

**TOWN OF BREMEN  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES  
VIA ZOOM  
FEBRUARY 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

Selectpersons present: Wendy Pieh, Henry Nevins  
Absent: John Marsh  
Public Via Zoom: Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission; Walter Radloff; Matthew Hanly; Bisi Cameron Yee, The Lincoln County News

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

Chairperson Pieh stated that she reported the Zoom "bomb" that the Town experienced on February 4<sup>th</sup> during the Selectmen's Meeting to Zoom officials as well as the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. The Town now has participants wait to be admitted to the meeting.

Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission (BCC), advised that Susie Davis met with Assessors' Agent Jim Murphy to go over the Town properties to request confirmation of borders. Jim stated he would have to visit the properties and will request approval by the Selectmen to do so.

Ann reiterated the BCC's request to have someone inspect the trees at the Weston Memorial Spring. Selectman Nevins advised that he will put \$5,000 in the next budget to assess and cut down the trees.

The BCC also requests that the dog waste receptacle at the Hay Conservation and Recreation Area be moved up closer to the road to make it easier to schedule debris pickup. This request is also for the Hilton O'Connor Trail.

Central Maine Power (CMP) advised that they were billing us for two street lights on one of the Town poles. This has been corrected and resulted in a \$910.32 credit to the Town.

The Selectmen reviewed the Agreement for Street Lighting with CMP to convert our sodium street lights to LED. This should result in lower costs for the Town.

***On a motion duly made and authorized, it was voted unanimously to approve and sign the Agreement for Street Lighting with Central Maine Power Company.***

The Selectmen reviewed the Service Agreement with Anne Stires of Juniper Hill School to provide planning services for the Bremen Town Center Project.

***On a motion duly made and authorized, it was voted unanimously to approve and sign the Service Agreement with Anne Stires of Juniper Hill School to provide planning services for the Bremen Town Center Project with the remaining payment due on June 30, 2021 not to exceed \$1,250.00.***

Selectman Nevins spoke about Town property assessments. The Town performed an adjustment two years ago. The State Department of Taxation reviews sales prices for the Town to ensure the Town is within a certain percentage. The Town is now at 80%. He explained that the houses in Bremen are selling at prices way above the present assessment. Chairperson Pieh expressed concern about the cost of homes in Bremen being unaffordable to maritime workers who need be close to the water.

Walter Radloff stated that the Town's website requires some updating. Walter also asked about the process of nomination papers for the position of Selectman. Matthew Hanly explained the process to Walter. Walter was advised to contact the Town Clerk for further information.

Chairperson Pieh stated that the Town Meeting is currently scheduled for June 26.


***On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of 2/04/2021.***

***On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to approve the warrants of 2/12/2021 and 2/19/2021.***

Matthew Hanly, Bremen Broadband Committee, advised that the Town will be wired with fiber by the end of March. Tidewater will then set up appointments with homeowners. Matthew advised that Tidewater will not perform any work until the homeowner is present.

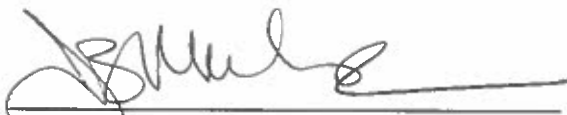
***On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:25 p.m.***


**A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:**

  
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Kelly A. Clancy, Admin. Asst.

**BREMEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

  
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Wendy Pien, Chair

  
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John Marsh

  
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Henry Nevins