

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM AND IN-PERSON
August 3, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

Selectmen present: Wendy Pieh; Boe Marsh; Steve Page

Town Officials present: Melanie Pendleton, Town Clerk

Public present: Tom Papell; Ernie Carroll; Walter Voskian, Planning Board; Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission; Kerry Kohnert; John Mohr; David Adkins; Susan Davis; Tony Ferrara, Computer Man

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

On a motion duly made by Selectman Marsh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Selectmen unanimously appointed Tom Papell as Road Commissioner.

On a motion duly made by Select Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Selectmen unanimously appointed David Adkins as co-Road Commissioner with Tom Papell.

Select Chair Pieh announced that the tax commitment has been completed and tax bills were mailed on July 28, 2023. She announced the new mill rate is 12.0 percent up from 11.5 percent due to cost increases.

Select Chair Pieh read a statement updating changes to the property stabilization program. After this tax year, the program will be dissolved. The Town Clerk will be sending out information on other opportunities available moving forward.

Tom Papell described problems with the existing winter tarp on the Town House and suggested a new, more permanent, custom-made tarp be used in the future to avoid damage caused by installing the current tarp each year. The tarp is installed to prevent damage to the building by salt and sand from the road during the winter.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Marsh to the road commission and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved up to \$2,000.00 for the purchase and installation of a Sunbrella tarp to protect the Town House.

Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission, thanked Selectman Page for his work on the Weston Spring and the installation of the plaque. Mowing at the Hilton-O'Connor trail has been resolved, and other work will be done by Costal Rivers Conservation Trust to clean up the trail. The Rusty Hinges will be singing at Chocolate Sunday on August 13th. (Their repertoire includes folk, classic rock, country, blues and oldies.)

Walter Voskian, Planning Board, reported that the next PB meeting is August 8th with one formal application in Greenland Cove.

Deputy Town Clerk Cheryl Ferrara reported that the Ordinance Review Committee is working to update the town's current Shoreland Zoning Map to align with state and other requirements. The committee asks that people who are contacted by phone or by a letter, please respond to review their particular circumstances.

Resident Ernie Carroll asked about tidying up the garden around the flag pole at the Town Center. The Patriotic Club maintains the garden. Select Chair Pieh said she would check with the chair of the club.

Resident Susan Davis asked the Selectmen to remove a derelict float that is blocking access to the creek at Creek Road.


Newly appointed Road Commissioner Tom Papell checked out a complaint of brush blocking the road on Creek Road and Nobleboro Road. He outlined options for removal. Selectman Marsh said brush removal on town roads was done five years ago. Tom will find out the full extent of townwide brush removal and get back to the selectmen.

Resident Jack Mohr said some areas on the edge of the Muscongus Road need cold patch due to washouts. The road commissioners will take a look at it. Selectman Page said Muscongus Road is due to be paved next year. The Town Clerk said the town has some cold patch available at the salt shed.

On a motion duly made by Select Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the selectmen's minutes of July 20, 2023, and the Town Warrant of August 4, 2023.

The Board adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:


Cheryl Ferrara, Deputy Town Clerk

BREMEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Wendy Pieh, Chair

John Marsh


Stephen Page