

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM AND IN-PERSON
November 2, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**

Selectmen present: Wendy Pieh; Boe Marsh; Steve Page (via zoom)

Town Staff present: Melanie Pendleton, Town Clerk

Public present: Bruce Poland, Fire Chief; Martha Frink; Susan Davis; Tom Papell, Road Commissioner; Walter Voskian, Planning Board; Kerry Kohnert; Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission; Deborah Roll; Johnathan Riley, Lincoln County News; Tony Ferrara, Computer Man

The meeting was called to order at 4:58 p.m. by Select Chair Wendy Pieh.

The Town Clerk presented the Board of Selectmen with a cost of just over \$820.00 for an AED unit and wall mount system for the Town Office. The Board had discussed this item previously and felt it was a good idea.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Page and seconded by Select Chair Pieh, the Board of Selectmen approved (2-0) the purchase of the AED unit as presented. (The vote was 2-0 since Selectman Marsh had not yet joined the meeting.)

Select Chair Pieh announced that the Town Office would be closed on Thursday, November 9th, for staff training.

Fire Chief Bruce Poland announced that the Fire Department again would be holding its Christmas Party for the children of the town. Gifts are needed for 7- to 9-year-olds. The Selectmen agreed to make a donation to the event and to place a donation box in the Town Center.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Marsh and seconded by Select Chair Pieh, the Board of Selectmen unanimously (3-0) approved donating \$300.00 to the Fire Department for the children's Christmas Party. (The vote was 3-0 since Select Chairman Marsh had joined the meeting.)

The Board of Selectmen discussed appointing Naomi Martin to the Bremen Conservation Commission.

On a motion duly made by Select Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Marsh, the Board of Selectmen unanimously (3-0) appointed Naomi Martin to the Bremen Conservation Commission.

Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission, reported on her group's two-hour meeting the previous evening. She discussed the conference that Kerry Kohnart and Susan Davis attended. She also reported that 3-foot by 3-foot maps of high value, resource lands are available for free. She asked if a map could be displayed in the Town Center hallway. The BCC is hoping to have speakers come to talk about the maps during the winter. The BCC is also looking at a survey of invasive plants and making their removal a project for the next year's budget. Ann asked the town to consider a wildlife camera for the Hilton O'Connor Trail to be purchased from this year's budget. She asked the town to consider a trail grant for the land around the ballfield. Water testing on Muskrat Pond was discussed by several members of the public. Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust may test the water as it comes out of the creek and into the bay.

The Selectmen and members of the public discussed a camera at the Town Landing. Selectman Page has been looking into what is feasible and system costs. Because of the high price tag for the camera, internet issues, and affects on townspeople, the Selectmen felt spending the money for a system and its installation should be voted on by the town.

Walter Voskian, Planning Board, reported that the PB had no applications for its November 14th meeting but still would meet on other board business. He discussed upcoming workshops.

Several members of the public asked about updating the Comprehensive Plan. A project of such magnitude could take several years and could cost as much as \$60,000 to \$70,000. Some money might be available through grants.

Road Commissioner Tom Papell contacted All State Construction about roadwork for next year's budget. He will have an estimate for the next BOS meeting for Storer Road, Muscongus Road, and crack sealing on the first half of Medomak Road. The second half of Medomak Road has culvert and ditching work to be done. Jody Sprague is looking into these.

Select Chair Pieh encouraged residents to vote on the eight questions presented on the ballot this Election Day, November 8th, 2023.

On a motion duly made by Select Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Marsh, the Board of Selectmen unanimously (3-0) approved the Board of Selectmen's minutes of October 19, 2023, the town warrant of October 27, 2023, and the supplemental tax warrant.

The meeting moved into Executive Session at 5:45 p.m.

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