**TOWN OF BREMEN**

**SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES**

**VIA ZOOM**

**March 18, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.**

Selectpersons present: Wendy Pieh, John Marsh, Henry Nevins

Selectmen Absent: None

Public Via Zoom: Melanie Pendleton, Town Clerk; Matthew Hanly, Bremen School Board and AOS Representative; Lindsey Johnston, Assistant Superintendent for Business AOS 93; Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission; Walter Voskian, Bremen Planning Board Chairman; Donald Leeman, Fire Chief; Jim Corbett, Deputy Director for Bremen’s Rescue/First Responders; Walter Radloff; Martha Frink; Bisi Cameron Yee, The Lincoln County News

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

The Selectmen discussed the Secondary School budget with Lindsey Johnston of AOS 93 and Mr. Hanley, Bremen’s School Board and AOS representative. In the reserve account, $18,000 and $25,000 were taken out in 2020 to lower last year’s request, reducing the reserve account by $43,000. On July 1, 2020, the account was around $200,000, leaving a balance of about $160,000. Some of that money is designated “assigned.” Ms. Johnston will get back to the Selectmen on the amount that is “unassigned,” and provide information on where the assigned money is being designated. The Selectmen discussed whether the unassigned money could be released back to the Town. Great Salt Bay Community School has not presented its budget but will do so by March 31, 2021.

Walter Voskian, Chairman of the Bremen Planning Board, asked the Selectmen to review three letters discussed at the March 9th Planning Board meeting. The letters address conditions imposed by the Planning Board that applicants would need to complete before and after their permits’ issuance. The Selectmen determined the letters were legal documents, and as such, would require a legal review by MMA. The Planning Board was asked to stand by until the MMA review is completed.

Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission (BCC), discussed the Town’s public lands and boundaries.

Jim Corbett, Deputy Director for Bremen’s Rescue/First Responders, requested a disbursement of $829.13 from the “donation account” for an AED package for a new first responder. The Selectmen praised the first responders for the good job they are doing, especially in light of their response to a number of complicated calls recently.

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***On a motion duly made and seconded, the Selectmen unanimously approved the $829.12 from the donation account for the purchase of the AED package.***

Fire Chief Donald Leeman asked about the Hot Spot planned for the firehouse on State Road 32. As part of the broadband commitment to Bremen, Tidewater is supplying equipment for two Hot Spots in Town where people can park and access the Internet. Chief Leeman expressed concern about cars possibly blocking the area where fire trucks maneuver before and after responding to calls. He also was concerned that people would park on the south side of the building where there is no lighting. The Selectmen asked the Fire Chief to attend the next Broadband Committee meeting to discuss the issue.

In public comments, Martha Frink asked if something could be done about a neighbor’s driveway where shells are being used as a driveway surface. They are causing an unpleasant smell and are tumbling into a nearby creek. The Selectmen said they already have the issue in process.

Also, in public comment, Matthew Hanly asked if he could be made aware of any children moving into the area as they will affect potential school budgets. Town Clerk Melanie Pendleton said she would let him know.

***On a motion duly made and seconded, the Selectmen unanimously approved spending $15,000 from the roads account for tree cutting on Fogler Road. The work is scheduled to begin on March 22.***

By consensus, the Selectmen chose the cover for the Annual Report. Selectman Nevins expressed concern about the cost to mail the Annual Report. He asked if the report could be place on the Town’s website page. Town staff will look into the possibility.

Selectman Nevins discussed allocating unexpended Town funds to help purchase a fire truck in need of replacement. The Town would need to hold a Special Town Meeting to approve such an expenditure.

The Town has had a request to check on the condition of Town Landing Road. A check will be carried out.

Two grants are being reviewed by Selectmen: One is a FEMA grant that would reimburse the Town for Covid-19 related PPE expenses. The second is a Maritime Grant. Harbor Master Melanee Osier-Gilbert will be invited to the next Board meeting to discuss the Town’s public waterfront needs.

Upcoming Meetings:

Budget Committee – Tuesday, March 23 at 3:30 p.m.

Annual Town Meeting – Saturday, June 26, time and place to be determined

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Select Board Chair Pieh and other Board members thanked Town Clerk Pendleton and Selectman Nevins for their extraordinary work in preparing the budget for review.

***On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of 3/04/2021.***

***On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the warrant of 3/19/2021.***

The Selectmen moved in Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

***On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:42 p.m.***

**A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:**

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Cheryl Ferrara, Deputy Town Clerk

**BREMEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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Wendy Pieh, Chair

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John Marsh

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