

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM AND IN-PERSON
March 20, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.**

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

Town Representatives: Melanie Pendleton, Town Clerk, Tom Papell, Road Commissioner and Harbor Committee, Ann Nesslage, BCC and Keena Cates, Dept. Town Clerk.

Public present: Susan Davis, Annette Bossler, Charles Garrison, Deb Elliott and Mike Leonard all via ZOOM, Walter Radloff, Jim Corbett, Tom Papell and Naomi Martin.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by Chair Pieh.

There is a quit claim deed for liens that were placed on the Anderson property in the years of 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, and 1987. The taxes for these years were paid in full but the liens were not discharged thus necessary for a quit claim deed to place the property in the family names. This action has been reviewed with the town attorney, Peter Drum.

On a motion duly made by Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Marsh, the Board of Selectmen voted to accept the Quit Claim Deed from the Town of Bremen to Bruce, Todd and Gerald Anderson. vote of 3-0.

The Lincoln County Assessors' Return has been received with the bill for Bremen portion of the county taxes. The amount due by the first of September is \$420,340.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Marsh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board of Selectmen voted to accept the Assessors' Return, vote 3-0.

Sprague Transportation, plow contract, the proposed contract is for a 3-year term, the first two years are set with the third being an option. The first-year price is \$329,393, second year price is \$362,482 with the final option price of \$375,637. There are 27 miles of roads and the additional plow/sand items of Town Center, top of Hay Property, Fire Station, Town Landing and the three fire hydrants. In comparison to the surrounding towns, the price per mile is very comparable.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Marsh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board of Selectmen voted to accept the three-year plow contract with Sprague Transportation, vote 3-0.

The previous date for the abatement hearing was postponed thus new date of either April 3 or April 17. Property owner was consulted and agreed to the date of April 3rd being best for all parties involved.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Marsh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board of Selectmen voted to the date of April 3, 2025 at 4:00 pm for the abatement hearing for property located at Map 004 Lot 065-001.

The Selectmen are inviting residents to email or send in suggestions for the cover of the Annual Town Report.

In the audit from Loss Prevention, MMA there was no emergency plan on file. The Emergency Plan has been reviewed by the Selectmen.

On a motion duly made by Selectman Marsh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the Emergency Action Plan, vote 3-0.

Jim Corbett, Bremen Fire and Bremen Rescue. First on the Fire side of things, he would like approval to complete the grant process with Maine EMS. There are funds available for all municipalities to receive funding under the Maine Sustainability program. There are several items that could be covered under this program, for heat pump, tv in training room, new AED units and multiple other items. The second item would be it the Selectmen would support having a bottle return box at the Fire Station. Jim would be responsible for collecting the bottles Saturday mornings and taking to the redemption center, he is currently doing this but having a collection box there is opportunity for additional funds collected for the Fire Department. The Selectmen do support both of these items and would call a vote once the application and design of the drop box and location on the property have been determined.

Ann Nesslage of the BCC, at the last meeting the discussion was mostly in regards to the invasive plant informational meeting that happened just prior to this meeting. Discussion was also in regards to 2 picnic tables for the Hilton O'Connor property. Naomi Martin will be taking the Stewardship course and the BCC will be covering that cost.

On a motion duly made by Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Page, the Board of Selectmen voted (3-0) to approve, the Warrants of 2-28-2025 and 3-14-2025, Minutes of 2-20-2025.

On a motion duly made by Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Marsh the Board of Selectmen voted (3-0) to go into executive session at 5:26 pm.

On a motion duly made by Chair Pieh and seconded by Selectman Page, the board voted to adjourn at 5:44.

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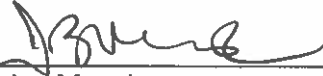


Melanie Pendleton, Town Clerk

BREMEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Wendy Pieh, Chair



John Marsh



Stephen Page

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