

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, August 24, 2026
Minutes**

Call to Order: 5:30 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 July 27, 2026, as edited. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to approve the minutes of August 17, 2026, as edited. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 3/0 (Woog abstaining) to approve the minutes of August 20, 2026, as distributed.

Public Comment

No public comments.

Business

1. Certificate of Settlement for 2025 Tax Year

The Certificate of Settlement was signed during the August 20, 2026, meeting.

2. Use of the Stavola Building

Tabled until S. Brookman can provide the artists' written proposal.

3. Falls Bridge Film Activity

Some filmmakers have sought permission from MaineDOT to close Falls Bridge for approximately five hours around high tide on one day in September, with exceptions made for emergency vehicles. They also requested a few shorter one-lane closures before that day. S. Miller requested that they give precise dates as soon as possible so that adequate notice can be given to the public.

4. Special Town Meeting, August 31, 2026, 5:30 PM

D. Goettler has arranged a backup moderator to oversee the Special Town Meeting.

Other Business

The Board discussed a request from a local business owner to be allowed to park across a crosswalk to use it as a loading zone. The Board agreed that, as parking across a crosswalk is universally illegal and the extenuating circumstances claimed by the business owner were not accurate, there was no way for the Board to grant that permission. S. Miller proposed setting up a small downtown loading zone for specific hours of the day.

A. Woog has not yet received the final grant agreement for the Safe Streets for All grant. The Island Institute fellow is expected to start on September 8, 2026. The Board agreed that she should have a bluehillme.gov email address, access to the Town's digital files, and a phone in her workspace, provided that she agrees to the Town's employee policies.

S. Miller has received multiple inquiries about the old Wastewater Treatment Plant generator. He will discuss options with A. Hafford of Olver Associates Inc. B. Adams offered to move it if the Consolidated School wants it; otherwise, the Board will likely put it out to bid.

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)(A) - Personnel Matters at 5:59 PM. Executive session ended at 6:38 PM.

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.