

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM AND IN-PERSON
February 16, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

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

Town Officials present: Melanie Pendleton, Town Clerk; Keena Cates, Deputy Town Clerk

Public present: Bruce Poland, Bremen Fire Chief; Eric Teele, Bremen Assistant Fire Chief; Walter Radloff; Kerry Kohnert; Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission; Water Voskian, Bremen Planning Board; Tony Ferrara, Computer Man; Elizabeth Walztoni, Lincoln County News

The meeting was called to order at 4:58 p.m.

Select Chair Pieh announced that the Budget Committee will meet at 3 p.m. on March 29, 2023. Members of the committee are John Mohr, Jr., Mary Sue Weeks, Mark Tenney, Mary Berger, Joseph Vitti, Bennett Collins, and Cheryl Ferrara. The public is welcome to attend.

Bruce Poland, Bremen Fire Chief, let the Board of Selectmen know that the Fire Department will be taking its 1997 tanker out of service. The FD plans to sell the 3,000-gallon tanker as is and will be setting a minimum bid (possibly \$15,000.00) when it is advertised. The tanker is in good shape with approximately 12,000 miles on the odometer. Suggested advertising sources would be Maine Municipal Association's website and commercialtrucktrader.com that has a search option for fire trucks. If the fire truck is sold to a non-fire rescue entity, the firefighting equipment on it currently will be removed.

The Town Clerk informed the BOS that she has purchased a monitor for \$135.00 that will be used in the Town Hall in conjunction with the current system used for video conferencing and recordings public meetings.

Selectman Page reported that local roads in Bremen have been posted. The signs limit vehicles with heavy loads unless roads are solidly frozen and will remain in place until mud season is over or May 15, 2023, whichever comes first.

Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission, reported that she had a good meeting with Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust regarding the Hillside Trail. One recommendation was to move the trail up from the old logging road to allow it to be less wet. Ann said the BCC was considering a community project to remove invasive species from the Hay Property. She discussed with Selectman Page the concrete cap for the Westin Spring. Fire Chief Bruce Poland offered the Fire Department's UTV to help transport the cap to the site. Once the concrete cap is placed, a sign

commemorating the site will be ordered. The BCC still is investigating costs for printing its map to the desired size.

Walter Voskian, Planning Board, reported that the PB approved the addition to a legal non-conforming structure at its last meeting. He pointed out that the Shoreland Zone Ordinance and the Land Use Ordinance need to be reconciled to assure that both had similar language regarding expansion, However, he noted that past legal opinion suggested the SZO was the triggering ordinance for the shoreland zone. He thanked the BOS for approving PB materials at its last meeting and offered to send the BOS information on ASK grants for municipal projects. He let the BOS know that the United Way was sponsoring free tax preparation for those who needed it.


Selectman Marsh said the Shellfish Committee met with Brian Beals of Downeast Institute to look for sites for the spawning study discussed on January 12. The study, to supercharge soft-shell clam spawning, comes at a time when predation by ribbon worms and especially green crabs threaten the town's clam flats.

On a motion duly made by Select Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Marsh, the Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to approve the Selectmen's minutes of February 2, 2023; the Town Warrant of February 17, 2023; and the Secondary Education Warrant of February 17, 2023.

The Town Clerk circulated signature cards to the BOS for the Bath Savings Accounts.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:


Cheryl Ferrara, Deputy Town Clerk

BREMEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Wendy Pieh, Chair


John Marsh


Stephen Page