

**Town of Blue Hill  
Select Board Meeting  
Monday, March 23, 2026  
Minutes**

**Call to Order: 5:31 PM.**

**Attendance/Quorum**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Tabled.

**Public Comment**

T. Horton objected to the inclusion of Blue Hill Public Library's funding in a municipal warrant article rather than a third-party donation article. E. Best emphasized that the library performs several municipal functions. The Board discussed transparency in other areas of the warrant, including the education articles.

**Business**

**1. New Surry Theater Event Liquor License Application**

The Board agreed to reject the application on the grounds of alcohol being forbidden on Town Property.

**2. Proposed Climate Change Cost Resolution**

R. Curtis circulated a draft resolution of support for a revised bill, which now calls for a study into the costs of fossil fuel emissions rather than creating a superfund. The Board discussed the merits and drawbacks of the proposal. Following a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 2 to 3 against adopting the resolution of support as distributed.

**3. Harbor School Project**

A. Woog distributed an image of the Harbor School's proffered bench, which includes metal uprights and a wooden slat seat. The Board discussed the aesthetic ramifications of a single bench that does not match the Town's other benches. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to accept the Harbor School class's proposal for a single wood-and-metal bench for the Town Hall lawn.

**4. Town Meeting Preparation**

D. Goettler explained the current distribution of volunteers, which will be tight but sufficient. She will distribute the current list to the Board and remains happy to accept volunteers.

**5. Quarterly Stipends**

J. Wootten previously agreed to serve as interim Harbormaster without a stipend for the first quarter of 2026. He will take the stipend for the following quarters. The Board discussed repairs to the Town's emergency boat and dock ramp.

**6. Congressionally-Designated Spending Applications**

The third application, to Senator King, will be submitted on March 24, 2025.

**7. Public Hearing and Budget Review Meeting: Thursday, March 26, 2026**

The public hearing on the GSA excess tuition referendum question will be held in the Gordon Emerson Auditorium. Scott Miller will make a presentation detailing the proposed budget for 2026.

**8. Personal Property Data Collection: Begins Monday, March 30, 2026**

The process of collecting information for personal property tax assessments will include site visits by assessors' agents. The Board discussed ways to support the agents' credibility in the field.

**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 6:56 PM. Executive session ended at 7:21 PM.

**Adjournment**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.