

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2026
Minutes**

Call to Order: 5:32 PM.

Attendance/Quorum

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

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to approve the minutes of June 1, 2026, as edited.

Public Comment

No public comments.

Business

1. Potential USDA Grant for Outfall Pipe Repair/Replacement

S. Miller spoke to a representative from Olver Associates Inc., who expressed a reasonable amount of confidence that the project would be eligible for some amount of funding, at least part of which would be in the form of a grant. Though the applications are accepted on a rolling basis, the application would ideally be submitted by the end of June 2026. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to authorize the expenditure of up to \$9,000 from the Select Board's fund for unanticipated expenditures for the two reports that Olver Associates Inc. suggested were needed for the grant/loan application.

2. Liquor License Public Hearings

The hearing for Blue Hill Inn's liquor license renewal was opened. Two members of the public spoke in favor of granting the license. The hearing was closed. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to approve Blue Hill Bed and Breakfast LLC's liquor license renewal as requested.

The hearing for Siam Sky's liquor license renewal was opened. One member of the public spoke in favor of granting the license. The hearing was closed. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to approve Siam Sky's liquor license renewal as requested.

The hearing for The Stoop's liquor license was opened. A. Filipiak described the business plan for The Stoop. She and Abby Barrows, owner of Deer Isle Oyster Company explained that the lack of a business name on the application was due to a glitch with the BELLS application wiping the field. The hearing was closed. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to approve the liquor license for Deer Isle Oyster Company, DBA The Stoop, as requested.

3. Elm Tree Treatments

E. Best spoke in favor of permitting the proposed 50/50 match on elm tree treatment proposed by Tree Warden P. Norris.

4. Fogtown Brewing Company One-Time Liquor License

S. Miller described the event to the Board. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to approve Fogtown Brewing Company's one-time liquor license as requested.

5. Rioux Catering Liquor License – Schedule Public Hearing

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to set the hearing for Rioux Catering's annual liquor license renewal for June 15, 2026, at 5:45 PM.

6. Education Appropriations/Disbursements Update

S. Miller determined that School Unions do have a limited capacity to overdraw their appropriations and that the Select Board is potentially liable for disbursements; the School Board agreed to provide more detailed disbursement warrants and evidence that their disbursements will not cause an overdraft. There have also been further discussions about having the Town cease to serve as the School Union's fiscal agent.

7. Island Institute Fellowship MOU

A. Woog obtained a draft of the supervisor's policy manual. She was also able to increase the Town's liability insurance to the required amounts and confirmed that the Town carries Worker's Compensation insurance. The Board discussed differences between the Town's employee policies and the Island Institute's, and how to make sure that the Fellow is subject to some of the Town's.

Other Business

Julia Zell, our appointee to the Hancock County Planning Commission will be attending next week's Select Board meeting. The Town did not get the T-Mobile Hometown Grant. The Harbor School students came to look at the proposed bench spot and found that the proposed gravel plot had been grassed over because it caused issues with snow blowing. M. Lawson offered to move the gravel plot further away from the walkway. The Board discussed the installation details.

Executive Session

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to enter executive session per 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(F) - Confidential Records at 6:29 PM. Executive session ended at 6:38 PM.

Following the executive session, a motion was made, seconded and approved (4-0) to deny the application for an abatement of interest and penalties for an unpaid 2025 tax bill. E. Best will notify the applicant.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.