

Town of Bremen
Conservation Commission Minutes
Video Conference Call
January 3, 2024

BCC Members Present: Ann Nesslage, chair, Susan Davis, Kerry Kohnert, Naomi Martin, Walter Radloff. Mary Berger
Selectman Liaison Present: Wendy Pieh
Visitors Present: Joan Ray

5pm

December Minutes approved

Budget discussion

Potential costs include :

2 benches for Hilton O Connor Trail

Discussion of options of types of benches for different areas.

Invasive project

Potentially can be expensive but too early in the project to determine actual costs

Bremen Conservation Land Use Fund

After discussion with input from Wendy Pieh and Joan Ray, BCC will likely ask for an increase to 8 K from 7K. The value of preserved land for recreation, hunting and fishing to the town residents is important and having a reserve for a potential land purchase is smart planning. Many grants for conserved land ask for a 50% match

Joan Ray discussed a 236 acre donation of land on Mc Curdy Pond to CRCT. The Sarah Weston Kent preserve. Other parcels in conservation this year are one of 167 acres and another 45 acres easement

February 7 BCC Meeting will be a presentation illustrating natural resources and sensitive ecological areas in Bremen by the

Emails and flyers to heads of town committees etc have gone out. Purpose is to engage town leaders in what may be of interest to town residents. A town wide in person meeting will planned following opinions of what is of most interest

Invasive Project

In initial phases . Identifying invasives in Bremen and working with resource groups like Knox Lincoln Soil and Water and Conservation District established. Town properties will be the focus of the initial phase. This is a multi year project.

Town Report, BCC section

Need to include advantages to town and residents of conserved land. BOS wrote letters of support for Coastal Rivers helping to acquire grants for conserved land in Bremen

Camera on HOC trails. Kerry Kohnert's project to monitor wildlife and people using trails. BCC will reimburse cost of camera.

Adjourned 6:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Davis