

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2017**

Selectpersons present: Wendy Pieh, John Marsh, Henry Nevins
Public: Walter Voskian; Bremen Planning Board; Terry Marsh,
Bremen Conservation Commission; Melanee Osier-Gilbert;
Bennett Collins; Christa Thorpe; Virginia Betts; Alex Violo,
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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pieh at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting began with a Public Hearing on the Extension of Moratorium Ordinance on Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Stores and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs. There was much discussion regarding problems with blocking cultivation. The Selectmen reiterated that marijuana is still an illegal drug, that the State has not formalized their rules as yet, and that they wanted to be fair to all Bremen residents. The subject of the extension was tabled.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the Public Hearing at 5:27 p.m.

Excessive speeding in the Town was discussed. The Town has obtained a speed sign which will be used by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office for enforcement purposes. Speed humps were discussed as well.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to try speed humps on some of the Town roads in an effort to curb speeding.

The issue of possibly selling the clam boat to the Sheriff's office was brought up again. It was asked if the boat could be used by the Town committees or possibly the Harbor Master. The Harbor Master replied that she had her own boat and did not need another boat to take care of. The Selectmen advised that selling the boat would save on maintenance, insurance, and storage fees.

Melanee Osier-Gilbert was in attendance to request an abatement on her real estate taxes. The Selectmen indicated they would review her file, check State law, and do what they can.

Walter Voskian advised that the Planning Board had a heavy agenda on June 13. There is a public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, June 20 on the proposed Land Use Ordinance. After the hearing, the Ordinance will be referred to the Select Board for their consideration. Walter advised the Planning Board is saddened by Susan's departure. He also advised that the Planning Board is still one member down. Walter again mentioned the need for a part-time professional planner to assist with preparation for Planning Board meetings and the aftermath of the meetings due to the time spent by the Chair as well as the recording secretary; possibly a week or so a month.

Terry Marsh advised that the Bremen Conservation Commission (BCC) would like to change their meeting time from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m., keeping the meetings on the first Monday of the month at the Bremen Library. The Selectmen advised that a time change is solely the decision of the BCC.

There was continued discussion regarding Town signs. The BCC would like to rename the Hay Conservation & Recreation Area as well as the Bremen Town Forest. The Selectmen advised that the Hay property received the approval from John Hay's son for the name and that the Town Forest was named by the BCC. The Selectmen advised using the kiosk at both locations for additional information. The Selectmen will research the procedure for naming Town parks and who has the authority to do so.

There was discussion regarding storage of Town records. It was stated by Terry Marsh that proper storage of paper records should be under 45% humidity and below 68 degrees. The Town will look into this to ensure compliance.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to appoint Kurt Magnusson as a member of the Board of Assessment Review (previously was an alternate).

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to appoint Harold Schramm as an alternate member of the Board of Assessment Review.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve Town website search engine optimization at a cost of \$180.00.

Chip sealing on Town roads is scheduled to begin the week of June 20. Crack filling was completed by the Town at a cost savings of approximately \$8,000.00. Grading has been completed on part of Shore Road and Rial Herald Road. Rial Herald Road will be posted temporarily until the road work has been completed.

The carpentry for the Bremen Town House has been completed. The Town House will be fully painted this year as well. The Bremen Town House Committee will be invited to the next Selectmen's Meeting to discuss their plans for the year.

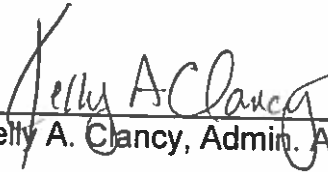
The Town House cedar siding has been completed. Exterior painting will be completed as well.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of 6/01/2017.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to approve the Warrants of 6/09/2017 and 6/16/2017.


On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:23 p.m.

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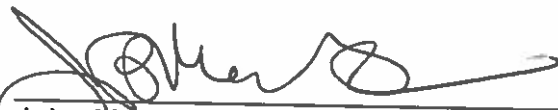


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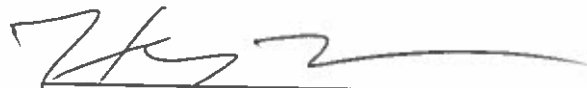
BREMEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Wendy Pieh, Chair



John Marsh



Henry Nevins