

Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026
Minutes

Call to Order: 5:30 PM.

Attendance/Quorum

E. Best (Chair), S. Miller, B. Adams, J. Wootten (remote), 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 March 2, 2026, March 4, 2026, and March 5, 2026, as edited.

Public Comment

S. Cromwell asked how to remain up to date about Town events and was informed about the email alert option on the Town website. He requested batches of minutes to be posted more frequently.

R. Boulet asked about two parking spaces disappearing across the street from the library.

Business

1. Shoreline Footage Measurement Policy

The Toddy Pond legislation requires the district to calculate Toddy Pond frontage using the same formula as is applied for real estate tax assessments. However, the towns' assessing practices do not uniformly calculate shorefront footage, since frontage is only one of many factors considered when establishing just value. In order to provide the district with an established basis for apportioning the shorefront owner assessments and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to adopt the Shoreline Frontage Calculation Policy as distributed.

2. Year-to-Date Financial Review

M. Cousins summarized the year-to-date finances compared to the same period of 2025. Multiple sources of both revenue and expenses decreased compared to last year.

3. Liquor License Application Hearings

The hearing for Barncastle's on-premises beer, wine, and spirits license was opened. One member of the public spoke in favor of granting renewal. The hearing was closed. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to grant the license renewal as requested. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to grant the special amusement permit contingent on all amusement activities ending by 9:30 PM.

The hearing for Blue Hill Wine Shop's on- and off-premises beer and wine license was opened. One member of the public spoke in favor of granting renewal. The hearing was closed. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to grant the license renewal as requested.

4. Town Office Hours

D. Goettler circulated a proposed new Town Office schedule and explained the rationale behind it. The Board had no objections and agreed to let it go into effect after Town Meeting. The Town Office will thereafter be open 8:00 AM–5:30 PM on Monday, 8:00 AM–4:00 PM on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and closed on Wednesday.

5. T-Mobile/Skating Rink Grant

The skating rink needs to be leveled to conserve water and its stairs and superstructure need repair. The Board discussed leveling the rink area this summer and deferred discussion of any additional work until the availability of grant funds was resolved.

6. Childcare for Town Meeting

A. Woog confirmed that the eighth-grade class is willing to provide childcare at the Annual Town Meeting. The Board discussed donating to their class trip and agreed that the class should solicit donations from parents and other attendees first; the Board might help round them up to a goal afterward. A. Woog will distribute notice.

7. Congressionally-Designated Spending Applications

S. Miller and E. Best summarized the letters that they drafted and received. A. Woog and J. Chapman will work together to submit the Golden applications on March 10, 2026. The application deadline for Collins is the following Wednesday and, for King, the Wednesday after that.

8. Harbor School “Solutionary” Project

A. Woog had not heard back on the Board’s questions and suggestions about the project.

9. BHHT Blue Hill Mountain Work

A representative of the Blue Hill Heritage Trust explained that potential reroutes on the Blue Hill Mountain trails would be limited to minor stretches shifted for technical purposes. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to authorize E. Best to provide Blue Hill Heritage Trust with a statement as requested.

Other Business

The Board received the annual certified ratio declaration request. The Board agreed to ask the Assessors’ Agents to advise the Board on the preferred option to declare.

Nichols Day Camp requested to reserve the Town Park on March 29, 2026, for an easter egg hunt. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to approve the reservation as requested and waive the administration fee as the event will be of broad interest to the Town.

S. Bechard formally resigned as Shellfish Warden effective March 31, 2026.

The Board confirmed that there is no intention to extend the sewer line up to Mountain Road.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 with one abstention to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.