

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, April 27, 2026
Minutes**

Call to Order: 5:31 PM.

Attendance/Quorum

E. Best (remote, arrived during public comment) S. Miller (Chair Pro-Tem), B. Adams (arrived during public comment), J. Wootten, A. Woog (remote), D. Goettler (Town Clerk, Minute Taker).

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 3/0 to approve the minutes of April 13, 2026, as amended.

Public Comment

A member of the public asked if a mooring waiting list was publicly available. J. Wootten, as interim Harbormaster, stated that he is waiting for boats to be moored in place for the summer in order to determine space, but he will then make the list publicly available.

Business

1. Mobile Vending Permit Application

The public hearing for Blue Hill's Mobile Vending Permit was opened. One member of the public spoke in favor of granting the permit. The hearing was closed. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to approve Blue Hill's Mobile Vending Permit.

2. Appointment of Election Clerks

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to appoint the Election Clerks nominated by D. Goettler.

3. Liquor License Public Hearings

The public hearing for the Blue Hill Co-Op's Liquor License was opened. The public asked questions about the locations of on-premises consumption. The hearing was closed. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to approve the Blue Hill Co-Op's Liquor License as requested.

The public hearing for Devil's Half-Acre Beer Garden's Liquor 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 approve Devil's Half-Acre Beer Garden's Liquor License as requested.

4. Town Property Use Request

The State Claims Commission requested use of the Select Board Room for an eminent domain hearing on June 10, 2026. The Board had no objection and agreed to waive the administrative fee.

5. Community Resilience Partnership – Blue Hill Peninsula Forward

A. Kratz, representing Blue Hill Peninsula Forward, introduced the Board to a \$175,000 grant for which the Town of Brooksville is applying and requested that Blue Hill sign on as co-applicant, with no cost or labor to Blue Hill. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to join the Town of Brooksville in applying for the grant.

6. Employee Policy Manual Updates

S. Miller distributed his revised draft of the policy manual. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to adopt the Employee Policy Manual as amended. A. Woog pointed out that future revision might be required due to the upcoming PFMLA.

7. Mines Road Safety Inquiry

MaineDOT has determined that Mines Road currently has a dangerous driving surface but is unable to repair it in 2026. The Board received a request to lower the speed limit and increase enforcement. The former is a State decision; the latter is the County's responsibility.

8. Removal of Deer, etc. from Town Road Rights-of-Way

S. Miller sought clarity about the Town's policy on removing roadkill from Town roads and their rights-of-way. The Board agreed that the Public Works team would remove materials from the roadway that could cause navigational hazards but would not be responsible for roadkill on private property.

Other Business

A. Woog and S. Miller interviewed multiple candidates for the Island Institute Fellowship and selected their top candidate.

E. Best circulated responses to the questions posed to Hannaford; they are looking to place four to six college students, with no live-in chaperone but weekly check-ins. The Board discussed some concerns with the answers. E. Best will let Hannaford know that the Town is unable to host the students.

Maine Municipal Association is seeking committee nominations, due in early June.

The Board received a letter from MaineDOT requesting permission to drive heavy trucks over posted Town roads and offering to post bond.

D. Goettler was granted permission to post Town Office notices on the Town website, update the clerk information webpages, post information on the Town Hall wall just outside the Town Office, and update Select Board agendas with received license and permit applications.

D. Goettler asked how to approach a recent shift in the Penobscot Bay Press's billing cycle that will make it more difficult to collect advertising costs from applicants for licenses requiring public hearings. A reporter from the Press offered to help facilitate getting cost information earlier.

A mobile home is slated to be removed from land in Blue Hill, requiring a permit to certify that it has no outstanding taxes. No Notice of Intent to Alter or Construct was filed for its installation,

meaning that no tax account was created for it, and 2026 taxes have not yet been committed. D. Goettler will contact the BMV for guidance on how to proceed.

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 6:27 PM. Executive session ended at 6:37 PM.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.