

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM AND IN-PERSON
January 15, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**

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

Town Representatives: Melanie Pendleton, Town Clerk, Keena Cates, Deputy Town Clerk, Eric Teele, Fire Chief and Jim Corbett, EMS Director

Public present: Cheryl Ferrara, Naomi Martin, Bennett Collins, Ann Nesslage, Hank Nevins, Hal D'Alby, Emily Huber, LCEMA Director. Susan Davis, Walter Radloff, Deb Elliott and Christa Thorpe via ZOOM.

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm.

Emily Huber, Lincoln County EMA Director, explained the newly updated Hazard Mitigation Plan and that this plan had been approved by FEMA and LC Commissioners. The plan is to be renewed every 5-years and updates areas of reoccurring problems. Emily also discussed that the plan can be updated during the 5-year term if additional items are found and any current listed item has been resolved. LCRPC can assist with any grant opportunities that pertain to the different areas outlined within the plan, including the dry hydrants that the town/fire dept. is currently looking to address.

On a motion made by Selectman Marsh, seconded by Selectman Papell, to accept the proposed Hazard Mitigation Plan.

So voted 3-0

EMS Director Jim Corbett has requested that \$1143.18 be transferred from the First Responder donation account for the expense of a portable radio for the new First Responder Eric Duffy.

On a motion made by Selectman Marsh, seconded by Selectman Papell to transfer from the First Responder donation account the amount of \$1143.18 for the portable radio.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Selectman Marsh, seconded by Selectman Papell to sign the Quitclaim Deed for Brenda and Stephen Prior for paid taxes of 2023

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Selectman Marsh, seconded by Selectman Papell to accept and sign the Account Collateral Agreement with Bath Savings Ins.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Selectman Papell, seconded by Selectman Marsh to set the date for the upcoming Budget Committee meeting as, Wednesday, March 18th @ 3:00 pm.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Chair Pieh, seconded by Selectman Papell to set the date of Thursday, February 5 @ 3:00 pm for a budget workshop for the Selectmen to work on the upcoming budget for the 2026-2027 time frame.

So voted 3-0

Ann Nesslage from the BCC , has met with Brad from Coastal Rivers and discussed that he will be the liaison for the Town now that Joan Ray has retired. Brad informed her that Coastal Rivers is working on goal and how to be more assisting to the town. Ann questioned as to hunting on Coastal Rivers lands, Brad will check and get back to her as to any restrictions or areas that it is not allowed. Ann spoke with Bob Barkalow and the current budget should be fine for the amount of work that is to be completed within. He did go to the Hay Property and there are invasives there, he believes that these can be handled by hand process, that is currently being done in other areas for the town. Discussion of weed whacking around the stones at the Hay Property due to the invasives that are there, this will help in controlling the spread of these through the field and other areas. Ann is also working with Mary Sue Weeks to update the map that she had created; Ann has the cost for printing which will be included in the next budget.

There are currently 5 persons who have contacted the town office in regards to being interested in being on the Comp Plan Committee. If anyone is interested, please send you contact information and any specific field to the town office.

The Town Landing dock repair bid was read by Selectman Papell, this ad will be placed in the LCN for the next two weeks. The bid outlines the dates of when bids need to be received by and opened: receive by 2:00 pm on Thursday, February 19th and opened that day at 5:30 pm at the Selectmen's meeting.

Resident Hank Nevins questioned as to the land sold to the library and nothing being done, any update. Ann Nesslage responded that the deck is the first stage that the library received a grant for. The library is now overseeing the property and not the previous committee.

On a motion made by Chair Pieh, seconded by Selectman Marsh, to approve the warrant of 01-16- 2026.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Selectman Marsh, seconded by Selectman Papell to accept the minutes January 6, 2025.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Selectman Papell, seconded by Selectman Marsh to adjourn at 5:43 pm.

So voted 3-0