

**Blue Hill Co-op Board Meeting**  
September 9, 2014 Blue Hill Co-op Cafe

Board Members Attending: Mia Strong, Diane Bianco, Hadley Friedman, Richard Paget, Jim Picariello

Absent Board Member(s): Jerome Lawther, Keith Herklotz, Aaron Dority

Others Attending: Mark Deeny (General Manager), Julia Klein (Minute Taker)

Julia Klein, minute taker

Diane Bianco, task and decision keeper

Mia Strong, meeting facilitator, time keeper

Approval of Minutes: **The July 17, 2014 Minutes were approved with no changes.**

Time Open to Owners: No owners were present.

GM Report: Mark raised concern about the bylaw stating that Owners who paid their equity in full and request a refund of their money must rejoin at the same level that the exited. Mark has allowed Owners to rejoin with a \$20 payment. Discussion ensued regarding those who request a refund due to financial hardship. **The Board came to consensus that the bylaws should remain as they currently stand.** Diane suggested that the Ownership renewal card should include a statement of the current balance up to the full \$200.

Resolutions for Bank Paperwork: **The Board approved Bar Harbor Bank and Trust as the sole financial institution used by the Co-op for the Petty site land acquisition. The Board approved Mark Deeny and Mia Strong to sign loan papers.** The lower variable interest rate was chosen for the loan.

### **Discussion**

Relocation Update: Jim informed the Board of the potential need go to the next phase of payment for Gary Friedman. Board confirmed that the original contract has been approved for \$27,500. Gary will send an invoice for the work he's completed. Jim stated that Gary is on target to have a report by the end of this year. Jim raised question about the Carrot sign and suggested consulting Gary about whether to install the sign on the property stating "Future Home of the Blue Hill Co-op." Hadley suggested that a kiosk with information about relocation be set up at the Co-op. **The Board decided to install the carrot sign on the property upon approval from Gary Friedman and when the property purchase is complete.** Mia will email Gary for the ok and Jay Peterson to request that he paint the carrot orange and add the words "Future Home of the Blue Hill Co-op."

### Board Process:

Handbook – need to look over the Board handbook. And make sure that the handbook is used or update it to be current with what is done in meetings.

Meeting Structure

## Committees

Secretary – Keith does not want to be Secretary. Mia will hold box for next three months but will need to be passing it on. Mia suggested having whole box cloud based with back-up. Jim having a working member scan it online. Mia will remove Gm information and contract and bring in box. Description of job. Mia will email Jerome and Aaron.

Termed Limits: Mia, Keith, and Richard. Termed out because of two consecutive terms. Mia would like to stay but requested the Board read the bylaws. and see how they feel about. Not clear about

Don't have a board Development committee and want have continuity. Have to find people who could catch up and

Need a board member to gather co-op Members and non to bring new people in. Look for areas that are lacking in the Board. Never been good at staggering terms. Hadley – a visual would be really helpful. Mia will email chart that she created.

Richard – maybe the option of reelection year by year if person wants to .

Meeting Evaluation: A little loud. Good.

Due Date for the Board Packet: Next Meeting: Tuesday October 21, 2014 6:30- 9:00 PM  
Blue Hill Public Library, Howard Room.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Julia Klein