

Town of Bremen  
Conservation Commission Video Conference Call  
February 5, 2025 5 pm

BCC Members Present: Ann Nesslage, chair, Susan Davis, Walter Radloff, Naomi Martin

Selectman Liaison: Wendy Pieh

Visitors Present:

Coastal Rivers Liaison: Joan Ray

January 2025 minutes approved

**Budget 2025-2026 discussion**

Current BCC budget is \$4,750. Suggest increasing by \$500.

Do not recommend increasing the land budget at this time.

Large amount of this years budget is currently unspent because of plans to begin invasive work this winter. Next year's budget will largely go towards continued invasive work on Hilton O'Connor trail.

Hillside trail will continue to be on hold until Coastal Rivers finishes their plans for the newly acquired land adjacent to the Hillside trail.

**Picnic table:** Walter Radloff will explore options to have it with made locally . Ideally it will be handicap accessible.

**Invasive Proposal for Hilton O'Connor trail :** Packet sent to BOS. Wendy was asked if she had any questions and was it comprehensive? No questions and commented about the thoroughness of it. It will be discussed at the BOS Feb 6 meeting. BCC would like the BOS's support on the project. The costs will be from the BCC budget and not the town.

Short discussion about techniques used and the futility of trying to control invasives without judicious use of herbicides by licensed applicators in keeping with standards of practice in Maine and nationally.

**More work on Bremen trails by Coastal Rivers:** Joan Ray explains plans for Pemaquid Pond Preserve. A new grant will be applied to increasing the parking lot, rebuilding the bridge and adding a new trail to the north to connect with newly acquired Kravitz and Curlin property. This will eventually connect to the Hillside trail. BCC is pleased with the plans and the increase of town land available to the public.

Adjourned 5:36 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davis