

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM AND IN-PERSON
August 20, 2026 5:00 p.m.**

Selectmen present: Tom Papell, John "Boe" Marsh, Henry "Hank" Nevins

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

Public Representatives: Ann Nesslage, BCC, Deb Elliott, Mike Albin, Eric Teele, Fire Chief, Rufus Teele, Cheryl Ferrara, Tony Ferrara, Mike Albin, Marianne Courville, Tom Wilson, Steve Barnes in person. Susan Davis, Martha Frink, Naomi Martin, Kim Hetherington and Henry Goldberg via ZOOM.

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

First drawing for Shellfish licenses for the Commercial Resident, there are 7 licenses available with the following names being drawn from the applications that were submitted:

Jamie Farrar
Jeremy Prior
Bryce Anderson
Devon Anderson

Second drawing for Shellfish Non-Resident Commercial, one license available. There were 8 applications submitted with one being drawn, Clint Collamore.

On a motion made by Selectman Marsh and seconded by Chair Papell, to allow Ruth Poland to create a Fire/Rescue Memorial Garden at the Fire Station.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Chair Papell and seconded by Selectman Marsh, to approve the permit from Private Power Services for the placement of 3 poles in the area of 120 Turner Road, CMP pole 012.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Chair Papell and seconded by Selectman Marsh, to table the discussion on cutting the north side of the Hay Property back to the property line for further information.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Chair Papell and seconded by Selectman Marsh, to accept and sign the Quitclaim deed from the Inhabitants of Bremen to Lisa Prior for taxes paid.

So voted 3-0

Selectman Nevins began discussion on creating Parking Lot Use Policy, this would be specific to each town owned area. Selectman Nevins and Chair Papell will begin creating the policy, contact our Attorney for review and possibly add additional signage.

On a motion made by Selectman Nevins, seconded by Selectman Marsh, approval for Bremen Resident, Kerrith Stapp of the Bremen Republican Committee, to use the Bremen Town House for a meet the candidate night. Liability certificate and deposit must be provided.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Chair Papell, seconded by Selectman Nevins to table the discussion on an abatement for Hearty Roots. This abatement request was submitted by the Bremen Assessing Agent due to the exempt certificate being received on April 16th and not having the back history on why late. The Selectmen have requested further information from Hearty Roots as to why delayed in submitting before making a decision.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Chair Papell, seconded by Selectman Marsh, the board formally accepts the resignation from the broadband committee from Ernie Carroll and Henry Goldberg.

So voted 3-0

Ann Nesslage, Bremen Conservation Commission, updated that the trail tamers had done work on the trail and bog bridge on Hilton O'Connor. There were approx. 10 people, including 3 from Bremen. Discussion on the Weston Spring path and the abutting land owner as to possible items blocking the trail entrance. Bob Barkalow had been contacted as to invasive treatment; his schedule is very full but will attempt to address if any times do come available.

Cheryl Ferrara, Comprehensive Plan Committee: The committee has been meeting now for 5 months and made great progress. There are 75 surveys in the field so far and continuing to be mailed, picked up and distributed by committee members. There will be a public meeting/pizza party on September 14th here at the Town Center. The committee will be reaching out to gather quality pictures to put in the report, this will display all four seasons of Bremen.

Selectman Nevins discussed the bush hogging versus mulching process. He asked for the BCC and residents to look at two different properties, showing pictures of the two, as to the difference. Prices will be discussed with the contractor and further discussion to determine which method to be used when the Hay Property is "mowed" this year.

Resident Steve Barnes discussed the concern of herbicides and pesticides for a 15–20-acre parcel that could potentially cause grave damage to the Bug Tussel Area.

Selectman Marsh will contact DMR and the EPA Friday, as this is a testing area for the DMR for harvesters. This program that the land owner is participating in is a State funded item. Further discussion as to having in-depth discussion on plants and developing system on making decisions for property management.

On a motion made by Chair Papell and seconded by Selectman Marsh, to approve the warrant of August 14, 2026

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Chair Papell and seconded by Selectman Marsh, to approve the minutes of August 6, 2026.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Chair Papell and seconded by Selectman Marsh, to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

So voted 3-0

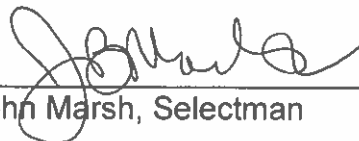


Melanie Pendleton, Town Clerk

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Thomas Papell, Selectman



John Marsh, Selectman



Henry Nevins, Selectman