

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM AND IN-PERSON
February 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**

Selectmen present: Wendy Pieh; Boe Marsh; Steve Page

Town Representatives: Peter Drum, Town Attorney; Stan Waltz, CEO; Bruce Poland, Fire Chief; Max Johnstone, Town Consultant; Melanie Pendleton, Town Clerk; Keena Cates, Deputy Town Clerk; Tom Papell, Road Commissioner

Public present: Walter Voskian, Planning Board; Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission; Steve Wallace, Ordinance Review Committee; Debora Elliott; Kerry Kohnert; Susan Davis; Walter Radloff; Juanita Roushdy; Dale Witham; Jessy Mossey; Donna Sforza; Jonathan Riley, Lincoln County News; Tony Ferrara, Computer Man

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

Max Johnstone, the town's consultant, explained that the Town of Waldoboro was submitting a Maine Outdoor Heritage Grant to fund a capacity study in the Medomak River. The study will look at the natural ecosystems in the river and long-term sustainability of those systems. FB Environmental in partnership with the University of Maine in Orono will conduct the study. Max requested the Town of Bremen consider being a partner in the study at no cost to the town.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Marsh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board of Selectmen unanimously (3-0) agreed to sign a letter of partnership with the Town of Waldoboro to participate in the study.

The Town Clerk asked the selectmen for future consideration regarding a dedication in the Annual Town Report, if they desire one, and a possible cover idea, if they have something they would like to see there.

The Town Clerk reported that all office staff is now trained on CPR, use of an AED, and basic first aid. She thanked Patrick Stoker of the First Responders of Bremen for the training.

The Central Lincoln County Ambulance Service has asked every town for an alternate town representative if and when the current representative is not available. Select Chair Pieh said she was currently acting in that capacity and was willing to continue to do so.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Page and seconded by Selectman Marsh, the Board of Selectmen unanimously (3-0) appointed Melanie Pendleton, Keena Cates, Cheryl Ferrara, Sandra Thomas, Gina Jones, Mary Sue Weeks, Karen Wheelock, and Elaine Milardo as Ballot Clerks for the town's election in June.

On a motion duly made by Select Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Marsh, the Board of Selectmen unanimously (3-0) appointed Sandra Thomas as an Election Clerk for a three-year term.

The Town Clerk explained that Kevin Redline of the Bremen Library has asked to store items in the Town Center basement.

On a motion duly made by Select Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board of Selectmen unanimously (3-0) agreed to table discussion on the storage request until a later meeting.

Road Commission Papell said he would be posting the roads in the near future depending on when other towns will be posting their roads.

Steve Wallace, Ordinance Review Committee, asked for more clarification on whether the Planning Board should be issuing permits. He hoped that in the next few weeks the committee could start circulating the draft ordinance for public review.

Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission, discussed future community meetings with the public on the Inland Fish and Wildlife maps and continued work on the invasive species project. She reported that there was considerable erosion, including loss of bog bridges, on the Hilton O'Connor Trail from winter storms. The BCC is planning to order two benches for the Hilton O'Connor Trail and is considering what community seal should be placed on the benches.

Walter Voskian, Planning Board, announced that at its last meeting the PB was informed by the Ordinance Review Committee of potential revisions to the Land Use and Shoreland Zoning ordinances.

On the mowing contract, Selectman Page has reviewed both bid applicants and their references. He suggested the bid be given to ~~K&H~~ Landscape and Grounds Maintenance.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Page and seconded by Select Chair Pieh, the Board of Selectmen unanimously (3-0) accepted the mowing bid from K&H Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance.

Selectman Page continued setting a plan in motion for reviewing and updating the Comprehensive Plan. He discussed possible funding sources and the Comprehensive Plan Committee's composition. He suggested that the selectmen consider who should be appointed to the committee and what local and state entities could help with the review.

Town Attorney Peter Drum explained that he had been working with the attorney for Seascapes Investment LLC regarding a division of its property. The property conforms with the town's division rule.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Page and seconded by Select Chair Pieh, the Board of Selectmen unanimously (3-0) adopted a resolution to accept the lot split proposed by Seascapes Investment.

Town Attorney Drum and CEO Stan Waltz discussed the history and steps taken to date on the property at 83 Turner Road and the structure there that has been deemed a dangerous building.

Attorney Drum was not able to hold a hearing at this time due to questions that arose in the discussion regarding the standing of the parties involved.

Resident Dale Witham asked about a hearing to take place on Shellfish Warden hours and how wardens are paid. Selectman Marsh suggested it might be in the Shellfish Committee's budget. Selectman Marsh and the Town Clerk will look into it.

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 February 1, 2024, the town warrant of February 2, 2024, and the supplemental tax warrant of February 15, 2024.

The Board of Selectmen moved into executive session at 6:17 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

Cheryl S. Ferrara
Cheryl Ferrara, Deputy Town Clerk

BREMEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

WPI
Wendy Pieh, Chair

John Marsh
John Marsh

Stephen Page
Stephen Page