

Town of Bremen
Conservation Commission Minutes
Video Conference Call
March 6, 2024

BCC Members Present: Ann Nesslage, chair, Susan Davis, Kerry Kohnert, Walter Radloff. Mary Berger

Selectman Liaison Present: Wendy Pieh

Visitors Present: Joan Ray

January minutes approved with one amendment.

February BCC meeting was replaced by a presentation for BCC members and town leaders including various committees and regular minutes are not called for. A brief note will be submitted instead.

Beginning with Habitat presentation follow up. BCC decided that two presentations should be offered to residents of Bremen. The first in spring to encourage interest in learning more about Bremen's natural resources and trails

The second in summer to reach those not able to attend the spring presentation. Discussion of where to hold the presentations included the town house, the library and town office. No decisions were made at this time.

Proposal by Knox Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District (KLSWCD)
(Copies had been circulated) To provide technical assistance and training in the second quarter of 2024 on invasive terrestrial species in Bremen for a total of 16 hours at a cost of \$560.00. 8 hours of this time is covered by a grant.
BCC voted in favor of the proposal.

Hilton O'Connor trail report by Kerry Kohnert

Storm damage includes

Bog bridge washed out. May be reusable

Trees down in stream but non on trails

Erosion worsened and corrective measures will be determined. Plantings, adding a trail, and rerouting were discussed

Coastal Rivers is very involved in assessing and planning needed maintenance

Gravel washed out behind fire station. Need more information.

Plantings at HOC

Ann and Kerry have plans to plant several red dogwoods along bank to help prevent erosion

Adding native shrubs in other areas and planting milkweed and other native flowering plants in the large field. Vervine and Blue flag iris will also be planted

Conferences

Kerry and Naomi have attended several conferences on natural resources, conservation methods and gauging water quality. Thank you both.

Water for new plantings

Discussion of source of water to water new plants and need for assistance for this CRCT may be able to help with watering.

Benches

2- 6 ft benches made by Hidden Valley have been ordered. Kerry will ask for BCC to be invoiced ASAP to be included in this year's budget

Adjourned 6:29 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Davis