Town of Blue Hill Select Board Meeting Monday, September 8, 2025 Minutes

Call to Order: 5:30 PM.

Attendance/Quorum

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

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to approve the minutes of September 2, 2025.

Public Comment

A. Kratz informed the Board of a vacancy on the multi-town committee managing the development of a Community Wildfire Protect Plan (A. Cockerham has moved out of Blue Hill). He asked the Board to nominate a replacement.

B. Sherwell presented a certified petition to bring the matter of an ordinance allowing the sale of recreational marijuana before the Town. There was discussion about the timing of the filing and whether the question could be put to voters at the November election—no decisions were made.

Business

1. GSA Agreement Addendum

The GSA land purchase closing date is likely to be extended to September 19, 2025, while the ownership of various pieces of furniture and exercise equipment remains under debate. There has also been discussion of how to fund the repair of some water-damaged flooring.

2. Blue Hill Peninsula Tomorrow: Climate Resilience Coordinator

Emma Weed, the new Climate Resilience Coordinator at Blue Hill Peninsula Tomorrow introduced herself and summarized the community services that they intend to offer.

3. Wharf Resilience Public Meeting: September 16

S. Miller announced that the engineering firm retained by the Town under a state grant will host a meeting in the Gordon Emerson Auditorium in the evening of September 16, 2025, to show their conceptual designs to protect the Village Wharf and South Blue Hill Wharf against climate change and to discuss what the Town would like to do with those plans.

4. HCPC Housing Forum Participation

HCPC sent emails requesting a member of the Select Board to join the Housing Forum. A. Woog agreed to seek more details on members' required time commitment.

5. Parker Point Speed Limits

Multiple Parker Point Road residents have requested that the speed limit there be adjusted from 35 MPH to 25 MPH between Falls Bridge Road and EP Lane. MDOT began a survey but requires Town approval to complete it; upon a motion duly made and seconded, the

Board voted 4/0 to authorize B. Adams to authorize MDOT to proceed with the study and make the speed limit adjustment that they deem appropriate.

Other Business

At 6:00 PM on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, there will be an informational meeting in the Gordon Emerson Auditorium regarding an upcoming Town vote on whether to authorize the proposed Toddy Pond dam ownership district and to appropriate funds for the first year of operation. An approximate real estate tax change calculator is scheduled to be published later in the week.

B. Adams will distribute the proposed plowing contract for review.

The Board agreed to postpone deciding on a Town Report cover photograph until the Town Report is in the process of being compiled.

The Board tabled an appeal of a parking ticket until photographs could be produced.

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 6:18 PM. Executive session ended at 6:27 PM.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to extend an offer of employment for the Tax Collector/Treasurer position as discussed in execution session.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.