

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2019**

Selectpersons present: Wendy Pieh, John Marsh, Henry Nevins
Public: Walter Voskian, Bremen Planning Board; Mary Voskian,
Bremen Town Project Committee; Ann Nesslage, Bremen
Conservation Commission; Steve Laurich; Rick Rhea, Maine
Woods and Waters

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

Joan Ray was in attendance to speak to the Selectmen about the Maine Natural Resource Compensation Program Review Committee (MNRCP). There is an opening for a municipal official. The program involves mitigation of wetland destruction. MNRCP awards grants to projects that restore and protect high-priority aquatic resources throughout Maine and is administered by The Nature Conservancy on behalf of the Maine Department of Environmental Conservation. Joan indicated she would be willing to consult with the Selectmen on conservation easements.

Rick Rhea, Maine Woods and Waters, was in attendance to request the Selectmen sign an Application for Utility Pole Location on Shore Road. The Selectmen requested revisions to the application. Rick Rhea will provide another application stating a road width on average of 14 feet. The poles will be no closer than 11 feet from the centerline, and no poles at the base of the ditch.

Walter Voskian, Bremen Planning Board, advised that at the August 13th meeting, they approved two applications with heavy conditions. They also had an informal discussion regarding a property on Nobleboro Road.

State Statute Title 38, Section 480-Q, Activities for which a permit is not required, was distributed to the Selectmen and Chair of the Planning Board for their review.

Mary Voskian, Bremen Town Project Committee, advised that Kevin Redline cleared paths as well as an area where the Committee hopes to locate a play/recreation area. Mary will send an article to The Lincoln County News as well as to the Town to include on the website and the Town e-mail list.

Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission (BCC), asked about Shore Road paving. Selectman Nevins indicated paving saves the Town maintenance costs and allows the fire trucks and ambulances access. Ann stated that the BCC passed Draft #3 of the Bylaws. They discussed trails as well as any new land acquired by the Town for conservation. She suggested involving the neighbors to assist. Ann indicated the BCC subcommittee, Friends of Clam Island (FOCI), has worked out quite well. The Selectmen requested regular reporting from the FOCI in the BCC monthly minutes.

Clearing of the Hilton O'Connor Trail at the Town Forest as well as Hillside was discussed. The Hilton O'Connor Trail is quite overgrown and needs to be widened considerably. ATVs are not allowed on Town trails, so the trail will be designed to prevent them. The next trail clearing day for the Hilton O'Connor Trail is on Saturday, August 23rd. A Town e-mail will be sent out regarding this.

Selectman Marsh will test the water at the Town Spring this Monday.

The placement of pallets at the Hay property were discussed. The Town will attempt to find out who placed them. Ann Nesslage stated that, if it was done by the clam diggers, maybe we could find out exactly what they need and find a solution that is safe and noninvasive. The pallets appear dangerous in their present condition.

The solar power project was reviewed. The Town is awaiting a third estimate. The Bremen Library has requested to be involved. Maine Municipal Association indicated this is best addressed by the Maine Public Utilities Commission. The Town staff will reach out to them.

The Town Attorney prepared an Easement for school bus and snowplow turnaround on Marble Road. This has been signed by the property owner. The Selectmen will sign the Easement and record it at the Lincoln County Registry of Deeds.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to approve the Easement to Municipality (School Bus and Snowplow Turnaround) on Marble Road.

John Marsh, Community Shellfish, presented the Selectmen with an application and associated materials to pursue its lease application with DMR. This lease changes from experimental to standard and increases the footprint.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously (two assents and one recusal) to consent to allow Community Shellfish Co. to pursue its lease application with the DMR and to establish a Standard Lease in the area prescribed by the application and material presented at the meeting.

The Selectmen discussed a request for movement of the bench located near the bridge on Heath Road. The Selectmen do not want to overburden the side of the bridge where the steps are. There is already erosion happening that will be repaired.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to not relocate the bench at this time.

The Selectmen discussed a request for signage located near the bridge on Heath Road.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to deny the sign request at this time.

The Selectmen were consulted on forming a committee to gather information regarding broadband service in Bremen.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to form an ad hoc committee to gather information on broadband service in Bremen.

The potential committee members will attend the September 5th Selectmen's Meeting.

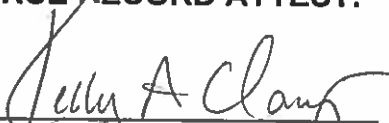
The September 19, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting will be at 4:30 p.m., due to a conflict. This will be advertised.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of 8/01/2019.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to approve the Warrants of 8/09/2019 and 8/16/2019.


On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:49 p.m.

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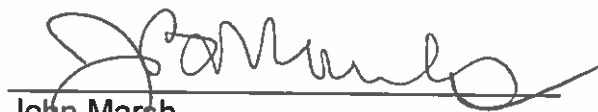


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Wendy Pieh, Chair



John Marsh



Henry Nevins