

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM AND IN-PERSON
February 6, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.**

Selectmen present: Steve Page, John "Boe" Marsh and Wendy Pieh

Town Representatives: Melanie Pendleton, Town Clerk, Tom Papell, Road Commissioner and Harbor Committee, Bruce Poland, Harbor Committee and Keena Cates, Dept. Town Clerk.

Public present: Deb Elliott, Mike Leonard and Naomi Martin viz ZOOM, Kerry Kohnert, Ann Nesslage and Dale Witham

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

Chair Pieh gave a reminder that the Town Office will be closing early (1:30) on February 26 due to an on-line training with Maine Municipal.

Kerry Kohnert questioned the Transfer Station contract and what the root cause of the increase in the insurance cost, this being due to the LCN article stating the issue being that there had been several incidents/accidents. The contact information for the Agent and Chair of the Transfer Station were provided to her to possibly get the questions answered, that the Town of Bremen was not part of the negotiating of contract and that it contracts the use of the facilities for the residents.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Marsh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the Nobleboro Transfer Station Contract by a vote of 3-0.

The deadline for submitting a request for funding, this being for the 2025-2026 town budget, is February 14, 2025.

Chair Pieh read the nominations for the Bremen Budget Committee, these being the following: John Mohr Jr., Mary Sue Weeks, Mark Tenney, Eric Teele, Joseph Vitti, Jane Oliver-Gravel and Tom Papell.

Bruce Poland spoke that he does not think that the Fire Chief, Eric Teele, should be on the budget committee. Town Clerk then explained that any item that related to the Fire Dept. the Chief would recuse from the item and that there was another Committee Chair on this committee and does the same when any discussion/vote happens pertaining. Selectman Marsh then explained that due to the small population and volunteers for the Town, it is greatly appreciated when people participate for these types of items and that there is no direct conflict due to the persons recuse themselves.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Page and seconded by Chair Pieh, the Board of Selectmen approved the appointment of the above-named persons to the Bremen Budget Committee by a vote 3-0.

The Selectman each signed the Deputy Fire Warden certificates.

Ann Nesslage of the BCC discussed the invasive plant proposal for the Hilton O'Connor property. The contract is for a 5-year plan with the estimated costs for both use of herbicide and without. Further discussion determined that the town residents should be included in any decisions as to herbicide use to eliminate any negative repercussion. Selectman Marsh suggested that greater detail from Bob Barkalow as to process, etc. would be great. Town Clerk suggested that having an informational meeting at the Town Center with notice being advertised, on the town web site and emailed through the community listing would be the best way to get the information out to the residents.

The estimating process is in process for the necessary repairs to the Town Landing dock and stabilization of the shore. There will be another meeting, date to be determined, as to have the Harbor Master, Melanee Gilbert, present to discuss the design and repairs that are suggested to be completed. There will be a sketch completed as to pilings, cross bracing etc. that are being estimated.

On a motion duly made by Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Marsh, the Board of Selectmen voted (3-0) to approve the Minutes of 1-16-25.

On a motion duly made by Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board of Selectmen voted (3-0) to approve, the Warrant of 1-31-2025.

On a motion duly made by Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Marsh the Board of Selectmen voted (3-0) to adjourn at 11:00 am.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:




Melanie Pendleton, Town Clerk

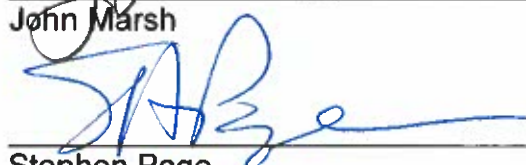
BREMEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Wendy Pieh, Chair



John Marsh



Stephen Page