

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM AND IN-PERSON
January 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**

Selectmen present: Wendy Pieh; Steve Page

Town Staff present: Melanie Pendleton, Town Clerk; Keena Cates, Deputy Town Clerk

Public present: Walter Voskian, Planning Board; Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission; David Herbert; Kerry Kohnert; David Adkins and Tom Papell, Road Commissioners; Deborah Roll; Martha Frink; Walter Radloff; Tony Ferrara, Computer Man

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

Select Chair Wendy Pieh furnished public information on how to report storm damage from the two January storms. There is information at bremenmaine.org under the announcements with links to report both commercial and residential damage.

Selectman Page discussed four parcels of land in Bremen that the Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission identified as possible sites for affordable housing. None of the sites selected was available at this time.

Select Chair Pieh announced that Midcoast Maine Community Action would be at the Bremen Town Office during regular business hours on February 20th to help residents sign up for LIHEAP, the Home Energy Assistance Program. There are flyers at the Town Office and on the town website for more information. See the flyer to sign up for a specific time to meet with MMCA.

Select Chair Pieh explained the erosion problem at Town Landing is serious. Gartley & Dorsky Engineering & Surveying has been down to inspect the damage and create a scope of work estimate. The Town Clerk is working with Midcoast Council of Governments to see if grant funding is available.

Road Commissioners David Adkins and Tom Papell went out after the storm and identified areas where roads were flooding. They cleaned out ditches in those areas to get debris out of the culverts and keep the water from icing over on the roads. However, the problem is greater than just those areas. Other ditches need to be cleaned out, particularly where sticks snag the culverts. The Road Commissioners are working to address the problem and create a plan for future actions and a budget request to fund them.

Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission, discussed a zoom meeting for community leaders to review the Inland Fish and Wildlife maps and to discuss what is important about them. That meeting will help the BCC decide how it will present the information to the public.

Walter Voskian, Planning Board, announced that the PB had approved its budget and town report article submissions. He mentioned a mission statement the PB approved for its use and possibly for a link on the town's website. There will be a public meeting on LD2003 sponsored by the Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission in March to educate the public on the new State Statute.

Resident Martha Frink asked about greater plastic recycling opportunities at the transfer station. Selectman Page will try to find out more information.

On a motion duly made by Select Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board of Selectmen unanimously (2-0 with Selectman Marsh absent) approved the Board of Selectmen's minutes of January 4, 2024, and the town warrant of January 19, 2024.

On a motion duly made by Select Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board of Selectmen unanimously (2-0 with Selectman Marsh absent) moved to adjourn at 5:34 p.m.


A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:


Cheryl Ferrara, Deputy Town Clerk

BREMEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Wendy Pieh, Chair

John Marsh


Stephen Page