

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 2015**

Selectpersons present: Wendy Pieh, John Marsh, and Henry Nevins
Public: Walter Voskian; Mike Kenney, Bonnie Poland, Bruce Poland,
Rufus Teele, Eric Wellner, Fern Poland of the Bremen Fire
Department; Alex Aviolo, The Lincoln County News

The Selectmen's Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pieh at 5:07 pm.

The meeting began with a discussion with the Bremen Fire Department members regarding the future of the Fire Department. It was stated by Chief Poland that the problems with volunteerism are not localized to Bremen. Selectman Nevins suggested we hire Ken Desmond to assess the Bremen Fire Department.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to contact Ken Desmond to assess the Fire Department and give some feedback on how to attract new members.

The bids for the Hay Conservation and Recreation Area camp road were opened. The Town received two bids; one from Sprague Transport & Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$49,139.00 and one from Ernest Poland in the amount of \$41,700.00.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to table the decision on the bids until November 20, 2015 at 11:00 am to provide the Selectmen some time to review the bids in detail and compare contracts.

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Shellfish Warden invoice was reviewed. The Warden's hours have exceeded the hours called for in the contract.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the Shellfish Warden's invoice for payment.

The Selectmen discussed the Application for Abatement of Property Taxes received on October 1, 2015 from David Osier. The deadline for the Application was April 1, 2015. That deadline applies to any change of status. The Application must be submitted to the Town prior to that date, per Maine State Statute Title 36 MRSA Sections 1141-1152.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to deny the 2014 Abatement Application, as it was not timely under 36 M.R.S.A. Sec 841, as well as to deny the 2015 Abatement Application, as there was no timely application as of April 1, 2015 to modify the existing application under 36 M.R.S.A. Sec 502; 36 M.R.S.A. Sec 1137.1. Also, per the Town Attorney and Maine Statute, there is no provision in law to allow the Selectmen or Assessors to waive that deadline and accept a retroactive application.

Selectman Nevins advised that while Hagar was paving in Bristol, one of their trucks had an oil spill on Rial Herald Road. Hagar did not notify DEP of the spill nor the Town that they had closed the road due to the spill. DEP has since been notified. Sprague Excavation is in the process of ditching Rial Herald Road.

Selectman Nevins also advised that the Town has purchased some additional signage to attempt to slow drivers down on Town roads.

Selectman Nevins advised, that after 15 years, he has no plans to run for Selectman in the coming year.

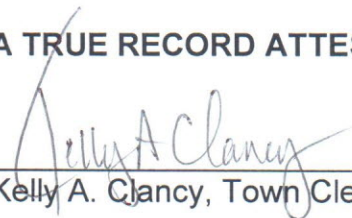
The Selectmen will meet at 4:00 pm on November 5, prior to the regular Selectmen's Meeting, to review the paving schedule for Town roads.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted, unanimously, to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of 10/01/2015.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted, unanimously, to approve the Warrants of 10/09/2015 and 10/16/2015.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted, unanimously, to adjourn at 6:10 pm.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:




Kelly A. Clancy, Town Clerk

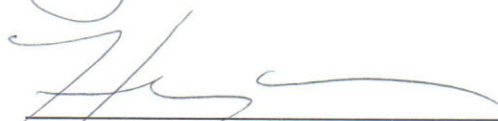
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Wendy Pieh, Chair



John Marsh



Henry Nevins