



TOWN OF BREMEN
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Wayne Barber, Member
Steve Barnes, Member
Mary Berger, Member
Susan Carr, Member
Bennett Collins, Member
Isobel Curtis, Member
Hal D'Alby, Member
Debora Elliott, Member
Cheryl Ferrara, Moderator
Martha Frink, Member
Charles Miller, Member

Summary Bremen Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting **Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

Committee Members Present: Wayne Barber, Mary Berger, Susan Carr, Bennett Collins, Isobel Curtis, Debora Elliott, Martha Frink, and Cheryl Ferrara

Others Present: Selectman Tom Papell; Erin Quetell, Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission; and Max Johnstone, Midcoast Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Transportation

The committee reviewed a draft of the Transportation section presented by Erin Quetell and prepared by the Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission. During discussion, several issues were raised including:

- Should all private roads be added or should the streets listed be town-owned only?
- Wildlife crossings should be included, if available.
- Maine Department of Transportation wildlife crash information should be added.
- Wildlife corridor information should be added, if available,
- Should any major traffic generators be noted (i.e. seasonal uptick in traffic, bands playing at Lusty Lobster, etc.)?
- Should low impact businesses be removed as traffic generators?
- Mention should be made about the fact that LifeFlight of Maine does not have a dedicated permanent helipad in Bremen or on Bremen Long Island but has been known to land on the Bremen Fire Station property.
- Information should be added regarding barge transportation and services, if available.

In addition to the items above, work to be complete on the Transportation section included:

- Cheryl Ferrara to get Erin a list of all roads in Bremen.
- Erin to added bridges to the section.
- Erin to add information about culverts, their installation, and ownership after installation. (Cheryl Ferrara will provide.)
- Erin to remove library parking area from the list of town-owned parking.
- Erin to add Twin Village Taxi service since it lists Bremen within its service area. (They are a 24/7/365 days with advanced reservations operating from Damariscotta. Typical office hours for booking are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

A recreation section within the Transportation section was discussed, but the committee chose to include that information in the Recreation section. A statement in the Transportation section could direct readers to the Recreation section.

The committee discussed possible action plans that could be discussed at a later date for inclusion in the Transportation section including:

- Consider developing stormwater regulations and standards.
- Consider a permanent LifeFlight helipad on Bremen's mainland.
- Consider a permanent LifeFlight helipad on Bremen Long Island by looking for a property owner willing to donate a site.
- Consider non-motorized infrastructure such as roadside/shoulder pathways in addition to more accessible trails.
- Consider better striping and signage on the parking lot at the Fire Station.
- Consider ways to better control traffic/speeds on Medomak Road.
- Consider installing deer crossing signs at critical crossing areas unless wildlife crashes are not limited to specific areas?

Community Sessions

Susan Carr presented an agenda and draft script for the October 7th community sessions. She will be providing a PowerPoint presentation on the reason, process, and purpose for updating the town's Comprehensive Plan. Presentation topics were discussed with the two guest speakers: Erin Quetell from the Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission will give an overview of Comp Plans at the 11 a.m. session, and Max Johnstone of Midcoast Council of Governments will discuss the topic of "Bremen's definition as rural" at the 5 p.m. session.

Debora Elliott presented food costs and choices for the two sessions. Donuts, muffins, apple cider and coffee will be served at the 11 a.m. session. Debora will check to see if some donuts or muffins can be gluten free. Pizza, assorted beverages, and cookies will be served at 5 p.m. Two pizzas will be gluten-free. Cheryl Ferrara and Debora Elliott will bring homemade cookies for the evening session. Mary Berger will bring a big coffee urn for the morning session. Martha Frink will bring a dish and ice for the coffee creamer as well as flowers and a small coffee urn for the evening session. Napkins will be added to the procurement list.

On a motion duty made by Martha Frink and seconded by Bennett Collins, the committee voted to authorize food and beverage costs for the two sessions not to exceed \$360.00. The motion passed unanimously by an 8-0 vote.

The committee discussed placing an advertisement in the Lincoln County News on October 1st to publicize the community sessions.

On a motion duty made by Debora Elliott and seconded by Wayne Barber, the committee voted to authorize a cost not to exceed \$200.00 for an advertisement in the Lincoln County News to publicize the two sessions. The motion passed unanimously by an 8-0 vote.

Committee members were asked to introduce themselves at the community sessions. It was suggested that members mention which working group(s) they joined and why they chose them.

Other Business

There will be a table for the Comprehensive Plan Committee at the Community Club's Country Fair on Saturday, September 26th, from 10a.m. to 2 p.m. Wayne Barber, Cheryl Ferrara, and Charles Miller have agreed to staff it.

Committee members were reminded to submit their one paragraph bios to be included in the Comp Plan project.

The September 23, 2026, budget report showed current expenditures at \$870.35 from the \$10,000.00 committee budget with a balance of \$9,129.65.

As of September 23, 2026, a total of 222 surveys either had been picked up or mailed, and a total of 51 surveys had been returned.

Since the last Thursday in December falls on New Year's Eve, the committee discussed scheduling the December meeting on another date.

On a motion duly made by Bennett Collins and seconded by Debora Elliott, the committee voted to eliminate the meeting in December. The motion passed 7-1, with Cheryl Ferrara voting against.

Future Meetings

The bulk of the October 29th meeting will be spent on working group reports. Working groups are urged to get together and work on inventory items to report next month.

Below is the list of working groups as revised on April 23rd. If you have moved to a different group since then, please let Cheryl Ferrara know, so she can update the list.

Water Resources/Marine Resources - Wayne Barber, Mary Berger, Bennett Collins, Isobel Curtis, Martha Frink

Housing/ Public Facilities and Services - Hal D'Alby, Debora Elliott, Cheryl Ferrara, Charles Miller

Economy/Fiscal Capacity and Capital Investment Plan - Steve Barnes, Susan Carr, Hal D'Alby, Charles Miller

Natural Resources/Agricultural and Forest Resources - Susan Carr, Bennett Collins, Isobel Curtis, Charles Miller

Historic and Archaeological Resources - Susan Carr, Hal D'Alby

Recreation - Wayne Barber, Mary Berger, Debora Elliott, Cheryl Ferrara

Transportation - The Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission is taking the lead of this.

Population and Demographics - The town staff is taking the lead on this.

NEXT FULL BOARD MEETING DATES (the public is always invited):

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29th 6:00 P.M. in the TOWN OFFICE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th 6:00 P.M. in the TOWN OFFICE

DECEMBER – No Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28th 6:00 P.M. in the TOWN OFFICE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25th 6:00 P.M. in the TOWN OFFICE