

Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, November 24, 2025
Minutes

Call to Order: 5:30 PM.

Attendance/Quorum

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

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to approve the minutes of November 17, 2025.

Public Comment

No public comments.

Business

1. Public Safety Building Committee Formation

A. Woog distributed three applications from community members; the composition plan calls for three to four members. The Select Board discussed a timeline for the Committee formation. J. Chapman encouraged filing for congressional funding with a deadline of December 15, 2025. B. Adams, E. Best, and S. Miller agreed to serve on the Committee. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to form the Public Safety Committee with members B. Adams, S. Miller, E. Best, J. Chapman, B. Young, C. Page, T. Horton, A. Henschke, and R. Conterio. The first meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 3:00 PM, at the Town Hall.

2. Playground Committee/Procedures

S. Miller recapped the history of the Space Loop; the Committee ordered it and has not been involved with the procurement. At S. Miller's request, A. Woog will communicate with the Playground Committee regarding placement, delivery, and distribution of the responsibility going forward.

3. Tenney Hill Crosswalk

B. Adams reported it will cost \$3,858.00 to replace the existing equipment. The Board discussed upgrading, removing, or relocation of the crosswalk lights. P. Nelson mentioned two other dangerous crosswalks as alternative locations for crosswalk lights.

4. Woods Point Rd Paving/Parker Point Rd Walk/Bike Path

B. Adams reported that the paving on Woods Point Road is completed and is likely under budget. The Parker Point path is more visible for pedestrians and bicyclist access. S. Miller reiterated the plan to post more parking signage as soon as the ground thaws.

5. Falls Bridge “Interpretive Panel”

The Select Board received a draft regarding the panel for Falls Bridge, which will be up for public comment on State and Town websites until December 26, 2025. The Board discussed the location and who would be responsible for maintenance.

6. Town Meeting Donation Requests

The board agreed to set the deadline to December 31, 2025.

7. School Committee Expenditure/Asset Transfer Authorities

M. Cousins received a request from the School Committee to disburse funds that may draw from a reserve fund, which would require authorization from a Special Town Meeting.

8. Property Tax Deferral Policy

Tabled pending E. Best’s meeting A. Dixon, Town Attorney.

9. Town Employee Policies

Tabled.

Other Business

E. Best confirmed the Select Board does not have the authority to repeal the recreational cannabis moratorium ordinance and it will be allowed to expire naturally.

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 6:29 PM. Executive session ended at 7:10 PM.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to enter executive session per 1 M.R.S.§405(6)(F) - Confidential Information at 7:10 PM. Executive session ended at 7:11 PM.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to approve the requested hardship abatement of property taxes, as discussed in the executive session.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.