

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2024
Minutes**

Called Meeting to Order at 5:35pm

1. **Quorum and Meeting Attendance** – E. Best (Chair), S. Miller, J. Dow, J. Wootten, B. Adams, J. Atwell (TA)
2. **Approve Select Board meeting minutes of May 6, 2024** – S. Miller moved to accept the minutes as edited, seconded by J. Wootten. All approved.
3. **Public comment** – K. Weinberg asked about the vault requirement at the Seaside Cemetery. He asked the Board to consider allowing residents to pay an additional fee to cover the costs associated with not using a vault, which keeps the soil more stable. R. Carter (Sexton) gave some history regarding the vault requirement. He said ten to twenty years ago, the decision was made to require vaults for those who chose to be buried in a coffin. This decision was based on the erosion problem at the cemetery. The Board agreed to consider his request at a future meeting.

Business

1. **Seaside Cemetery Rules (topics include prohibiting dogs and planting rules)** – The discussion continued from the hearing that took place at the previous meeting. The Board talked about the comments residents made, both for and against allowing dogs at the cemetery. Out of respect to those buried in the Cemetery, it was decided that no dogs, other than certain service dogs, will be allowed. It was also decided that anything planted or placed in the cemetery will be subject to removal by the Town at its discretion. Dow and Best agreed to prepare a draft of revised rules to reflect this decision.
2. **Seaside Cemetery – Kemp Lot** – With all of the erosion at the Cemetery, the plot that was originally purchased for the Kemp family no longer has the space for a third coffin. J. Dow made a motion to convey use rights to the Estate of James Kemp III for a 5x10 lot, (to be determined by the Sexton) at the Seaside Cemetery, seconded by S. Miller. All approved.
3. **Port-a-potties – Town Park** - It was brought to the Town's attention that the port-a-potties at the Town Park were being vandalized. MDI Potty said they have been unable to clean the units and the Town may have to pay \$2,400 for them to be replaced. The decision was to relocate the units to the Town Wharf (by the Ambulance Bay), so they would be more visible and less likely to be damaged. B. Adams is going to work with Chris (Public Works), to get some lighting at the Park.
4. **Liquor License Renewal Request – Blue Hill Bed and Breakfast LLC** – S. Miller made a motion to schedule a hearing for May 28 at 5:45pm, seconded by B. Adams. All approved.
5. **Mobile Vending Permit Application – Maritime Heritage Festival** – S. Miller made a motion to grant the approval of the Mobile Vending Permit to Traditional Small Craft Association dba Maritime Heritage Festival, for one day to sell t-shirts in Emerson Park, seconded by B. Adams. All approved.
6. **Policy Update – Elections** – S. Miller made a motion to amend the Employee Policy, as read, seconded by J. Dow. All approved.
7. **Comprehensive Plan Update** – S. Miller gave an update on the Comp Plan and its upcoming submission to the State. This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting after Warrants were signed (6:54 pm). All approved.