

**Town of Blue Hill  
Select Board Meeting  
Monday, September 29, 2025  
Minutes**

**Call to Order: 5:30 PM.**

**Attendance/Quorum**

E. Best (Chair), S. Miller, B. Adams, D. Goettler (Town Clerk, Minute Taker).

**Approval of Minutes**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 3/0 to approve the minutes of September 22, 2025, and September 26, 2025, as distributed.

**Public Comment**

J. Dow asked whether any progress has been made regarding the proportion of moorings that have been paid for. S. Miller informed him that more moorings were paid for in 2025 than 2024, but that there are still several that were not paid.

A party concerned with the Blaze noise violations previously reached out to the Code Enforcement Officer, who sent a notice of violation that was ignored. S. Miller spoke in favor of assessing the fines allowed in the Ordinance and asked the member of the public to send him a list of observed violations and a copy of the notice of violation.

A member of the public thanked B. Adams for stepping up to join the BAC at the last minute.

**Business**

**1. Fire Department Use of Harbormaster Boat**

The Blue Hill Fire Department requested standing access to the boat kept for the Harbormaster's use. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 3/0 to grant the requested access provided that the Fire Department coordinates the details with the Harbormaster.

**2. Preliminary Budget for Public Safety Building Property**

J. Chapman circulated a preliminary budget of approximately \$7,700 for the Public Safety Building's improvement, to be used through the remainder of 2025. The Board agreed that these amounts would qualify under the "transaction costs" portion of the Town's expenditure authorization at the recent Special Town Meeting.

**3. Bank Signatories – Add Morgan Cousins**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 3/0 to add Morgan Cousins as an authorized signatory, alongside L. Sitzabee, on the Town's and Transfer Station's accounts with Bar Harbor Bank and Trust and First National Bank. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 3/0 to appoint Morgan Cousins as Treasurer of the Town of Blue Hill, effective immediately.

**4. Oil/LP Supply Contracts**

B. Adams received two additional proposals for fixed prices of oil and propane throughout the 2025-2026 winter. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 3/0 to sign a one-winter fixed-price contract with Acadia Fuels.

**5. Versant Pole Permit Request**

Versant provided notice that they intend to install a new pole and asked whether the Town has any permitting requirements. After discussion, S. Miller agreed to inform them that the Town has no such permitting requirements.

**6. Brookman Village Wharf Proposal**

S. Miller received a proposal for the removal of a Town storage building on the Village Wharf. S. Brookman, the proposer, was present to answer questions. The Board recapped the previous week's discussion of the proposal, in which they determined not to act on it at present.

**7. Hancock County Proposed Budget**

There will be a public hearing at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 30, on Hancock County's proposed budget, which the public can attend either in person or by Zoom. At the request of a member of the public, S. Miller agreed to post a notice on the Town website.

**8. CEO/LPI Transition**

B. Adams presented a proposal to contract out to a third-party Local Plumbing Inspector. S. Miller mentioned that a Surry resident was interested in being sponsored by a Town to complete Code Enforcement training; S. Miller volunteered to ask whether or not he would be willing to stand in as an on-call CEO for Blue Hill. There was discussion about other possibilities for filling the CEO role.

**9. Florian/South Blue Hill Wharf Usage**

A Town mooring in the South Blue Hill Harbor has been fouled. R. Florian serviced the Town's other mooring but was unable to find the fouled one. He has completed his approved work and thanked the Town for its forbearance.

**10. FOAA Request: 2024 Employee Compensation**

S. Miller sent in the information on the full-time employees, which the requestor accepted.

**11. Public Safety Relocation Update**

The real estate closing took place earlier on September 29, 2025, and payment as agreed has been transferred. E. Best thanked J. Chapman and J. Dow for their work in facilitating the purchase process.

**12. Audit Update**

The auditors have all of the materials required for the 2023 audit, though it is unclear when the final product will be ready.

**Other Business**

E. Best received a phone call from a resident of Woods Point Road with concerns about road maintenance involving tearing down a hedge. Both the Board and the homeowner were in favor of

allowing that section of road to become private, so that road detours would be at the discretion and expense of the homeowner. However, the time frame for action may be too short—work on the road is scheduled to take place this fall.

### **Adjournment**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 3/0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.