



TOWN OF BREMEN
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Hal D'Alby, Board Member
Debora Elliott, Board Member
Cheryl Ferrara, Board Member
Martha Frink, Board Member
Charles Miller, Board Member

Summary Bremen Comprehensive Plan Committee
Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Wayne Barber, Steve Barnes, Mary Berger, Bennett Collins, Hal D'Alby, Debora Elliott, Cheryl Ferrara, Martha Frink and Charles Miller

Others Present: From the public: Juanita Roushdy and Tony Ferrara

SUMMARY

Charles Miller described the origins of the survey being presented to the committee. He explained that the survey provided an overview of many possible questions that could be asked, but it was not meant to represent the final document.

The committee agreed by consensus that a survey was a good way to obtain community input. The committee also agreed that the survey was a reasonable place to commit time and resources.

Mary Berger agreed that the survey would allow the committee to gauge what concerns townspeople might have for Bremen's future, but she cautioned that the committee should take care not to appear to be looking into others' personal information.

The committee agreed that sensitivity was paramount.

Hal D'Alby noted that the question on "what section of town do you live in" should be taken out of the survey for the reasons Mary had just discussed.

Steve Barnes cautioned the committee not to forget the "silent majority" and consider how those members of the community could be reached with a survey.

There was consensus that the survey needed to be brief enough that people could easily answer it in one sitting.

Bennett Collins suggested, that when the survey was approved by the committee, it should be reviewed by the consultant for comment.

Another way the committee could test the time it takes to answer the survey, and the community's reaction to it, would be by introducing it to a focus group first.

There was general agreement that the final survey should be no more than 60 questions and less would be better.

Survey Questions

That being said, the committee began review, discussion, revision, and elimination of questions. During the first pass, the committee eliminate 17 questions but did not finish the entire review. The committee reviewed up to question #131 (now question #114) before agreeing that an interim meeting before the next scheduled full committee meeting was needed to drill down on the remaining questions and consider further eliminations.

An interim meeting of the full committee was scheduled for Thursday, July 9th, at 6 p.m. in the Town Office. Martha Frink said she would be unable to make the meeting but offered to consider the remaining questions and send in her opinion.

A working copy of the changes discussed at this meeting will be sent to all members.

Other Business

At the end of the meeting Hal D'Alby presented an idea for a survey poster and asked about the drawing to stimulate enthusiasm in filling out the survey. The Town Clerk is currently making sure the committee can meet all legalities for such a drawing.

NEXT FULL BOARD MEETINGS:

INTERIM MEETING (to continue with the final survey questions and the 6-25-2026 agenda):
THURSDAY, JULY 9th AT 6 P.M. IN THE TOWN OFFICE

REGULAR MEETING: **THURSDAY, JULY 30th AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN OFFICE**