

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM
June 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

Selectpersons present: Wendy Pieh, Henry Nevins, John Marsh

Public Via Zoom: Matthew Hanly, School Board and Broadband Committee; Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission; Walter Voskian, Bremen Planning Board Chairman; Don Leeman, Bremen Fire Chief; Jody Shapiro; Jack Mohr; Bisi Cameron Yee, The Lincoln County News; and Melanie Pendleton, Town Clerk

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

Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission, reported on the BCC's first Trail Day on the Hilton O'Conner Trail with Coastal Rivers. She commented on how helpful the Coastal Rivers volunteers were. Terry Marsh has agreed to be the steward for the Trail. Ann asked about bags for dog waste at the Trail. She also complimented the Town mowing around the picnic table. Mary Berger is checking on how the Berger Preserve on Bremen Long Island is being managed. Walter Radloff and Susan Davis are close to finishing the plan for a link on the Town's website to assist with locating trails. Ann asked if the BCC could stay on zoom for its meetings. Select Board Chairwomen Pieh said the group could continue to meet on zoom. Ann and Selectman Nevins discussed signage. Ann will send him a list of requested signs.

Walter Voskian, Bremen Planning Board Chairman, reported that the PB has no applications for its June meeting; and therefore, the meeting will be cancelled. He and the Selectmen discussed how other towns handle planning consultants. Walt will do some research into this and report back to the Select Board. Selectman Nevins asked if Planning Board members and the Selectmen could hold an executive meeting to discuss appointing a planner. He pointed out that planners need to be appointed by the Selectmen. In other business, Walt asked if the Town's CEO could check on possible building activity in the Shoreland Zone at Blair Kaufman's old property. The Planning Board has not issued any permits for this location. He also asked if the Town had any answers regarding the houseboats on Pemaquid Pond. Selectwomen Pieh said the Town's CEO is looking into it.

Fire Chief Don Leeman reported on the contract for the replacement tanker truck. The Selectmen discussed insurance to cover the Town's down payment of \$87,000. The truck will not be insured by the Town's insurance company until transfer of title. The Fire Chief pointed out that the money is a deposit. He will check with Midwest Fire Equipment to make sure their insurance covers the equipment until issuance of title.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Select Board unanimously approved signing the contract for the replacement tanker truck pending satisfactory

wording from Midwest Fire Equipment on covering the liability prior to issuance /transfer of the title /equipment.

In public comment, Jack Mohr asked if he has the Selectmen's permission to do some restoration work on the plot that he owns in Hillside Cemetery. The Selectmen gave their permission to do maintenance on the plot as long as he does not plant trees.

Selectman Nevins announced that the Town House will be open as soon as maintenance and cleaning have taken place. He asked that the Town send out an email when all is done to remind residents that it is available for meetings, events, parties, etc. There is no cost to use the Town House, however, liability insurance naming the Town as an insured and a cleaning deposit are required for some events.

The Town Clerk informed the Selectmen that insurance is due to cover volunteers who perform services such as board members or trail workers for the Town. The insurance is \$2 per person up to 69 potential volunteers. Names of volunteers are not required. The Select Board agreed to continue with the coverage.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Select Board unanimously approved signing the annual contract with the Midcoast Humane Society.

Select Chairwoman Pieh said discussions were on hold for the Town Center Project and play area pending a response from the Library Board.

Selectman Nevins brought up the idea of a community garden to allow people to grow food on town-owned property. He suggested the area in front of the Town Center along Route 32. The terrain in the area is sloping toward the driveway to the Town Center and Bremen Library. Selectman Marsh was concerned about runoff, fertilizers, cars and the safety of people if the property was used. Selectwomen Pieh said the Town should look for flatter land before further discussion.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of 5/20/2021.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the warrants of 5/28/2021 and 6/04/2021.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to nominate Peter Goth, Mary Sue Weeks, Juanita Roushdy, Cheryl Ferrara and Melanie Pendleton as municipal election ballot clerks.

Selectwomen Pieh proposed that future Select Board meetings be open to in-person public participation and by zoom for virtual participation. The Select Board will look into purchasing a camera that can be mounted to view the entire room. Once the executive order for the State of Emergency is lifted, all Town meetings must return to in-person attendance within 30 days, however, the meetings can be open to virtual attendance as well. Currently, the executive order will continue until June 12.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to make masks voluntary for those who have been vaccinated and mandatory for those who have not when on Town properties.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting:

Annual Town Meeting – Saturday, June 26

Voting 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Fire Station

Annual Meeting 2 p.m. at the Fire Station

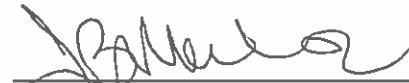
A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:


Cheryl Ferrara, Deputy Town Clerk

BREMEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Wendy Pieh, Chair


John Marsh

Henry Nevins