

Town of Bremen
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Bremen Library
Wednesday April 11, 2018

BCC Members Present: Virginia Betts, Terry Marsh, Ann Nesslage, Christa Thorpe,
Mary Voskian

BCC Member Present: Mary Berger

BCC Members Excused: Jen Baca, Daniel Ungier, Bayard Littlefield

BCC Associate Members Excused: Susan Davis

Selectman Liaison Excused: Wendy Pieh

Christa Thorpe was our chair for this meeting. The meeting opened at 5:05

We moved, seconded and voted to approve the last months minutes.

Virginia will be our archivist and place documents in our storage container on the shelf in the town office.

Christa and Virginia led the first trail work day on May 28. The section of the trail between the stone walls at the end of the orange trail is very wet, so possibly we should move the trail to a dryer pathway. Christa and Terry will make a list of goals/tasks for the April 28 trail day. Virginia has some packets of information about invasive pests given her by a forester that she will give out at the trail work day. Terry still needs to measure for bridges with Steve Laurich.

Virginia plans to develop a writing event for kids related to the motor that is embedded in a tree on the Hilton O'Connor trail. Christa will help with a poster. This project will be scheduled for this fall.

Recreation sub-committee: Mary Voskian reported that she has submitted a grant application for \$2,000 from the Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission. The purpose is to pay for hiring a planner to envision *The Bremen Town Center Project*. Mary has met with three planners:

Mitchel Rasor of MRLD Landscape and Architecture

Travis J Pryor of Wright Pierce

Amy Segal of Terrance J. DeWan and Associates

Mary has also contacted Susan Metzger and Barbara Boardman. Bayard Littlefield will help with the garden design aspects of the project.

It was agreed that we should have a survey soliciting feedback from the community about the project. Christa and Mary will design and distribute a survey questionnaire.

Mary sent a letter to the planners asking them to give us a proposal with their fee, taking into account the drawing of the plan with possible revision, and a number of meetings. Mary V will continue attending the selectmen meetings.

Mary Berger will help with fundraising ideas.

Mary noted that having the project happen in stages is a good idea with a walking trail being the first component.

Ann Nesslage and Mary attended the Centennial of the State of Maine planning meeting hosted by the state in Damariscotta.

Mary has been in communication with the group working on a plastic bag ban. We are asked to look around and note which types of plastic items and styrofoam items we see in the roadsides and shore.

Bremen Clean Up Day will be April 21.

We plan to request \$1,500.00 for lumber to construct bridges at the Hilton O'Connor trail this summer. We plan to ask for \$700.00 for general operating costs of our committee. We will propose that the town budget the The Land Conservation Account \$3,000.00 for this coming year.

Mary read the record of the Selectman meeting in 2008 establishing the Land Conservation Fund.

Virginia and Christa will review the documents Virginia has uncovered in our archival records and prepare to explain why the Land Conservation Fund is so important for Bremen. Virginia will deliver to the town the requests for our committee budget and for the Land Conservation Fund. The town report due May 18 will be written by Virginia and Christa, with emailed help from all of us.

Mary and Ann will attend the budget meeting. We noted that explanations and details for our budget requests should be part of the requests.

Terry will chair our next meeting. Christa will be our notetaker of the minutes.

Our email address is bremenconservationcommission@gmail.com

Christa will deliver our approved minutes to the town for posting on the town website and archiving.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27

Respectfully submitted by Terry Marsh