TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM AND IN-PERSON
August 6, 2026 5:00 p,m.

Selectmen present:	Tom Papell, John "Boe" Marsh, Henry "Hank" Nevins
Town Representatives:	Melanie Pendleton, Town Clerk, Henry Goldberg, Chair Broadband Committee.
Public Representatives:	Ann Nesslage, BCC, Deb Elliott, Kim Hetherington, Mike Albin, Ernie Carroll, Susan Carr, Susan Davis, Mary Berger, Martha Frink, Julian Frink, Sam Hafford, Eric Teele, Fire Chief, Cheryl Ferrara, Tony Ferrara, and Lily Wasserman, LCN. Jody Shapiro via ZOOM.

Chair Papell opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Chair Papell explained the commitment had been completed on July 28th and the mill rate is 9.1. This would be an increase from the previous 8.7 and for a property assessed at 460,000, it would be an increase of approximately $185 for the year. The budget increase breakdown is as follows:

Municipal	56K up
County taxes	24K down
RSU 48	222K up

Chair Papell continued to explain that the tax bills were mailed and the survey for the Hay Property use was included. The office staff will create an excel spread sheet and categorize the different suggestions as to recreation/water access/conservation as these are the items outlined in the deed.

On a motion made by Chair Papell and seconded by Selectman Marsh, to accept and sign the Emergency Medical Transport Plan.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Chair Papell and seconded by Selectman Marsh, to accept and sign the engagement agreement with William Brewer, CPA

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Chair Papell and seconded by Selectman Marsh, to accept and sign the abatement for Coastal Rivers in the amount of $505.00 for account 1136.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Chair Papell and seconded by Selectman Marsh, to accept and sign the Ogle abatement for the official paperwork for audit, the formal agreement was voted and signed in June 2026. The amount of $9674.76.

So voted 3-0

Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission, gave updates on the following items:

Widen the path at the Hay Property in the next mowing contract.
Knapweed at the Hay Property, discussion of hiring Bob Barklow, Damariscotta Mills Consulting for possible treating of the invasives. BCC can use some of their budget if necessary.

Coastal Rivers purchased land off Turner Road.

Weston Memorial Spring, off Fogler. There is a camper that is blocking the access path, would like some type of communication with the abutter to address this matter.

Selectman Nevins thanked Ann for all her work on the BCC.

Cheryl Ferrara, Comprehensive Plan Committee, gave an update on the following:

Thanked the committee members that were present at the meeting, Martha Frink, Mary Berger and Susan Carr.

Next meeting will be August 27th, LCRPC will be present to review the transportation portion of the plan. September 24th, Max Johnstone will be attending for review of the progress and making suggestions for moving forward.

Cheryl asked for the approval to circulate it on the town web site, community email and any other tow-supported vehicles, and to hold information sessions at the Town Center meeting room.

On a motion made by Chair Papell and seconded by Selectman Marsh, to approve the request.

So voted 3-0

Henry Goldberg, Bremen Broadband Chair, gave an overview of the proposed Starlink Pilot Program.

The committee introduced this pilot program which would be an option for the residents in Bremen that are currently using Tidewater dsl. There are approximately 150 residents that are on dsl. The committee, at this time does not know how many of these Tidewater dsl customers would be interested in the program. There is no contract for Starlink. The Broadband Committee would like the Selectmen to vote today in regards to the Pilot Program that has been presented.

On a motion made by Chairman Papell and seconded by Selectman Nevins, as the legal advice of both MMA and Attorney Meader, the motion is to not approve the pilot program as presented.

So voted 2-0-1

Chairman Papell provided information as to the contract with New Harbor Marine Construction for replacing the Town Landing Dock. According to State Statute, 14 M.R.S. 871, any municipal contract for an amount over $125,000 must have a Security Bond, thus the cost of this bond is an additional $20,000 making the final cost $189,068.00 The funds will be taken from the Harbor Reserve account to cover the additional cost.

On a motion made by Chair Papell and seconded by Selectman Marsh, to accept the additional $20,000 cost, with the funds coming from the Reserve Account, for the Town Dock Replacement.

So voted 2-0-1

On a motion made by Chair Papell and seconded by Selectman Marsh, to approve the warrant of July 31, 2026

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Chair Papell and seconded by Selectman Marsh, to approve the minutes of July 16 & July 28, 2026.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Chair Papell and seconded by Selectman Marsh, to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

So voted 3-0