

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM AND IN-PERSON
September 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**

Selectmen present: Wendy Pieh; Steve Page

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

Public present: Walter Voskian, Planning Board; Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission; Henry Goldberg, Bremen Broadband Committee; Kim Hetherington; Walter Radloff; Susan Davis; Kerry Kohnert; Juanita Roushdy; Tony Ferrara, Computer Man

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

Select Chair Pieh announced that the office would be closed at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' training.

Henry Goldberg, Bremen Broadband Committee, discussed the broadband line extension agreement regarding Crap Apple Cove and Broad Cove Road. The agreement with Tidewater required matching funds and a commitment letter from the town. Bremen would supply \$5,000 with Lincoln County matching an additional \$5,000. The Town Clerk will research a funding source for the town's \$5,000 match.

Henry also discussed a new low rate for broadband services for customers that need financial assistance. With federal subsidies and matching funds, residents could get a 50x10 service for as low as \$4.95 per month.

Selectmen Page reported on the work being done at the Hillside Cemetery. A contract was signed with J&H Landscaping for erosion control. This will be a three-year project. Town residents approved \$20,000 at June's Town Meeting. The contract was signed for \$17,000 for this fiscal year. Selectmen Page said more money may be needed in subsequent years.

The Town Clerk spoke on behalf of the road commissioners and explained that B&B Tree Service was offering the best price for roadside brush cutting. The Town Clerk suggested starting with one day to see how much work could be done; and then schedule more days thereafter. She also said the town has funds for this. The road commissioners have been doing a lot of roadside work on their own. The Selectmen agreed by consensus to approve starting the brush cutting with B&B Tree Service.

Resident Kim Hetherington asked about some broken trees in the right-of-way on Medomak Road. The town clerk said the trees were being addressed: One would require CMP's help because it was near power lines (she already has called CMP),

and the second will be addressed as soon as heavy equipment can be there.

Resident Juanita Roushdy asked about ditching on Keene Neck Road. Later in the meeting the chip sealing on Keene Neck Road was discussed. All sealing has been completed on the road. Ditching will take place in the future and sometime after the Nobleboro Road brush cutting has been completed.

Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission, reported that the previous day's meeting was in person, so members were glad to see each other. The trail work day on August 26th was successful. Ann asked about security cameras for the Hay Property. The town is talking to Seacoast Security. She also asked about mowing near the Hilton O'Connor Trail. Mowing the area will be added to the next contract in April after the Town Clerk and the BCC determine the areas to be mowed.

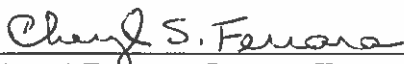
Walter Voskian, Planning Board, reported that the PB will meet on September 12th to review one application. Walt brought up courses and workshops being offered by the Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission and discussed that no herbicides, pesticides, or fertilizers are allowed in the Shoreland Zone.

Resident Susan Davis asked about cameras at the Town Landing. They will be part of the discussion with Hay Property cameras.


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 August 17, 2023, and the town warrant of September 1, 2023.

The meeting moved into executive session for legal purposes at 5:45 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:


Cheryl Ferrara, Deputy Town Clerk

BREMEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Wendy Pieh, Chair


John March


Stephen Page