

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, August 18, 2025
Minutes**

Call to Order: 5:30 PM.

Attendance/Quorum

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

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 3/0 with one abstention to approve the minutes of August 4, 2025. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 3/0 with one abstention to approve the minutes of August 11, 2025. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 3/0 with one abstention to approve the minutes of August 15, 2025

Public Comment

A member of the public asked about the status of Blaze's continuing Special Amusement Ordinance violations. She was informed that they have been provided with all feasible guidance and seem to be preparing to submit a permit application. S. Miller suggested that future violations should be reported to the Select Board to be met with fines according to the fee schedule in the Ordinance.

A question about construction being permitted close to Mill Stream was referred to the Code Enforcement Officer and Planning Board.

J. Dow mentioned that the recent maintenance work done on Kingdom Road looks excellent.

Business

1. Arborvine Liquor License Application

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to schedule Arborvine's Liquor License renewal hearing for Monday, August 25, 2025, at 5:45 PM. A. Woog will submit a public notice to run in the Weekly Packet.

2. Parking Tickets

Several residents who recently received parking tickets asked questions about the Traffic Ordinance, signage, and enforcement. The Board agreed that signage should be made clearer in several locations around town.

3. Special Town Meeting and Informational Meeting Preparation

A Special Town Meeting will be held in the auditorium above the Town Office on Sunday, August 24, 2025, at 5:00 PM. An informational session in the same location will be held on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 6:30 PM. The Meeting Warrant has been posted at the Town Hall, the Hannaford in town, and on the Town website. The Board discussed logistical details for the informational session and Special Town Meeting, including that on-site childcare will be provided at no cost during the Meeting, though donations are welcome and go to benefit the eighth-grade class trip.

Other Business

The Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee requested a Select Board member to be nominated to participate. Because the request was made within 24 hours of the nomination deadline, no Board member was able to commit to filling the seat.

Functional Area Reports

1. Animal Control

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to nominate J. Wootten to sign the necessary documents to appoint a county Animal Control Officer. The new Officer should be able to start within a week. J. Wootten will also ensure that the State website is updated with the new ACO's phone number.

Executive Session

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to enter executive session per 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(A) - Personnel Matter at 6:14 PM. Executive session ended at 6:46 PM.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.