

TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMAN'S MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2019

Selectpersons Present: Hank Nevins, John Marsh

Absent: Wendy Pieh

Public: Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission; Walter Voskian, Bremen Planning Board; Scott Kennedy, Jim Donovan, LincolnHealth/ MaineHealth; Alex Viola, Lincoln Country News; Anna Barber,

The meeting was called to order at 5:03

Jim Donovan, President of LincolnHealth/MaineHealth and Scott Kennedy of LincolnHealth/MaineHealth gave a presentation with powerpoint. They would be interested in speaking to other interested groups. Contact james.donovan@LCHCare.org.

Walter Voskian of the Bremen Planning Board reported that they did not meet on March 19. He noted that they need members.

Walter said that because the cell phone service in Bremen is not reliable that it can be dangerous if there is an emergency. It was concurred that this is a problem.

Walter reported for the Bremen Town Center Project Committee in Mary's absence. Mary Ellen Barnes of the Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission has received the report. Mary is applying for another grant and will need a letter of support from the selectmen.

Hank said the new ordinance requires the CEO to spend additional time working on the certificate of occupancy forms. Money needs to be allocated for this additional time. There was a question about those permits already in process and if they needed to have the certificate of occupancy? The lawyer should be asked about this topic.

Ann Nesslage of the Bremen Conservation Commission reported. She is the new chairperson of the Bremen Conservation Commission. Pat Porter is editing a brochure of a map with the trails in Bremen and Bristol. The BCC is helping to update this information. The Weston Spring Property will be visited by members of the Bremen Conservation Commission. Hank noted that if the town wants to use it it must be accessible, which would involve a cost as the area is overgrown.

Hank said the ordinance wording relating to the Bremen Conservation Commission's scope of responsibility could be updated to reflect the mission statement, and this change would need to be put to a town vote. The mission needs to be clarified, and should be proposed in this years town vote.

Hank noted that there is \$31,000 in the Town of Bremen reserve fund, earmarked for purchase of land or easements for land conservation purposes.

John Marsh reported that Brian Beale of the DownEast Institute is going forward with plans for a research project on the clam flats. There will be a meeting with the harvesters and other stakeholders on April 2 at 12:00.

Budget meeting subjects were then discussed. The Lincoln County Ambulance Service needs support. We should ask them to increase the amount they ask for to \$12,000.

Other towns should also be asked for additional funding. The Hillside Cemetery has a grub infestation.

The incoming EMS Director should be paid \$500.00.

On a Motion duly made and seconded, the nominees for the Budget Committee were approved. Cheryl Ferrara, Walter Voskian, Steve Laurich, Harold Schramm, Mary Sue Weeks and Diana Blair-Monkman.

Anna Barber is researching solar power for the Town of Bremen office, fire station and Town House.

On a motion duly made and seconded, Anna Barber has been given permission to explore and report back on the proposed solar project with Damariscotta and other proposals.

Anna has been appointed to be the Solar Power Representative for the Town of Bremen.

On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:34.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

Terry Marsh, substitute for Kelly Clancy, Administrative Assistant

BREMEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Wendy Pieh, Chair



John Marsh



Henry Nevins