

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, September 28, 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 4/0 with one abstention to approve the minutes of September 21, 2026, as edited.

Public Comment

J. Dow presented a revised town hall logo with a “Blue Hill” caption.

Business

1. Schedule Liquor License Hearings

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to schedule Stowaways’ liquor license hearing for October 5, 2026, at 5:45 PM.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to schedule Blaze’s liquor license hearing for October 5, 2026, immediately following the previous hearing.

2. Schedule General Assistance Maximum Update Hearing

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to schedule the GA Maximums hearing for October 5, 2026, immediately following the previous hearing.

3. Town Property Use Requests

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to approve Blue Hill Co-Op's Town Property Use Permit for the AA Field on September 30, 2026.

Cynthia Winings clarified that her Turkey Trot would not prevent vehicular use of Parker Point Road and that she has marked the course with chalk and fluorescent tape. J. Chapman agreed with her assessment that it was not necessary to have first responders on scene and offered “special event ahead” signs. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to approve C. Winings's

Town Property Use Permit for Parker Point Road pending receipt of proof of insurance. They requested that she accept J. Chapman's offer of signage.

4. Contract for Sale of Burial Right

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to approve the sale of Row J, Lot 19, of Mountainview Cemetery to Lori Bradley for \$600.

5. Accounts Receivable Write-Offs

Tabled.

6. Sewer Lien Policy

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to adopt the Sewer Lien Policy as distributed and have D. Goettler attest its adoption.

7. Medical Marijuana Ordinance/Town Property as a "Safe Zone"

A revision to state statute has expanded the available locations for the distribution of medical marijuana without affecting the Town's existing prohibition of the sale of recreational marijuana. The Town may prohibit the sale of medical marijuana within "safe zones" frequented by minors. The Board will examine the statute more closely.

8. "Boo Hill"

In 2025, the Town supported the Chamber of Commerce's downtown trick-or-treating event. Amy Strother has requested similar parties set up a booth on the Town Hall lawn and have the signboard read "Welcome to Boo Hill" for the day, to which the Board had no objection. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to have the Town of Blue Hill co-sponsor the "Boo Hill" event on October 31, 2026.

Updates

1. Disposal of Wastewater Treatment Plant Generator

Isle au Haut has not yet decided whether or not they want the generator.

2. KRT Appraisal Final Bill

The Board is conferring with M. Caldwell about whether or not the contracted services were provided.

3. Election Day Office Hours

A. Woog summarized a meeting between herself, S. Miller, D. Goettler, and A. Ruiz about methods of managing workflow on Election Day. The current proposal is to limit the Town Office hours to only those which are expected to be the busiest, as well as to use signage to encourage residents to register to vote ahead of election day and postpone their Town Office business if possible. D. Goettler expressed

concerns about the capacity for staff to run the election and the office simultaneously; she will research whether or not Select Board members can serve as Registrars of Voters.

4. Safe Streets for All

The grant agreement was executed; the next step is to form a steering committee and potentially an advisory committee. A. Woog will present a plan for those committees' structures.

Other Business

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to approve the abatement of \$243.41 for 031-028 due to the removal of multiple structures. The Board discussed requiring the filing of Notices of Intent to Alter or Construct prior to granting such abatements in the future.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to approve the abatement of \$1095.85 for 009-026 due to the noncompletion of planned renovations for which the value was initially raised.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to approve the 2025 supplemental bill of \$659.18 for 029-070 due to it erroneously not being included in the annual tax commitment.

The required \$1,000,000 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project has been spent, although not all of the equipment on which it was spent is fully operational yet.

E. Best found that the weekly Gaza protestors had begun to spread into the parking spaces again; the Board will contact their organizers to request that they refrain from obstructing traffic or parking.

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 6:48 PM. The executive session ended at 7:04 PM.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 5/0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.