

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM AND IN-PERSON
June 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

Selectmen present: Wendy Pieh; Boe Marsh; Steve Page

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

Public present: Debora Elliott; Matthew Hanly; Kerry Kohnert; Tom Papell; Walter Radloff; Walter Voskian, Planning Board; Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission; Walter Radloff; Mary Berger; Autumn Mahoney; Kate Varian; Tony Ferrara, Computer Man; Jonathan Riley, Lincoln County News

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Selectmen Marsh presented information on the Digital Equity Contract between NDEC and the Town of Bremen to provide funding and support for the Bremen Broadband Committee's work. Signing the contract was conditional on approval of the 2023-2024 budget at the Annual Town Meeting on June 24, 2023.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Marsh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board of Selectmen agreed to sign the contract with NDEC contingent upon the town budget approval at the town's annual meeting. Select Chair Pieh was not present for the vote.

The Town Clerk presented appointment papers for ballot clerks, the election warden and deputy election wardens for the Annual Town Meeting.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Page and seconded by Selectman Marsh, the Board of Selectmen unanimously appointed Melanie Pendleton, Keena Cates, and Cheryl Ferrara as ballot clerks with their terms expiring on June 25, 2023.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Page and seconded by Select Chair Pieh, the Board of Selectmen unanimously appointed Melanie Pendleton as election warden with her term expiring on June 25, 2023.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Page and seconded by Select Chair Pieh, the Board of Selectmen unanimously appointed Keena Cates and Cheryl Ferrara as deputy election wardens with their terms expiring on June 25, 2023.

The Town Clerk announced that all Shellfish Licenses (commercial, residential, non-commercial, non-residential and student) will go on sale on July 5, 2023.

Select Chair Pieh reported that the Annual Report including the Bremen Conservation Commission's map has been mailed to all taxpayers.

Selectman Page updated information on Maine's LD 1706. The bill would give municipalities like Bremen until July 2024 to comply with Maine's LD 2003. It would also offer compensation for expenses incurred during the process. The governor will need to sign the bill before it is enacted.

The Selectmen discussed the town's community email and town website. Several residents offered suggestions.

Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission, praised Mary Sue Weeks for her artistry on the map. She announced that Chocolate Sunday will be held on August 13 with tours of the Town Forrest and a booth by Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust. The new sign is up for the Town Forrest.


Walter Voskian, Planning Board, reported the next PB meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20th, with site visits on Saturday, June 17th. Two applications will be reviewed.

The Town Clerk reminded residents that voting for municipal offices will take place from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on June 24th at the Town Center. The Annual Town Meeting will be the same day at 2 p.m. at the Bremen Fire Station. Any outstanding absentee ballots must be received by 12 noon on June 24th.


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 June 1, 2023, and the Town Warrant of June 9, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:


Cheryl Ferrara, Deputy Town Clerk

BREMEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Wendy Pieh, Chair

John Marsh


Stephen Page