

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 2015**

Selectpersons present: Wendy Pieh, John Marsh, and Henry Nevins
Public: Eric Calderwood, Calderwood Engineering; Sheriff Todd Brackett, Lieutenant Michael Murphy, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office; John Mohr; Judith Mohr; Steve Maclachlan; Jody Sprague

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pieh at 5:02 p.m.

The meeting began with a discussion regarding the right of way for snow removal at the Mohr property. Mr. and Mrs. Mohr advised that last year's snowfall and resultant plowing caused previously well-buried property markers to become exposed, which may result in plow damage and/or movement of property boundaries. Jody Sprague, the Town snowplow contractor, and the Mohrs will work on the situation to come up with a solution. It is possible that a load of gravel, paid for by the Town, will solve the problem.

Judith Mohr was in attendance to discuss the future of the Muscongus Club. This information was last in the hands of our Town Attorney. The Town Clerk will ask the Town Attorney for an update.

Eric Calderwood of Calderwood Engineering was in attendance to discuss their proposal for design of the Heath Road Bridge. They would prepare a topographical survey with contours and roadway alignment, preliminary design with options on how to deal with traffic and road closure, summarize the estimated costs, develop plans and specifications, and solicit quotes from qualified contractors. They will complete the DEP and Army Corp of Engineers permitting. They hope to begin the bid process in January 2016.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted, unanimously, to approve the proposal from Calderwood Engineering for the above services in the amount of \$18,500.00.

Sheriff Brackett and Lieutenant Murphy were in attendance to discuss the recent invoice from Lincoln County for animal control services. Selectman Nevins asked if the Sheriff's Office has a policy whereby if the animal control officer goes through training and then quits, would the County/Town be reimbursed for those training costs. Sheriff Brackett advised that, at present, they do not have such a policy but that he will bring that up at the next advisory committee meeting. Chairperson Pieh asked, if new towns join, will the present town members receive a credit. Sheriff Brackett advised that yes, they would. Sheriff Brackett also advised that the program is in its initial stages and that they are working through these issues.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted, unanimously, to sign the Animal Control Officer contract for 2015 with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

Chairperson Pieh asked that the Sheriff's Office provide additional detail with the ACO invoices, i.e., the call sheets. Sheriff Brackett advised that he would provide the detail but reminded the Town not to release private information.

Selectman Nevins advised that the animal control costs are funded by dog license sales in the Town.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted, unanimously, to pay the current invoice for animal control services (4/01/15 through 6/30/2015) in the amount of \$1,016.51 to the Treasurer of Lincoln County.

Steve Maclachlan was in attendance to discuss speeding on Medomak Road. He is very concerned with safety of the children. He suggested a warning sign at the Martin Farm area and then drop to 25 mph at the post office. He also suggested the use of speed bumps/humps. Selectman Nevins advised that we would need a Town ordinance for speed bumps. Sheriff Brackett advised that some towns do have success with speed bumps.

Sheriff Brackett advised that the Town has two options: Manage our own speeds or allow the State to do it. The Town would have to follow State regulations.

Chairperson Pieh advised that the Selectmen would have to make a request through the State and that they would work on it.

Walter Voskian raised some concerns regarding speeding on Route 32. He feels the 45 mph speed limit is too fast for the road conditions. He also advised that double-line passing is a serious problem as well.

Sheriff Brackett advised that it is not just an enforcement problem. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to Bremen 358 times from 7/1/14 to 6/30/15 and wrote 4 traffic tickets and had 38 traffic stops. They also went to the Town boat landing 31 times. He advised that speed reality versus speed perception is not always the same. It is consistent enforcement that makes the difference. They would need to compile data on the speeding problems, i.e., time of day, day of week, etc. The Sheriff's Office could put tubes in the road to monitor speeding. The Sheriff will contact DOT and ask them to share their information. It was mentioned that there is excessive speeding on Route 32 from Nobleboro Road south to Rial Herald Road.

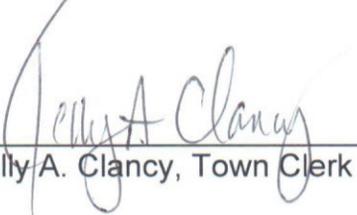
Selectman Nevins asked whether caution signs such as "drive slow" are effective. Sheriff Brackett advised that they are somewhat effective for unintentional speeders but will not help with intentional speeders.

There was a discussion regarding the ongoing work revising the definitions for the Town Ordinances. The committee hopes to have the definitions completed and vetted by the Town Attorney by the end of the year.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted, unanimously, to approve the warrants of 7/24/2015, 7/31/2015, and 8/07/2015.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.

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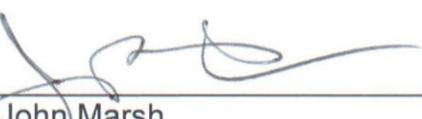


Kelly A. Clancy, Town Clerk

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Wendy Pieh, Chair



John Marsh



Henry Nevins