

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

TO: JOHN CLANCY, A RESIDENT OF THE TOWN OF BREMEN

GREETINGS:

Election of Town Officials:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Bremen, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Bremen Town Center in said Town on Saturday, on the morning of the 28th of March 2015, any time between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to act on the following Warrant Articles to elect Town Officials.

As required by State and Federal voting laws, only voters registered in the Town of Bremen are authorized to vote in Town Elections.

To Wit:

Article 1 To elect a Moderator to preside at the Annual Town Meeting, the election to be by written ballot at the commencement of the Regular Town Meeting.

Article 2 To elect the following Town Officials by secret ballot:

One (1) Member to the Board of Selectmen/Assessor/ Overseer of the Poor	Three-year term
One (1) Member to the School Committee	Three-year term
Four (4) Members to the Planning Board	Three-year term
One (1) Harbor Committee Member	Three-year term

Article 2A Shall an Ordinance entitled “Clam Management Ordinance of the Town of Bremen” be enacted and the present Ordinance entitled “Clam Conservation Ordinance of the Town of Bremen” enacted April 1991 and last revised June 20, 2013 be repealed?

Town Meeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Bremen, qualified to participate and vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Bremen Town Center in said Town

for the Annual Town Meeting on the afternoon of Saturday, the 28th day of March 2015, commencing at 2:00 p.m. to act on the following Warrant Articles:

As required by State and Federal voting laws, only voters registered in the Town of Bremen are authorized to participate and vote in Annual Town Meetings.

Results of the Elections in Article 2 will be announced at said Town Meeting.

To Wit:

Articles 3 through 22: General Administration

Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint or act as Road Commissioner and/or Project Manager.

Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Budget Committee of nine (9) members, preferably from all parts of the Town.

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint all other Town Officials not elected by ballot at the Annual Town Meeting.

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Tax Collector to charge and collect interest at a rate not to exceed the State's maximum allowable rate of interest that can be charged per Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 505.4. The current maximum rate allowed by the State is (7) percent (subject to change).

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell any property which the Town owns by virtue of Tax Deed or Liens and to execute and deliver on behalf of the town, by Quit Claim Deed as may be necessary, the transference of rights, title and interest of said property to the Town.

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12ths of the budgeted amount in each Operating Account of the 2015 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016.

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend, as they deem advisable, donations or voluntary contributions for the purpose of carrying out any previously approved or authorized Town project or activity without calling a Special Town Meeting.

Article 10 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Officers' Salaries:

Account	2014 Appropriations	2014 Actual	2015 Request
Selectman (Chair)	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
Selectman	3,500	3,500	3,500
Selectman	3,500	3,500	3,500
Town Clerks	66,500	67,470	87,241
FICA-Town Officials/F. Dept	12,000	9,763	12,000
Code Enforcement	7,500	7,500	7,500
Fire Chief	5,000	5,000	5,000
Health Officer	100	0	100
Ballot Clerks	1,000	790	1,000
Moderator	150	150	150
Benefits: Health	8,400	9,244	15,999
Retirement	1,451	956	1,451
Totals	\$112,601	\$111,374	\$140,941
Selectmen Recommend:			\$140,941
Budget Committee Recommends:			\$140,941

Article 11 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Operating Accounts:

Account	2014 Appropriations	2014 Actual	2015 Request
Workers' Comp Ins	\$2,800	\$3,293	\$3,500
Property/Casualty Ins	16,250	16,277	16,600
Telephone (TC, FD & T.House)	6,000	5,826	6,000
Electricity (TC, FD & T.House)	4,500	3,621	4,500
Street Lights	4,200	3,646	4,200
Fuel (TC, FD & T. House)	14,000	8,440	10,000
Office Supplies	2,500	2,256	2,500
Office Equipment	3,500	4,229	6,500
Computer License	7,100	6,761	7,800
Postage	1,200	1,150	1,200

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Printing	250	0	250
Town Reports	4,200	3,989	4,200
Advertising	750	336	750
Mileage	2,500	783	1,500
Dues	1,844	1,752	2,000
Training	1,000	1,213	1,500
Tax Liens	1,500	1,654	1,500
Repair/Maintenance (TC, FD & T. House)	20,000	19,238	28,000
Miscellaneous Contingency	1,000	250	1,000
General Assistance	500	902	500
Cemetery Mowing/Maintenance	6,500	5,174	6,500
Website	2,000	688	2,000
Totals	\$104,094	\$91,479	\$112,500
	Selectmen Recommend:		\$112,500
	Budget Committee Recommends:		\$112,500

Article 12 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Professional Services:

Account	2014 Appropriations	2014 Actual	2015 Request
Town Attorney	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Town Auditor	8,200	7,600	8,200
Mapping/Survey	800	0	800
Property Appraisal	9,600	9,600	10,000
Consultant/Grant Writer	3,000	2,000	3,000
Totals	\$31,600	\$29,200	\$32,000
	Selectmen Recommend:		\$32,000
	Budget Committee Recommends:		\$32,000

Article 13 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Roads and Bridges:

Account	2014 Appropriations	2014 Actual	2015 Request
Road Maintenance/Repair	\$145,000	\$160,234	\$110,000*
Snow Removal	121,000	126,601	127,400
Salt	20,000	17,758	25,000
Totals	\$286,000	\$304,593	\$262,400
	Selectmen Recommend:		\$262,400
	Budget Committee Recommends:		\$274,400

* Budget Committee recommends \$122,000 for this budget request.

Article 14 To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Nobleboro/Jefferson Transfer Station:

	2014	2014	2015
	Appropriations	Actual	Request
	\$45,150	\$45,150	\$47,346
Selectmen Recommend:			\$47,346
Budget Committee Recommends:			\$47,346

Article 15 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer from undesignated Funds, and expend as they deem advisable for contingencies that occur during the fiscal year without calling a Special Town Meeting:

Selectmen Recommend:	\$10,000
Budget Committee Recommends:	\$10,000

Article 16 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Bremen Fire Department:

Account	2014	2014	2015
	Appropriations	Actual	Request
Equipment Maintenance	\$20,000	\$21,604	\$20,000
Building Maintenance	1,000	835	1,000
Communications Tower Repair	2,800	3,050	0
Fuel (GasBoy)	2,500	2,332	2,500
New Equipment	6,000	5,899	6,000
Wages	26,000	25,755	26,000
Administrative Bookkeeping	1,500	1,300	1,500
Training	2,000	1,268	3,000
	\$61,800	\$62,043	\$60,000
Selectmen Recommend:			\$60,000
Budget Committee Recommends:			\$60,000

Article 17 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Disability Insurance for the Bremen Firemen and First Responders:

	2014	2014	2015
	Appropriations	Actual	Request
	\$1,500	\$884	\$1,500
Selectmen Recommend:			\$1,500
Budget Committee Recommends:			\$1,500

Article 18 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Bremen Fire/Rescue First Responders:

Account	2014 Appropriations	2014 Actual	2015 Request
Training	\$3,000	\$3,879	\$4,000
Maintenance	1,000	611	1,000
New Equipment	2,500	2,324	2,500
EMS Membership	500	400	500
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	\$7,000	\$7,214	\$8,000
Selectmen Recommend:			\$8,000
Budget Committee Recommends:			\$8,000

Article 19 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Selectmen to spend for Hepatitis B vaccinations for all firemen and first responders as required by OSHA:

Selectmen Recommend:	\$800
Budget Committee Recommends:	\$800

Article 20 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operating expenses of the following committees:

Account	2014 Appropriations	2014 Actual	2015 Request
Planning Board	\$2,000	\$1,941	\$2,900
Board of Appeals			300
Conservation Commission	630	200	930
Town House Committee	500	122	500
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	\$3,130	\$2,263	\$4,630
Selectmen Recommend:			\$4,630
Budget Committee Recommends:			\$4,630

Article 21 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer monies from the Harbor Savings Account to the General Fund and appropriate for Harbor Committee Operations:

Account	2014 Appropriations	2014 Actual	2015 Request
Harbor Master Salary	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Facility Maintenance	1,000	450	1,000
Harbor Committee Expenses	500	363	630
Town Landing Repair	3,000	0	3,000
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	\$7,000	\$3,313	\$7,130
Selectmen Recommend:			\$7,130
Budget Committee Recommends:			\$7,130

Article 22 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer monies from the Shellfish License Account to the General Fund and appropriate for Shellfish Operations:

Account	2014 Appropriations	2014 Actual	2015 Request
Shellfish Warden	\$7,000	\$813	\$6,000
Expenses	2,000	1,588	7,650
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	\$9,000	\$2,400	\$13,650
Requested by Shellfish Committee:			\$13,650
Budget Committee Recommends:			\$13,650

Article 23 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Committee Recommends:	\$355,858
Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommend:	\$355,858

Article 24 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

School Committee Recommends:	\$70,029
Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommend:	\$70,029

Article 25 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

School Committee Recommends:	\$4,287
Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommend:	\$4,287

Article 26 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

School Committee Recommends:	\$0
Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommend:	\$0

Article 27 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Committee Recommends:	\$979
Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommend:	\$979

Article 28 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Committee Recommends:	\$10,726
Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommend:	\$10,726

Article 29 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

School Committee Recommends:	\$0
Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommend:	\$0

Article 30 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends:	\$24,243
Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommend:	\$24,243

Article 31 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee Recommends:	\$0
Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommend:	\$0

Article 32 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Debt Service.

School Committee Recommends:	\$0
Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommend:	\$0

Article 33 To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

School Committee Recommends:	\$10,960
Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommend:	\$10,960

ARTICLE 34 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 34 To see what sum the Town will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends:	\$471,081
Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommend:	\$471,081

**ARTICLE 35 RAISES FUNDS
FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

<u>School Budget Funding Explanation</u>	
Article 35 Required Local (EPS) Raise Amount	\$280,800 *
Additional Local Raise Amount	<u>\$95,162</u>
Total Local Funds Raised	\$375,962
Fund Balance Forward Estimate	\$89,000
State Subsidy Estimate	<u>\$12,119</u>
Total School Budget Request	\$471,081

*Local Required, Additional, and Subsidy figures are preliminary figures provided by the Maine DOE on 2/18/2015.

Article 35 To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (**School Committee Recommends \$292,919**) and to see what sum the Town will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

School Committee Recommends: \$280,800

Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

Article 36 (Written ballot required) To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$95,162**) which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$88,549**, as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

The School Committee recommends **\$95,162** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$88,549**:

Statutorily required amounts for secondary tuition, as well as special education, facilities maintenance, and transportation costs, exceed the State's EPS funding model.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-State funded debt service that will help achieve the Town Budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 37 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS FOR EDUCATION PURPOSES

Article 37 Shall the Bremen School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for education purposes, provided that such grants, programs, or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated.

ARTICLE 38 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

Article 38 To see if the Town will appropriate **\$114,260** for Adult Education and raise **\$2,946** as the local share, with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program:

Requested Local Share:	\$2,946
Budget Committee & Selectmen Recommend:	\$2,946

Article 39 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to raise and appropriate monies for Animal Control Operations:

Account	2014 Appropriations	2014 Actual	2015 Request
Boothbay Humane Society	\$599	\$806	\$806
Animal Control - Wages	800	158	1,300
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	\$1,399	\$964	\$2,106
Selectmen Recommend:			\$2,106
Budget Committee Recommends:			\$2,106

Article 40 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Bremen Conservation Land Conservation Fund. The funds will be used for land conservation efforts, property purchases, and easements.

Requested by Bremen Conservation Committee:	\$3,000
Budget Committee Recommends:	\$ 0

Article 41 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Bremen Library:

Requested by Bremen Library:	\$6,000
Budget Committee Recommends:	\$6,000

Article 42 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Central Lincoln County Ambulance:

Budget Committee Recommends:	\$3,200
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Article 43 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to recommend, raise, and appropriate for Memorial Day observation expenses:

Selectmen Recommend:	\$300
Budget Committee Recommends:	\$300

Article 44 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for charitable contributions. Each line to be voted on separately:

Account	2014 Appropriations	2014 Actual	2015 Request
Coastal Transportation	\$500	\$500	\$500
CLC YMCA	1,500	1,500	1,500
Eldercare Network	1,500	1,500	2,000 *
Healthy Kids	1,500	1,500	1,500
Lifeflight Foundation	0	0	1,000
Midcoast Community Action	1,025	1,025	1,025
Mobius	300	300	300
New Hope for Women	830	830	830
Pemaquid Watershed Assoc.	500	500	500
Spectrum Generations	853	853	830
Waldoboro Food Pantry	0	0	600
	<u>\$8,508</u>	<u>\$8,508</u>	<u>\$10,585</u>

Budget Committee Recommends: \$10,085

* Budget Committee recommends \$1,500 for this charitable request.

Article 45 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend from the Capital Improvement Reserve for office renovations, ADA bathroom, Selectmen's/Employees'/Meeting Room, etc.

Selectmen Recommend: \$28,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$28,000

Article 46 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Department ADA shower/bathroom, winterization, and electric garage door openers.

Selectmen Recommend: \$10,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$10,000

Article 47 To see if the Town will vote to NOT operate an alewife fishery in Muscongus Harbor or Muscongus Brook for 2015.

Article 48 To see if the Town will vote to permit the Treasurer to accept pre-payments on 2015 taxes prior to the October 15 due date.

Article 49 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer from Unexpended Funds to the following reserve accounts:

	2014	2015
	Appropriations	Request
Town House Reserve	\$20,000	\$20,000
Property Revaluation Reserve	5,000	8,000
	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$28,000</u>
Selectmen Recommend:		\$28,000
Budget Committee Recommends:		\$28,000

Article 50 To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer from Undesignated Funds and expend for the following:

Account	2014	2015
	Appropriations	Request
FNB - Hay Loan Payment	<u>\$22,000</u>	<u>\$22,000</u>
Selectmen Recommend:		\$22,000
Budget Committee Recommends:		\$22,000

Respectfully submitted by:
 The Bremen Board of Selectmen:
 WENDY PIEH, Chairperson
 HENRY NEVINS
 JOHN MARSH

A True Copy
 Attest:
 KELLY A. CLANCY
 Bremen Town Clerk