, the sources of inconvenience to other users of the facility, and possible alternatives to mitigate that inconvenience.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize Florian to move the finger floats from their usual position no earlier than 1.5 hours before each high tide and to have them back in place and available to users no later than 1.5 hours after high tide. This authorization is valid for July 19-22, 2025, subject to the following conditions:

- Florian to arrange for launch service, using a properly equipped vessel, to allow users access to their moored vessels during all periods of time in which the finger floats are not in their regular position.
- Florian to provide notice to users of the anticipated activity and the provision of launch service, as soon as possible, via one or more posters placed at the South Blue Hill Wharf. The contents of the posters shall be subject to Select Board review and approval.
- Florian to provide a \$5,000 check to the Town, as bond, to cover any damage to Town facilities or user dinghies as a result of the activity. This check is not meant to limit Florian's liability for any damage.
- Florian to identify to the Town an individual or company, subject to Town approval, responsible for moving the finger floats and dinghies and identify the Town as an additional insured on the responsible party's liability insurance policy.
- Florian to ensure that all required land use applications, including the Notice of Intent to Alter or Construct, have been filed with the Town and that any required permits (of which none were identified) have been issued.
- Any movement of moored vessels be made only with the vessel owner's permission, upon such terms as Florian and the vessel owner may agree.

The motion was approved (4/0).

### **Adjournment**

Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and approved (4/0), the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.