

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM AND IN-PERSON
April 2, 2026 5:00 p.m.**

Selectmen present: Tom Papell, John "Boe" Marsh and Wendy Pieh

Town Representatives: Melanie Pendleton, Town Clerk, Keena Cates, Deputy Clerk.

Public present: Ann Nesslage, Hal D'Alby, Hank Nevins, Cheryl Ferrara, Henry Goldberg, Kim Hetherington, Juanita Roushdy, Eric Teele, Fire Chief, Deb Elliott, and Laura Graziano from LCRPC. Matthew Hanly and Susie Davis via ZOOM..

The Selectmen meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Selectman Marsh.

Laura Graziano, LCRPC discussed potential grant options available for Town Landing. These grants are for community resiliency, stabilizing shore lines, raising piers are some of the items that these grants can assist with. The Community Action Grant has an October time line. The Maine Infrastructure has a May 11 deadline for applying with a 15% matching being necessary. Laura will check on any funding restrictions that may come with awards.

On a motion made by Selectman Marsh, seconded by Selectman Papell, to accept the easement with Hank and Linda Nevins.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Selectman Papell, seconded by Chair Pieh, to accept the license agreement with the Bremen Library.

So voted 3-0

Selectman Marsh gave an update on the suspension of the Town Attorney, Peter Drum. Clerk Pendleton, also added that she had been in touch with the Receiver that has been assigned to Peter Drums office. Pendleton is working with the Receiver as to getting the remaining amount of \$5500 of the retainer paid to Drum, this would be for the time from of April 1 to June 30. The Receiver is also looking into the additional open items that the Town had with Drum, updates will be forthcoming.

Ann Nesslage spoke for the BCC; at the last meeting the committee reviewed and discussed the sceptic brochure that will be as an insert added to the annual town report. Ann has been in touch with LCN and it will be an easy addition. The BCC will be sending input to the Comp Plan Committee as information is discussed. The Native Plant notice is being worked on by Naomi Martin and Susie Davis and the tree discussion panel is set for July 15 @ 5:00 pm, which will be here at the Town Center.

Henry Goldberg, Deb Elliott and Matthew Hanly, of the Broadband Committee gave a State of Bremen update. Bremen Broadband has been recognized throughout the State

for the great success on installation of Broadband in the town and the affordability of internet program.

Cheryl Ferrara gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan Committee first meeting, thanking Max Johnstone and Emily Rabbe for attending and assisting with the direction for steps to be taken. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 6 @ 6:00 pm.

Eric Teele, Fire Chief, asked to have old turn out gear and other equipment that Bremen is not using, be donated to Monhegan Island Fire Department.

On a motion made by Selectman Papell, seconded by Selectman Marsh, to donate the equipment stated, to the Monhegan Fire Department.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Selectman Papell, seconded by Chair Pieh, to approve the warrant of March 27, 2026.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Selectman Papell, seconded by Selectman Marsh to accept the minutes March 19, 2026.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Selectman Papell, seconded by Selectman Marsh to go into executive session at 6:08 pm.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Selectman Papell, seconded by Selectman Marsh to come out of executive session at 6:17 pm.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Selectman Papell, seconded by Chair Pieh, to accept the proposed contract and enter into agreement with Attorney Amanda Meader.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Selectman Papell, seconded by Selectman Marsh to adjourn at 6:22 pm.

So voted 3-0