

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM
April 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

Selectpersons present: Wendy Pieh, Henry Nevins
Selectmen Absent: John Marsh
Public Via Zoom: Melanie Pendleton, Town Clerk; Matthew Hanly, Bremen School Board and AOS Representative; Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission; Walter Voskian, Bremen Planning Board Chairman; Donald Leeman, Fire Chief; Bill McPadden; Jack Boak; Bisi Cameron Yee, The Lincoln County News

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

Walter Voskian, Chairman of the Bremen Planning Board, noted that the April 13, 2021, Planning Board meeting will take place via WebEx. A Building Permit Application for a legal non-conforming structure on Greenland Cove will be discussed. He asked if the Select Board had received an opinion from the Maine Municipal Association on the three letters he presented to the Selectmen at the previous meeting. Chairwoman Pieh said the Town had just received a response. MMA's legal opinion was that enforcement was not a Planning Board responsibility and all correspondence regarding outstanding conditions and issues should go through the Code Enforcement Officer.

Walt also discussed a disconnect between the Town's ordinances and the Registry of Deeds requirements based on DEP rules. Chairman Pieh encouraged Walt to contact Bob Faunce for help with the issue and any others that would "lighten his load."

Hank Nevins discussed selective tree cutting on town-owned lands. He asked Ann Nesslage if the Bremen Conservation Committee could create a plan for the woods at Hillside Cemetery and the Town Woods. She said the BCC would come up with a plan and add Coastal Rivers Conservation into the loop.

Hank reported on storm damage requiring attention. The Fire Department cut down a tree on Shore Road. Jody Sprague will fix road damage and check on potholes on Rial Herald Road. Also, Heath Road is in need of repairs. The Town will use money from its road reserves for the repairs.

Matthew Hanly, Bremen School Board and AOS representative, asked that discussion on school funds be forwarded two weeks. Chairwomen Pieh would like Matt and Hank to set up a time to discuss any issues prior to the next Select Board meeting.

The Board discussed a Special Town Meeting to appropriate funds for the purchase of a replacement fire tanker truck. The retired truck will be sold with proceeds going to the new truck. Other funds from the Town's reserves would be used for the purchase. The meeting will include a hearing and vote.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Selectmen unanimously approved a Special Town Meeting at 10 a.m. on May 8, 2021.

In other business:

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Selectmen unanimously named the Bremen Broadband Committee for the Spirit of America award.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of 3/18/2021.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the warrant of 4/2/2021.


The Board signed the 2021 county tax assessment bill for \$299,262.

The Board expressed its appreciation to Melanie Pendleton and her staff for helping with budget preparation and tax collections. Bobbi White was introduced as the new Deputy Town Clerk.

Correction: In the minutes of March 18, 2021, Martha Frink did not state that her neighbor's shells were being used as a driveway surface. She said the shells were being piled and tumbling into a creek.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:36 p.m.


A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:


Cheryl Ferrara, Deputy Town Clerk

BREMEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Wendy Pieh, Chair

John Marsh


Henry Nevins