

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM AND IN-PERSON
March 7, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**

Selectmen present: Wendy Pieh; Boe Marsh; Steve Page

Town Representatives: Melanie Pendleton, Town Clerk; Keena Cates, Deputy Town Clerk; Tom Papell, Road Commissioner

Public present: Floyd Gent; Dr. Peter Goth; Walter Voskian, Planning Board; Mary Voskian; Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission; Debora Elliott; Deborah Roll; Kerry Kohnert; Walter Radloff; Susan Davis; Martha Frink; Kevin Redline; Mary Berger; Piper Pavelich, Lincoln County News; Tony Ferrara, Computer Man

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the Animal Control Officer contract between Bremen and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Three changes were made on the contract by the LCSO. The changes were reviewed by the Board of Selectmen.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Marsh and seconded by Select Chair Pieh, the Board of Selectmen unanimously (3-0) accepted the contract including the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office changes for the Animal Control Officer.

Select Chair Pieh announced that nomination papers were now available for one Select Board seat, four Planning Board seats, one alternate Planning Board seat, and one School Board seat. Nomination papers must be returned to the town by April 23, 2024, to get the candidate's name on the ballot.

Select Chair Pieh announced the results of the Presidential Primary held March 5.

Cheryl Ferrara announced two public forums to discuss ordinance changes to comply with the state's recent housing laws for additional housing and accessory dwellings. The forums will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, and Thursday, March 28.

Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission, discussed two possible community meetings at the Town House when it reopens. The public will be invited to view a film and talk about conservation issues. She reported on a proposal by the Knox-Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District to map terrestrial invasive species in the town. The cost to the town would be \$560.00. The damage from winter storms on the Hilton O'Connor Trail was discussed. There will be some plantings done and a later discussion on watering. Also, there will be a later discussion on gravel that has washed into the area.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Page and seconded by Selectman Marsh, the Board of Selectmen unanimously (3-0) moved to appropriate \$560.00 out of the BCC budget for the Knox-Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District invasives species project.

Resident Martha Frink asked if the vote for on ordinance changes could be move to a later date. Select Chair Pieh said the date was set to allow for review and approval by the state.

Walter Voskian, Planning Board, announced the March 12th PB meeting will be comprised of an informal discussion and administrative items. He announced he would be resigning from the Planning Board on March 31, 2024. The Board of Selectmen thanked him for his service.

Kevin Redline asked the selectmen for permission to store items in the Town Center basement. The Town Clerk has been in conversation with the Maine Municipal Association regarding the liabilities. She asked Kevin to draw up a document explaining what is being requested and how liabilities would be addressed.

The selectmen deferred discussion of a dedication and cover of the Annual Report to a later meeting. Chairman Pieh asked residents for possible suggestions. The consensus was to mail the Annual Reports this year.

Selectman Marsh said he testified at the hearing for LD 2225, an act to provide funding to rebuild infrastructure affected by extreme inland and coastal weather events. He did so to support the working waterfront along the area coast. He gave a copy of his testimony to the Town Clerk. The state bill could bring recovery money to Maine.

Selectman Page asked if an article could be added to the 2024-2025 town warrant to allocate \$10,000.00 to start the process of reviewing the Comprehensive Plan.


On a motion duly made by Selectman Page and seconded by Selectman Marsh, the Board of Selectmen unanimously (3-0) opted to add an article to the town warrant to be voted on in June to allocate \$10,000.00 for the Comprehensive Plan process.

Selectman Marsh noted that the Downeast Institute is beginning to place its experimental clam boxes in the area.


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 15, 2024, and the town warrant of March 1, 2024.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Marsh and seconded by Select Chair Pieh, the Board of Selectmen unanimously (3-0) moved to adjourn at 6:13 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:


Cheryl Ferrara, Deputy Town Clerk

BREMEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Wendy Pieh, Chair



John Marsh



Stephen Page