

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2020**

Selectpersons present: Wendy Pieh, John Marsh, Henry Nevins
Public: Walter Voskian, Bremen Planning Board; Mary Voskian,
Bremen Town Center Project Committee; Steve Wallace,
Bremen Planning Board; Ernest Carroll; Christa Thorpe;
Alan Hinsey, Tidewater Telecom; Alex Violo, The Lincoln
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The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Walter Voskian, Bremen Planning Board, stated he has no quorum for the Planning Board Meeting scheduled for February 11. The Planning Board will meet as a workshop to discuss possible revision to the Planning Board Ordinance.

Mary Voskian, Bremen Town Center Project Committee, advised that the Committee has the funds to pay for the planner from a grant. The Committee now needs a source of funding to complete some projects, i.e., playground/recreation equipment, etc. They intend to apply for a grant next year for a pavilion. Mary stressed that the Committee needs volunteers.

Mary Voskian also indicated that the Bremen Bicentennial Celebration volunteers have applied for a grant for the celebration. The decision on the grant will be in six months' time. This Celebration also needs volunteers.

The Bremen Broadband Committee met with the Selectmen and a representative of Tidewater Telecom. Tidewater has given its final proposal to the Town. They will not sign the Memorandum of Understanding prepared by one of the Committee volunteers, as Tidewater feels the ConnectME grant application and contract will spell out the conditions and reporting requirements. Tidewater also notes that the majority of the Committee's questions are on their website or included in the proposal. Seasonal rates still need to be finalized.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to approve and sign the Fiber Optic Build-out Proposal for the Town of Bremen, Maine prepared by Tidewater Telecom on February 5, 2020 provided the Proposal meets with the Town Attorney's approval. Should changes be made by the Town Attorney, these changes will be discussed separately amongst the Selectmen, revisions made to the Proposal if necessary, and signed by the Selectmen, if allowed by State law.

The Bremen Broadband Committee has planned a Public Informational Meeting for Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. This Meeting will be advertised in The Lincoln County News as well as the Town's website.

Steve Wallace, Bremen Planning Board Member, was in attendance to discuss a property for sale on Keene Neck Road. This 2-acre property is advertised as currently being rented as a tent camp with 3 tent sites and fire pits. Per Town ordinances, this property cannot be rented without a permit. A campsite must have 10 acres. This information will be given to the Bremen Code Enforcement Officer.

First Responder Henry Nevins requested approval to spend \$4,000 from the Bremen First Responder donation account; \$1,000 for a new backboard and \$3,000 for a mannequin.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to approve the request to spend \$4,000 from the Bremen First Responder donation account; \$1,000 for a new backboard and \$3,000 for a mannequin.

The yearly Bremen Spirit of America Award was revisited. The Selectmen also wanted to recognize the Bremen Broadband Committee for their volunteer efforts.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to recognize the Bremen Broadband Committee via dedicating the 2020/2021 Town Report to the Committee as well as and give this Committee the Spirit of America Award for 2021.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to go in to Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(A), personnel at 5:55 p.m.

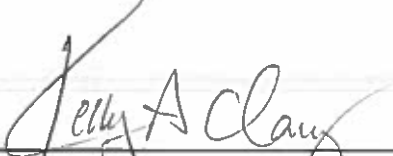
On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to go out of Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(A), personnel at 6:08 p.m.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of 1/23/2020.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to approve the Warrants of 1/31/2020 and 2/07/2020.


On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:



Kelly A. Clancy, Admin. Asst.


BREMEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Wendy Pieh, Chair



John Marsh



Henry Nevins