

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM AND IN-PERSON
July 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

Selectmen present: Wendy Pieh; Boe Marsh; Steve Page

Town Officials present: Melanie Pendleton, Town Clerk; Keena Cates, Deputy Town Clerk; Stan Waltz, Bremen CEO; Peter Drum, Town Attorney

Public present: Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission; Kerry Kohnert; Walter Radloff; Walter Voskian, Planning Board; Rufus Teele; Henry Goldberg, Bremen Broadband Committee; Eric Teele, Assistant Fire Chief; Juanita Roushdy; Martha Frink; Tony Ferrara, Computer Man

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

On a motion duly made by Selectman Page and seconded by Selectman Marsh, the Selectmen unanimously appointed Tom Papell to the Harbor Committee.

Assistant Fire Chief Eric Teele said three bids had been received for the generator with MidCoast Energy being the lowest bid and the one with the best service record. The company is always responsive on weekends and holidays. The generator is 36K which is approximately the same as the one it will replace and is adequate for the Fire Department's needs. The bid came in at \$21,192.00. Bo Marsh suggested the department might need a little extra for unforeseen cost associated with installation.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Marsh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved up to \$24,000.00 for the purchase of a generator for the Fire House from MidCoast Energy.

Eric also reported that the Fire Department purchased a small high-pressure pump with its donation money. The pump will be donated to the town, so it will be covered under the town's insurance.

Select Chair Pieh reminded residents of the Fire Department chicken barbecue at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 22nd.

Henry Goldberg, Bremen Broadband Committee, outlined an agreement between the town and the National Digital Equity Center. The \$25,000.00 approved by the town to pay for affordable broadband will be administered by NDEC. The center will receive 10 percent of the money for its work. In the agreement the town will promote the program and pay for administration. NDEC will handle eligibility requirements for basic cable. Priority will go to school-age students but flexibility will be allowed in other circumstances.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Marsh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved signing the agreement.

Deputy Town Clerk Cheryl Ferrara reported that the Ordinance Review Committee is addressing the requirements of the state's new Affordable Housing Program (LD 2003/ LD 1706) as it relates to town's ordinances.

Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission, reported that this weekend will be the trail work day.

Walter Voskian, Planning Board reported, that at the past PB meeting, one application was approved. The Board held elections with Walt remaining as chairman and Floyd Gent as vice chairman. The next meeting is August 8th.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Marsh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the revised CEO building application.

Selectman Page updated the board on road repairs on Keene Neck Road. Crack sealing has been completed with double chip sealing to be done later this year. Resident Juanita Roushdy asked that the ditches be cleaned out to protect the road.

Resident Martha Frink asked the Selectmen to consider alternate access to Board of Selectmen meetings and early dissemination of agendas and minutes.

On a motion duly made by Select Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Marsh, the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the selectmen's minutes of July 6, 2023, and the Town Warrant of July 21, 2023.

The Board moved into executive session at 5:30 p.m. for legal and personnel reasons.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

Cheryl S. Ferrara
Cheryl Ferrara, Deputy Town Clerk

BREMEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wendy Pieh
Wendy Pieh, Chair

John Marsh
John Marsh

Stephen Page
Stephen Page