

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM AND IN-PERSON
February 2, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

Selectmen present: Wendy Pieh; John "Boe" Marsh; Steve Page

Town Officials present: Melanie Pendleton, Town Clerk

Public present: Walter Voskian, Planning Board; Walter Radloff; Kerry Kohnert; Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission; Tom Papell; Tony Ferrara, Computer Man; Elizabeth Walztoni, Lincoln County News

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

Select Chair Wendy Pieh reported that the Board of Selectmen had just attended a budget meeting, and the town's finances were in great shape. The Town Clerk presented the Board of Selectmen with a list of suggested appointments for discussion for the fiscal year 2023-2024 Budget Review Committee.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Marsh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board of Selectmen unanimously appointed John Mohr, Jr., Mary Sue Weeks, Mark Tenney, Mary Berger, Joseph Vitti, Bennett Collins, and Cheryl Ferrara as members of the fiscal year 2023-2024 Budget Review Committee.

The Town Clerk asked the BOS to approve \$900.00 for the annual mapping contract of property maps used by the Town Assessor. The money will allow the maps to be brought up to date. The maps will be produced by the same company the town used in previous years.

On a motion duly made by Select Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Marsh, the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved \$900.00 for the mapping contract.

The Town Clerk presented the BOS with revised signature cards for the town's First National Bank accounts to add Selectmen Page. The cards were signed.

Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission, reported on the prior day's meeting of the BCC. Most of the meeting was spent editing the well-written text that Mary Sue Weeks produced to go with the BCC trail map. Suzie Davis will compile the suggestions to present back to Mary Sue. The other big item discussed was the BCC's fiscal year 2023-2024 budget. Coast Rivers Conservation Trust had been estimating costs for joint projects. At this time, CRCT has little interest in the Hillside Trail because it does not loop, so cost estimates will fall to the BBC. Ann will meet with Joan Ray of CRCT and see if they will help in some way as the budget is formulated. The BCC has funds left over from this year's budget but may purchase lumber to be held for summer projects. Also, the trail map's size will make it impossible for CRCT to pay for the map, so that will use up some of this year's budget as well. Ann asked the Town Clerk to email the

rules concerning purchases qualifying for this fiscal year to her, so she could clarify what is allowed. Ann also asked if tree work on BCC trails would come out of the BCC's budget. It was the consensus of the BOS that the BCC budget would pay for it.

Walter Voskian, Planning Board, reported that at the February 14th PB meeting the board will be considering an application for a dormer on a home in the Shoreland Zone. It also will hold an informal discussion on a shoreland stairway in which he is the applicant. The PB will discuss a draft proposal for the Annual Report. The board has approved its fiscal year 2023-2024 budget submission to the Budget Review Committee. The proposed budget will reflect an 8-percent decrease from the current year's budget. Walt asked the BOS to approve the revised building application and checklist. Walt said that PB members must attend Freedom of Information training. Members will be signed up as courses are available.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Page and seconded by Select Chair Pieh, the Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to approve the PB's revised building application and checklist.

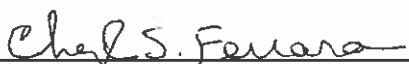
Select Chair Pieh reminded town residents that the Town Office would be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 7 and 8, for in-house staff training.

In public comment, Tom Papell asked about extending the Hillside Trail. Ann said plans were for work on the existing trail. Any adjoining land that CRCT might acquire could affect the trail, but the BCC and CRCT will not know until March.

On a motion duly made by Select Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to approve the Selectmen's minutes of January 19, 2023; the Town Warrant of February 3, 2023; the Real Estate Tax Balancing Reports and the abatement for acreage correction.


The Board moved into Executive Session for legal purposes at 5:24 p.m.


A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:


Cheryl Ferrara, Deputy Town Clerk

BREMEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Wendy Pieh, Chair


John Marsh


Stephen Page