

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2016**

Selectpersons present: Wendy Pieh, John Marsh, and Henry Nevins
Public: Eric Calderwood; Jonathan Hull, Esq.; Harold Schramm;
Walter Voskian; Fern Poland; Larry Smith; Bob Faunce;
Ralph and Vickey Jones; Alex Violo, The Lincoln County
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On a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pieh at 4:36 p.m.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(A) in regard to personnel matters at 4:36 p.m.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(A) in regard to personnel matters at 5:10 p.m.

Walter Voskian was in attendance to discuss appointment(s) to the Planning Board. He went over the rules and expectations of the Planning Board position.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to appoint Autumn Mahoney to the Bremen Planning Board for a three-year term.

The Selectmen then opened the bids for mowing the Town properties and cemeteries, as follows: D&J Lawn Care \$9,450; Achorn & Sons \$8,925; Lawns & More \$8,650; Chris Herald \$8,526; Larry Smith \$10,640; The Perfect Property \$9,000.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to table the decision on the lawn mowing contract until Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Eric Calderwood, Calderwood Engineering, was in attendance to discuss his proposal for the Heath Road Bridge. He stated that the bridge must be built up. There is poor drainage. He stated that the bridge proposal fits the stream. He stated the total shift in centerline 20' from where it is now takes the reverse curve out and will allow them to build the new bridge while keeping the old, which provides temporary access for an emergency. Selectman Nevins asked if they could flag the property to show the residents where the new bridge will be. Eric responded that he will do so. Eric stated that if the Town does not secure an easement, they would shift the alignment of the bridge as much as they can. This would not be ideal, and it would be difficult to use the existing bridge while building a new bridge. It would be the safest to build the new bridge around the old bridge. He stated that there is no guardrail on the existing road and that the existing rail is not sufficient. The bridge will require guardrails. He could use steel-backed timber guardrails. Calderwood stated that he has started the environmental permitting.

Harold Schramm expressed the concerns of his neighbors. They have a lack of understanding of what is happening. The residents want the least grandiose structure.

He was advised that safety is the number one concern. The bridge requires replacement. A small bridge will not last 50 years.

Calderwood stated that they are trying to keep the bridge as short as possible while still protecting the stream. His proposal is for a 100-year bridge. There is concern about the abutments and damage to the bedrock with a smaller bridge.

Bob Faunce stated that the Maine State Bridge Manual says the bridge should be a 24-foot bridge. Calderwood has dropped it down to 20 feet; the bridge cannot be under 20 feet. There is a 16-foot bridge there now because that was the size of the bridge deck Bremen received 30 years ago.

Fern Poland, Fire Chief, stated that the proposed bridge would have less clog points and would be easier for the tankers to get over the bridge. A road closure would be a problem.

The present proposal closes the bridge for 8 to 10 hours.

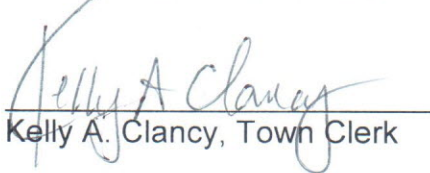
Harold Schramm was also in attendance to discuss the Town Ordinances. They require some housekeeping.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of 03/17/2016.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the Warrants of 03/25/2016, 4/01/2016, and 4/08/2016.


On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn at 6:21 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:



Kelly A. Clancy, Town Clerk

BREMEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Wendy Pieh, Chair



John Marsh



Henry Nevins