

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

Selectmen present: Wendy Pieh; Boe Marsh; Steve Page

Town Staff present: Melanie Pendleton, Town Clerk

Public present: Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission; Kerry Kohnert; David Adkins, and Tom Papell, Road Commissioners; Susan Davis; Walter Voskian, Planning Board; Mark Hopkins; Debora Elliott; Jessy Melowicz; Donna S.; Margaret Sudrabin; Johnathan Riley, Lincoln County News; Tony Ferrara, Computer Man

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Select Chair Wendy Pieh stated that effective January 1, 2024, the Secretary of State announced that Maine is transitioning from a closed primary system to a semi-open primary. This means that unenrolled voters can now participate in the Presidential Primary on March 5, 2024. Residents can find more information on the town's website, bremenmaine.org.

On a motion duly made by Select Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board of Selectmen unanimously (3-0) approved the date of Saturday, June 22, 2024, for the Annual Town Meeting and town elections.

Select Chair Pieh reminded residents to watch channels 6 and 13 for storm closures and explained the town's storm policy regarding closure due to inclement weather. If classes are canceled or delayed for public school district AOS 93, the town office also will be closed or delayed.

Select Chair Pieh encouraged registered voters from Bremen to attend the annual public vote for the AOS central office budget that will take place at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20th, at the Great Salt Bay school cafeteria.

Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission, reported the group is exploring the removal of invasive bittersweet on State Road 32. Another invasive discussed was jewelweed. The BCC also is working on public use of the Inland Fish and Wildlife maps. Kerry Kohnert showed the Select Board and those present the maps the BCC has received. The maps will be discussed at the BCC's February meeting. Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust has acquired another parcel of land that stretches from State Route 32 to McCurdy Pond. Kerry Kohnert installed a game camera on the Hilton O'Connor trail to see what wildlife could be spotted.

Kerry Kohnert also showed the Select Board a photo of a washout on State Road 32 at the Hay Property. The Town Clerk said she would call the Edgecomb DOT to report it.

Walter Voskian, Planning Board, reported there will be no PB meeting in December. He attended the Shoreland Zoning meeting led by Colin Clark.

Road Commissioners David Adkins and Tom Papell reported the major roadside brush issues are under control. There is some light brush to be taken care of and David and Tom could use weed wackers to clear it. Tom estimated the work at two full days with two workers would be about \$1,200. In comparison, B&B Tree Service charged \$3,500 a day but for more extensive work.


On a motion duly made by Select Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Marsh, the Board of Selectmen unanimously (3-0) approved up to \$1,500.00 for the Road Commissioners to remove brush on the roadsides.

Select Chair Pieh reminded everyone of the Fire Department's children's Christmas Party on December 10th. Santa will arrive by Fire Truck at 5 p.m.


On a motion duly made by Select Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board of Selectmen unanimously (3-0) approved the Board of Selectmen's minutes of November 16, 2023 and the town warrant of December 8, 2023.


On a motion duly made by Select Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board of Selectmen unanimously (3-0) approved that the Board move into executive session at 5:37 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:


Cheryl Ferrara, Deputy Town Clerk

BREMEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Wendy Pieh, Chair

John Marsh

Stephen Page