

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, October 6, 2025
Minutes**

Call to Order: 5:30 PM.

Attendance/Quorum

E. Best (Chair), S. Miller, 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 with one abstention to approve the minutes of September 29, 2025.

Public Comment

R. Boulet asked when the Board planned to disburse library funds. The Board did not have a precise date, but indicated that it would likely be in October.

Business

1. BHPCC Use of Town Hall Property for Halloween

The Board authorized the Blue Hill Peninsula Chamber of Commerce to set up tents and a catering truck, as requested, on Town Hall property on October 31, 2025. There will be no mobile vending, only giveaways.

2. Blaze Liquor License Renewal/Special Amusement Permit: Set Hearing Date

The Board discussed the background of the Blaze Special Amusement Permit situation with co-owner M. Haskell. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to set Blaze's public hearings for Tuesday, October 14 5:45 PM, in the Town Hall, with the precise room to be determined once the level of public turnout is assessed.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to ask D. Goettler to write a letter authorizing the extension of Blaze's liquor license grace period until October 15, 2025.

R. Boulet noted that Blaze's outdoor stage was constructed without a building permit and without regard to shoreland zoning, and requested that the matter be addressed along with the hearings.

3. CEO/LPI Transition

E. Best was not able to get directly in touch with D. Ford, the candidate she had in mind, though B. Adams has a plan for a new Local Plumbing Inspector. M. Conant agreed to remain remotely available as Code Enforcement Officer and Health Officer until another candidate can be secured. M. Martin, chair of the Planning Board, spoke about concerns with recent CEO staffing levels and asked for clarification on long- and short-term hiring plans. The Board summarized the recent history of the position and hiring efforts.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to appoint Cory Roy of Roy Boys as Local Plumbing Inspector according to terms previously discussed.

4. Audit Update

S. Miller has received a draft of the financial audit, which showed some small problems. He plans to meet with M. Cousins to discuss them. The draft opinion is of a clean audit.

Other Business

J. Chapman requested that a Public Safety Building Committee be formed as soon as possible. A. Woog volunteered to draft a rough structure for the Committee that emphasizes diverse perspectives to be available for discussion at next week's Select Board Meeting.

B. Adams discussed prospective wood clearing along Jay Carter Road with M. Lawson and suggested having the company provide a bond against damage to the freshly paved road.

Bar Harbor Bank and Trust informed S. Miller that the interest rates on the Town's account will be slightly reduced.

S. Miller received a bid package for Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade work, including contractor distribution plans. B. Adams inquired as to which contractors had received the bid package; S. Miller suggested that he contact Mandy Olver, who is managing the project on the Town's behalf.

B. Adams reported that the salt/sand shed will be full by Wednesday, October 8, 2025.

A. Woog confirmed that the recent increase in local Sheriff's Deputy patrols is not coming from the Town's budget.

Executive Session

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to enter executive session per 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(A) - Personnel Matter at 6:53 PM. Executive session ended at 7:36 PM.

Additional Business

1. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to extend an offer of employment to Xavier Alvarez as the Town's Code Enforcement Officer for an initial wage of \$22/hour and for an estimated average of 15-20 hours/week, subject to the Town's typical employee onboarding procedures.
2. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to accept the Assessing Agent's recommendations for property tax abatements totaling approximately \$4,356.
3. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to accept the Assessing Agent's recommendations for property tax supplements totaling approximately \$2,425.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.