Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, February 2, 2026
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 5/0 to approve the minutes of January 26, 2026, as edited.

Public Comment

In response to a question, E. Best confirmed her intention to run for Select Board again.

R. Curtis distributed materials pertaining to a proposed State-level climate change resilience superfund and suggested that the Board submit a resolution of support. He answered questions from the Board and members of the public about protecting end consumers from downstream cost increases. The Board discussed the extent to which they have the authority to submit resolutions on behalf of the Town.

A. Kratz told the Board about an opportunity to request eight hours of technical assistance from the EPA on the topic of stormwater or wastewater treatment.

Business

1. **Plumbing Inspection Fees**
   S. Miller informed the Board that, because the Town is contracting out to a third-party plumbing inspector who charges more than the Town is statutorily able to collect for plumbing permits, the Town is losing money on every inspection. There doesn't appear to be anything to Town can do about this, other than bringing the inspections in-house (which still carries a cost) or collecting indirect fees associated with the work.

2. **Telephone Installation Update**
   The new telephone system has been installed, though currently, the use of the analog fax machine triggers a fire alarm error. S. Miller will work on getting another line installed, and B. Adams will mute the error alarm for a week.

3. **Safe Streets for All/Island Institute Update**
   A. Woog submitted a complete application with a letter of support to the Island Institute; the decisions will be announced in mid-March, 2026. On Tuesday, February 3, 2026, A. Woog will meet with a Safe Streets coordinator for an orientation.

Other Business

A resident on Jay Carter Road had a well cap damaged by a snowplow as the well cap was within the Town's right of way and unmarked. B. Adams acknowledged that the damage was caused by the plow but questioned the Town's responsibility to repair it. The Board agreed that accommodation should be provided in the form of the Public Works crew trying to find the cover of the snowbank and placing it back on top of the well, or providing a temporary cover if the original cannot be recovered.

J. Wootten will arrange a time to show the Stavola Building to its prospective tenant.

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 at 6:22 PM. Executive session ended at 7:27 PM, with no action taken.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.