

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, September 21, 2026
Minutes**

Call to Order: 5:31 PM.

Attendance/Quorum

E. Best (Chair), S. Miller, B. Adams, J. Wootten, 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 August 24, August 31, September 14, and September 18, 2026, as edited.

Public Comment

L. Strassenburgh praised the paintwork on the Town Hall doors. She also reported that her neighbors cleared a range of the drainage ditch near her house and reiterated her request for further clearing upstream.

G. Fields of Blue Hill Heritage Trust distributed a certificate of insurance for work by T-Mobile on the Blue Hill tower, scheduled to take place on September 29-30. They intend to land a helicopter in the field below the Osgood Trail parking lot, which is Town property, for the work and expect it to take up to four hours.

Business

1. Arbervine Annual Liquor License Renewal

J. Hikade, owner of Arbervine, sent an email to the Board stating his intention to take down the structure that was flagged as a violation, stating it would be done in November. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to approve Arbervine's liquor license application on the condition that they come into compliance with the Town's land use ordinances by December 31, 2026.

2. Burial Rights of Cemetery Lots – Seaside Cemetery

A. Ruiz confirmed R. Carter's report that all three pending lots' burial rights are available for sale. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to approve the sale of the burial rights of Seaside Cemetery lot #103 (10'x10') to Oliver and Kathleen Carr for \$1,000. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to approve the sale of the burial rights of Seaside Cemetery lot #104 (10'x10') to Springer and Robert Huseby for \$1,000. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to approve the sale of the burial rights of Seaside Cemetery lot #94 (10'x10') to Julia Cluett and Robert Shepley for \$1,000.

3. **Town Property Use Request – Maritime Heritage Festival 2027**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to approve S. Brookman's Town Property Use Request for August 14, 2027, on the condition that he provide proof of event insurance by March 31, 2027.

4. **Accounts Receivable Write-Offs**

Tabled.

5. **Placement of Falls Bridge Interpretive Panel**

A. Woog emailed that the Town may place the panel effectively anywhere with public foot traffic and that the installation costs will be paid by MaineDOT. The Board discussed locations and agreed on a spot near the northwest corner of the bridge within the MaineDOT easement.

6. **Waste Cans in Blue Hill Village**

Tabled.

7. **Disposal of Wastewater Treatment Plant Generator**

Isle au Haut requested detailed photographs of the generator. J. Chapman offered to provide some of the photographs he had already taken.

8. **KRT Appraisal Final Bill**

Tabled pending input from M. Caldwell. The bill is due on October 8, 2026; M. Cousins advised formally disputing the bill before the deadline passes.

9. **Sewer Lien Policy**

E. Best will circulate her draft sewer lien policy.

Other Business

S. Miller received an inquiry about the speed limit signs on Mountain Road, which may not be readily apparent from the ends of the street. The Board will look at the sign locations. They also discussed ways of making the Beech Hill Road stop sign more visible, primarily by trimming the foliage.

Executive Session

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to enter executive session at 6:10 PM per 1 M.R.S. 405(6)(A) – Personnel Matter. Executive session ended at 6:21 PM.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to enter executive session at 6:21 PM per 1 M.R.S. 405(6)(F) – Confidential Records. Executive session ended at 6:34 PM.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to abate all unpaid taxes, interest and costs for tax years 2023 through 2026 for the parcel discussed in executive session.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.