Town of Blue Hill Select Board Meeting Monday, November 10, 2025 Minutes

Call to Order: 5:30 PM.

Attendance/Quorum

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

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 2/0 with one abstention to approve the minutes of November 3, 2025.

Public Comment

J. Milliken asked if a streetlight could be added to the parking lot at the Town Hall; S. Miller reported that the light above the Town Hall's side door has been turned on after several weeks off. B. Adams will ask the Public Works crew to install a plate over the light switch to prevent its being accidentally shut off again.

Business

1. Special Town Meeting Results – Moratorium

The Board discussed whether to repeal the 180-day cannabis dispensary moratorium ordinance, since the article to legalize such establishments did not pass, or allow it to naturally lapse. Tabled until E. Best could be consulted.

2. 30 Tenney Hill Committee

A. Woog circulated a memo to accompany the application written by J. Chapman. The Board agreed that the application is ready to be distributed to the public and set the return deadline for November 21, 2025.

3. Solar Power Agreement – Amendment

S. Miller summarized the background of the Town's solar power purchase agreement with Hamden Holdings. He reported that M. Cousins noticed that some meters are recording less energy used than was paid for and that some solar credits are close to expiring; she believes that the details of the contract can be renegotiated. The Board members present nominated J. Wootten to pursue the matter.

4. Budget Committee/2026 Budget

S. Miller summarized the process of writing a draft budget and spoke in favor of adding one to three more members to the Budget Committee. A. Woog agreed to coordinate potential nominees. S. Miller also reminded the public that budget articles can be amended downward during the open Town Meeting and solicited suggestions about how to encourage such discussion.

Other Business

S. Miller met with a representative from Maine DOT to confirm pausing wharf resilience efforts.

The Board discussed whether schools have the authority to donate equipment purchased with tax money. The Select Board generally has the authority to dispose of Town assets valued under \$5,000. Tabled until E. Best could be consulted.

The Board discussed potential solutions for the Tenney Hill Road crossing light. B. Adams reported on recent Public Works projects.

Executive Session

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 3/0 to enter executive session per 1 M.R.S.§405(6)(F) - Discussion of Confidential Records at 6:57 PM. Executive session ended at 7:05 PM.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 3/0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.