

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, July 20, 2026
Minutes**

Call to Order: 5:30 PM

Attendance/Quorum

E. Best (Chair), S. Miller, B. Adams, J. Wootten, 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 July 13, 2026, as edited.

Public Comment

A. Houghton brought annotated photographs of proposed public trash can locations. She will email them to the Board.

J. Dow asked whether the Board sent a final thank-you letter following the spending of all of the King Foundation funds for the Public Safety Building. The Board did not think that the letter had been sent; A. Woog volunteered to draft it. J. Dow also checked in on the status of the 2025 audit; S. Miller updated him on his progress reconciling materials for 2024.

The Board gave final confirmation that Steve Brookman is permitted to use the Town Wharf for the Maritime Heritage Festival on August 15, 2026, and authorized him to place an artist or two in the vacant Stavola Building, as long as it was added to his liability insurance policy. S. Miller also suggested writing a property use agreement to govern the use of Town property.

B. Wootten reported that the School Board will be conducting interviews for a new principal in the next week and that the bridge renovation will likely take longer than the initial construction. He and S. Miller discussed the account currently being used as a School Union slush fund and the Board's plan to close it.

Business

1. Blaze Violation Update

Z. Alvarez performed a site visit immediately after the 5:00 PM deadline and returned to report no changes to the site; Blaze remains in violation of all points listed in the Notice of Violation. M. Haskell's attorney requested a two-week extension; the Board will forward the letter and an email received from the property owner to Town Attorney A. Dixon.

2. Hancock County Planning Commission Town Property Use Request

HCPC requested use of the Gordon Emerson Auditorium in the evening of September 2, 2026. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to approve HCPC's application and waive the associated administration fee.

3. LRAP Certification Signed

S. Miller received a request for the annual certification that Local Road Assistance Program funds were properly spent. Given that Town road improvement costs easily exceed the provided funds every year, S. Miller informed the Board that he had certified and returned it.

Other Business

The Board received a letter requesting that they restore the flow of the fountain on Parker Point Road. E. Best explained that the fountain was shut off due to stringent and expensive State requirements for testing and treating the water. She will respond to the letter and ask the Public Works crew to make sure that the well is completely covered.

B. Adams asked whether the Town bears any responsibility for removing dead trees in the right-of-way. S. Miller will confirm with A. Dixon.

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 Matters at 6:14 PM. Executive session ended at 6:41 PM.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.