

Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, April 4th, 2023
Minutes

Called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

1. **Quorum and meeting attendance-** E. Best (remote); J. Dow; S. Miller; B. Smythe; S. Dooley; N. Nadeau, Town Administrator; B. Farnham, CEO; J. Milliken; T. Higgins; P. Kelly; R. Bauer; and the press.
2. **Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of March 27th, 2023-** B. Smythe moved to approve the minutes as distributed. S. Dooley seconded. Approved 4-0. E. Best abstained.
3. **Public Comment-**

Theodore Higgins proposed the idea of placing a paint recycling container, that is supplied and maintained for free, by PaintCare at the Blue Hill/ Surry Transfer Station. The Board members who are also on the Transfer Station Committee said they would bring it up at the next Blue Hill/ Surry Transfer Station Meeting that is on April 25th.

Rob Bauer asked to hear from the Select Board regarding their votes for the potential harbor dredging project and whether they considered the potential PFAS sediment distribution that could be caused if this project is voted through. S. Miller explained that his vote was a no for the harbor dredging project for a few different reasons. Those reasons being, it will cost too much money, it will serve too few people, and there are a lot of other spending priorities this year. B. Smythe agreed with most of S. Millers points but he was a yes vote. He explained that the number of boats in the harbor has drastically increased in the past 30-40 years. This would be the only 24/7 access to the harbor for the public. S. Miller explained that the Wastewater Treatment Plant monitors the PFAS levels going into and coming out of the plant. J. Dow and E. Best explained that they are confident in the way that the U.S. American Corp of Engineers (USACE) would handle the movement and containment of soil being dredged from the project.

New Business:

1. **CRC Consider Appointment of New Member** – J. Dow moved to appoint Adam Zemans to the Climate Resilience Committee. B. Smythe seconded. Approved 5-0.
2. **Comprehensive Plan Committee Appointment of New Member** – J. Dow moved to appoint Shelly Schildroth to the Comprehensive Plan Committee. B. Smythe seconded. Approved 5-0.
3. **Town Meeting Article Delegations among Board** – The Board divided up among members the articles being voted on at the Town Meeting to determine who will answer any questions that may arise.

Old Business:

1. **Harbor Dredging Public Hearing Discussion** – N. Nadeau updated the Board on the status of the harbor dredging public hearing. 1-2 members of the USACE will be virtually attending the meeting on Tuesday, April 4th. S. Miller will have a few slides with the float designs created by the Marine Resource Committee to present to the public in addition to the USACE slides.

Administrator Business

- 1. Election / Town Meeting Day Update & Verification of Tasks** – N. Nadeau updated the Board on the tasks being completed by the staff to prep for the Town Meeting. The Board went over the process of how Town Meeting has worked in the past. People will be sworn in by either the moderator or the Town Clerk at the beginning of the meeting for their terms to begin at the adjournment of the meeting.
- 2. Post-Town Meeting Day Immediate Tasks** – N. Nadeau reviewed with the Board the tasks that will need immediate attention after Town Meeting.

J. Dow motioned to move the meeting to Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A 405 § (6)(A) – Personnel Matter at 6:34pm. B. Smythe seconded. Approved 5-0

The Board exited executive session at 7:24pm. No action taken.

Other Business

Updates/Reminders

- a. Public Hearing – Harbor Dredging Project – Tuesday, April 4th @ 5:30pm
- b. Budget Review Committee – Tuesday, April 4th @ 7pm
- c. Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting – Thursday, April 6th @ 4pm
- d. Town Meeting – Friday, April 7th and Saturday April 8th
- e. Select Board Meeting – Monday, April 10th, @ 5:30pm

Warrant signatures- Warrant signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm