

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
JULY 2, 2020**

Selectpersons present: Wendy Pieh, John Marsh, Henry Nevins
Public: Sharon Marchi; Mary Berger; Christa Thorpe; Martin
Forrest; Risk Kusturin; Ann Nesslage; Matthew Hanly;
Dr. Peter Goth; Alyce McFadden, Lincoln County News
Present via Zoom: Walter Radloff, Walter Voskian, Mary Voskian,
Bennett Collins, William McLaughlin, Paul Williard,
Heidi Robertson, Joe Vitti, Jody Shapiro

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

Chairperson Pieh advised that the Agenda provided may change. Also, in the future the Selectmen's Meetings may go to all virtual.

We began the meeting with a discussion between the Bremen School Board members, Sharon Marchi, Matthew Hanly, and Christa Thorpe, and Rick Kusturin, the Assistant Superintendent/Business Manager for AOS93. The discussion concerned the GSB budget. Bremen has a surplus of over \$100,000. Rick Kusturin advised that the budget is predicated on 3 towns at a certain percentage. The additional local funds are always variable. GSB has a 6% decrease, not necessarily just Bremen. Rick will issue the Town assessment after the validation vote on July 14th. Christa Thorpe indicated she was not aware that Bremen also had a reserve account for the school costs. Matthew Hanly stated that, going forward, the School Board needs to know if they should also be creating a reserve account so as not to duplicate the budget. Selectman Marsh indicated that the Town's fund is an emergency fund. Selectman Nevins inquired about the number of buses amid the pandemic. Rick Kusturin indicated that information is not known at this time. Rick also indicated that if there is a cut in State subsidy, GSB will make cuts in the budget.

Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission, advised that the BCC met yesterday via Zoom. Mary Berger agreed to become a full member of the BCC. She advised they had a good trail work day. They will be preparing evaluation forms for each Town conservation site. The BCC has not reached an agreement on the Weston Spring property. They are requesting signage and historical markers. They also indicated the hemlocks at that location are in terrible shape. Ann indicated that the BCC would like to reinforce their support for the Town Center Project.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to appoint Mary Berger as a full member of the Bremen Conservation Commission.

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Walter Voskian, Bremen Planning Board, advised that the PB will meet on July 14th via Zoom. They have no applications but have several administration issues to discuss, which include revising the Building Permit Application form, the quorum issue, the PB stipend, as well as the Guide to Building in Bremen brochure. Member Steve Wallace is working on revisions to the Land Use Ordinance.

Walter indicated he spoke to Lieutenant Kane of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office regarding speeding on Route 32. The Lieutenant will have results of the speed sign findings soon.

Mary Voskian, Bremen Town Center Project Committee, indicated Joan Ray has taken a leave of absence from the Committee until next spring. Mary indicated she had received a contract from the playground planner in February. This will be reviewed by the Town.

Matthew Hanly advised he attended a meeting with Sheriff Brackett and Chief Deputy Rand Maker regarding use of force. It was a very productive, open conversation. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office will host a community forum for Bremen residents on Thursday, July 9th from 6-8 p.m. at the Bremen Fire Department. This forum is by reservation only.

The Selectmen discussed the current Town Meeting date of July 18, 2020.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to move the Annual Town Meeting date to September with the exact date to be determined.

Christa Thorpe was in attendance to give a broadband update. The Broadband Committee had a meeting last Thursday with Alan Hinsey and Matthew Hurley, the Project Manager for the buildout. With COVID and the sudden demand for fiber, there has been a delay in receiving the product. The fiber will not arrive until November or December. Tidewater does intend to complete the project within a year and will continue to send the Town updates. Christa requested the Selectmen make a short video endorsing Yes on Question 1.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to make a short video endorsing Yes on Question 1.

Chairperson Pieh advised that she phoned Senator Dana Dow regarding the Town's request to lower the speed limit on Route 32. The State conducted a speed test last January and have recommended to keep the speed limit the same.

Selectman Nevins advised that road work will be completed on Shore Road and Fogler Road on Thursday, July 16.

Martin Forrest requested the Selectmen define where Shore Road will be paved. He was advised approximately 1600 feet will be paved. Mr. Forrest advised that trucks are beating up the road where it transitions from Shore Road to Will Butler Lane. He also stated that the work done to level off the road created deeper trenches and shoulders. Selectman Nevins advised this should be taken care of with the paving.

Dr. Peter Goth advised that Dr. Chip Teel of Full Circle America had a medical issue. Dr. Goth will be working with Dr. Teel.

Selectman Nevins advised that The Fire Department and First Responders have been busy with structure fires and EMS calls. He suggested that everyone keep in touch with your neighbors.

Mary Berger stated concern for fireworks in the Town. She requested the Selectmen address a fireworks ordinance. The Selectmen will review ordinances from other Towns and put this issue on the agenda for the next meeting.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to appoint Diana Blair-Monkman, Sandra Crouch, William Crouch, Susan McLaughlin and William McLaughlin as Election Clerks.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to appoint Donald Leeman as Bremen Fire Chief.

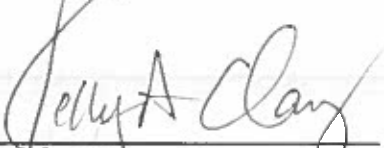
On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to appoint Cheryl Tomasello as EMS Director.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of 6/18/2020.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to approve the warrants of 6/26/2020 and 7/03/2020.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

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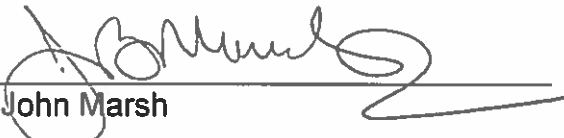


Kelly A. Clancy, Admin. Asst.


BREMEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Wendy Pieh, Chair



John Marsh



Henry Nevins