

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
MAY 3, 2018**

Selectpersons present: Wendy Pieh, John Marsh, Henry Nevins
Public: Walter Voskian, Bremen Planning Board; Mary Voskian,
Bremen Conservation Commission; Harold Schramm; Steve
Wallace; Diantha Robinson; David West; Christa Thorpe;
Donald Leeman; James Hodgkin, Superintendent of
Schools; Rick Kusturin, AOS 93 Business Manager; Alex
Violo, The Lincoln County News

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pieh at 5:00 p.m.

Walter Voskian advised that the Planning Board's agenda for the May meeting includes renovation of a lakeside cottage on Biscay Pond and a garage/workshop on Turner Road. They will also work on the Planning Board Bylaws and Ordinance. Walter requested the Town change their application deadline time from 2:00 pm to 12:00 Noon on the Friday prior to the Planning Board monthly meeting in order to give the planner/consultant more time to meet with applicants.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to change the Planning Board application deadline from 2:00 pm to 12:00 Noon on the Friday prior to the Planning Board monthly meeting.

Mary Voskian advised that maintenance has begun on the Town Forest (Hilton-O'Connor Trail). Steve Laurich is acting as advisor and has stated that there is a need for two bridges on the trail; one 42 feet long, to be built in three sections at 14 feet each, and one 12-foot long bridge.

Mary Voskian met with planners regarding their proposed plans for the Town Center property. They will plan additional meetings with the Selectmen and the residents of Bremen. They are also preparing a survey for the Town residents.

The Town property on Fogler Road was discussed with the Conservation Commission. The Commission has voted to keep the property. Selectman Nevins asked for a formal letter from the Commission in regard to their opinions.

There was discussion regarding a portable toilet for the Hay property.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to approve the rental of a portable toilet for the Hay property and to build a wooden enclosure to house the toilet.

Fire Chief Don Leeman was in attendance to speak about mechanical issues for the rescue truck. The leaf springs have to be completely replaced as well as the air-conditioner unit. The estimate for repairs is approximately \$6,000, which is in excess of the Fire Department budget.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to approve the repairs to the rescue truck and use the Town's emergency fund to cover the costs.

Jim Hodgkin, Rick Kusturin, and Christa Thorpe brought the Selectmen up to date on the Bremen school budget. Early in 2018 it was discovered that the Town had an increase in expenditures for tuition which was much higher than anticipated. The school is asking to expend \$30,000 for secondary education. A Special Town Meeting will be required to release the funds.

Jim Hodgkin, Superintendent AOS 93, spoke in favor of the Town joining with Wiscasset School Department, Regional School Unit No. 1, Regional School Unit No. 12, and each of the member school administrative units of Alternative Organizational Structure No. 93 (collectively AOS 93) to form a school management and leadership center called The Sheepscot Regional Service Center. This would require Town approval by June 12, 2018.

At this point, a Special Town Meeting began regarding voting on the Appeals Board Ordinance as well as approving a contribution to Adult Education in the amount of \$1,473.00 that was inadvertently omitted from the January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018 Town Meeting Warrant. All Articles passed.

Jim Hodgkin continued, stating that The Sheepscot Regional Service Center uses its collective size to enhance student learning opportunities and staff development and to achieve greater efficiencies and cost savings, through cooperative regional initiatives and programs at a cost of approximately \$4.00 per student.

Construction is continuing on the Heath Road Bridge. No formal update at this time.

Selectman Nevins spoke about road repair estimates from All States. They have proposed covering the road surfaces with PMRAP (plant-mixed recycled asphalt pavement).

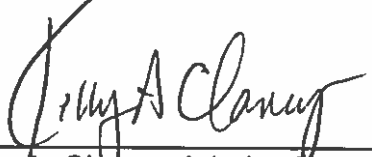
Chairperson Pieh reiterated her desire to schedule Public Hearings and Special Town Meetings on the same evening.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of 4/19/2018.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to approve the Warrants of 4/27/2018 and 5/04/2018.


On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:42 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:




Kelly A. Clancy, Admin. Asst.

BREMEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Wendy Pieh, Chair



John Marsh



Henry Nevins