

Town of Bremen
Conservation Commission Minutes
Video Conference Call
Dec 5, 2023

BCC Members Present: Ann Nesslage, chair; Susan Davis, Kerry Kohnert, Naomi Martin, Walter Radloff
Selectman Liaison Present: Wendy Pieh

Visitors Present: Joan Ray

November minutes approved.

BOS report

The BOS offered to have BCC participate in BOS meetings only after the BCC monthly meeting to save time of energy when there is little or nothing to report. Ann feels it is important for BCC to attend all meetings because issues related to BCC are often brought up. BCC members agree it is important to attend all BOS meetings.

Invasive Project

Susan Davis reports that an initial meeting with the Knox Lincoln Soil and Conservation District's (KLSCD), Rebecca Jacobson and BCC members interested in the project was held. This was to establish the scope of the project and identify resources. At this point there is nothing to bring to BOS because we are still researching and establishing steps and priorities for the project.

However, we plan to move ahead with the project and will keep the BOS informed. We feel this will benefit the town and residents by beginning to return the lands to their intended natural state. (invasives kill or overgrow native plants which provide habitat for native flora and fauna)
State agencies actively involved in the management of invasives include
Dept of Transportation,
ME Forest Service,
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Know Lincoln Soil and Conservation District
Also CMP

And are resources

Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Presentation

Kerry Kohnert reports that a presentation is planned for Feb 7.

The following is the announcement that will be sent to all town committee chairs and town officers

The Bremen Conservation Commission is hosting a presentation by the Maine Inland Fish and Wildlife's program, "Beginning with Habitat". It will include detailed maps of Inland in Bremen and the following: **Wednesday February 7, 2024 at 5pm via zoo**

1. local wildlife habitats
2. natural resources
3. conservation strategies
4. open space planning
5. climate resiliency
6. areas of high biodiversity

Invitees

All of the heads of committees and town officials such as CEO and Road Commissioners will be invited,

An in person presentation will be planned for all town residents in the spring.

BCC would like to display in the town office building Maps of Bremen showing sensitive and protected areas and areas of high value from Maine Dept Inland Fisheries.

An inperson meeting will be held in May for all Bremen residents

Coastal Rivers

Joan Ray continues to offer helpful opinions and resources to BCC. She mentioned that Coastal Rivers has conserved over 500 acres in Bremen this year, much of which will eventually open to the public. She thanks the town of Bremen and the BCC for their letters of support which helped secure funding for land purchases.

She requests that Kerry Kohnert work with her to update the conserved areas in Bremen that are not on the current Inland Fisheries map before they are hung in the town office.

HOC trail

BCC will look into cost and type of benches for 2 areas on the HOC of town forest . It is felt that at least two areas lend themselves for a place to view or rest on the trail.

There is a good sized tree down on the trail from the last storm. CR most likely will clear it,

Game camera. a BCC member has mounted a game camera on the trail to primarily monitor wildlife but also the number of visitors.

Budget

Because of the above projects, BCC will plan to request a similar budget as last year's.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Davis