

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, July 6, 2026
Minutes**

Call to Order: 5:30 PM.

Attendance/Quorum

E. Best (Chair), S. Miller, B. Adams (arrived during public comment point #2), J. Wootten, A. Woog, D. Goettler (Town Clerk, Minute Taker).

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 3/0 with one abstention to approve the minutes of June 29, 2026, as edited.

Public Comment

Lynn Strassenburgh stated that she emailed and did not hear back from B. Adams about ditching/drainage on Parker Point Rd. in the vicinity of her property. She showed the Board photographs and a video of the area. E. Best will reach out to B. Adams to arrange for him to inspect the site. L. Strassenburgh requested to be present at the time.

David Porter, representing Blue Hill Peninsula Rockweed Forum, requested permission to collect 50 strands of rockweed down to the holdfast from the Nub to measure their growth. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to authorize D. Porter and his group to harvest 50 strands of seaweed from the Town's property at the Nub.

Amy Houghton thanked A. Woog for her efforts on behalf of local business owners acknowledging their help in providing toilet facilities to visitors and asked about the potential to add public trash cans by the waterfront. In the past, the Town has not had the capacity to maintain them, but now that it has a Public Works department, E. Best spoke in favor of revisiting the question. Upon request, S. Miller also explained the history of the Town's collection of Personal Property Tax.

Rex Florian requested one to two days' use of the South Blue Hill wharf for barge operations. The two days will be next week, though he does not yet know which days. The Board had no objections as long as ample notice is posted for fishermen and the same procedures/accommodations as were used last year are employed.

Business

No items of business on the agenda.

Other Business

The Penobscot Nation has decided to move forward with the culvert replacement grant application and has agreed to include the Town in their application. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to authorize a Town support letter for the Penobscot Nation's project.

Peninsula Ambulance Corps could not commit to locking and unlocking the porta-potties. The Board discussed alternatives, including having Public Works lock and unlock them when possible,

turning the Stavola Building into a local welcome center, hiring a few PAC employees or local citizens to lock and unlock them, or investing in a timed electronic lock.

Stan Severance, the painter who has previously taken care of the Town Hall exterior, estimated \$13,000 to paint the bay-facing side of the Town Hall, plus time and materials to replace rotted clapboards. The Board confirmed that the amounts budgeted for this work should cover this cost. The Board would also like Stan to paint the front and side doors, work on the areas other than the bay-facing side of the Town Hall where rotten clapboards are present and fill and paint the replacement columns on the front of the building. E. Best will discuss this with Stan. She will also reach out to a local company to see about finishing the trim on the front columns which was left undone by the prior contractor.

M. Cousins and D. Goettler printed tax lien mortgage certificates earlier in the day to be filed on July 7, 2026. Once they are filed, L. Sitzabee can be formally released as Tax Collector.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.