

Town of Bremen
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Bremen Library Meeting Room
Wednesday, February 14, 2018

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

BCC Associate Member Present: Bayard Littlefield

BCC Members Excused: Jen Baca, Daniel Ungier

BCC Associate Members Excused: Mary Berger, Susan Davis

Selectman Liaison Excused: Wendy Pieh

Visitor Present: Steve Laurich

Virginia Betts was our chair for this meeting. The meeting opened at 5:05

Virginia invited Steve Laurich to talk about planning for building a bridge at the place in the Hilton-O'Connor trail where currently there is a large culvert. There are two other areas that need small bridges in this trail. Steve and Terry will meet at the trail to measure to plan the bridges. Steve will also decide if we need vertical supports. Steve will make a list of lumber needed, and get cost estimates. We hope to have the lumber delivered on the morning of or just before Saturday March 24.

Terry noted that the Hilton O'Connor trail is our flagship trail. Bayard and others suggested we install a logbook for visitors at the kiosk. Our goal is also to have a better idea of how many people are visiting the trail.

Christa reported on her work with updating the website. She created a great flyer to be distributed by email through the town email list and as posted flyers. The flyer is to advertise our workdays March-October 4th Saturday mornings, 9-11. Christa will add some text about "children welcome" and have printed copies by our next meeting. We plan to distribute in early-mid March. Christa also will create a poster advertising the upcoming film to be shown at the Bremen Library (March 22) and the 1st work day (March 24).

Mary Voskian will write a press release and give it to the LCN. Mary said that Daniel will be at the film event, and that he is in the film.

Christa wrapped up by saying that she is still working on the trails descriptions for our website, and will soon incorporate the new text into the website. The town will be able to send an email in early march pointing to the website. Christa has set up an email address:

BremenConservationCommissions@gmail.com . It is linked to Christa's email and she will forward pertinent email on to us.

Virginia said she is beginning to organize the records. Julie at the town office is also helping to located past meeting minutes.

Recreation sub-committee: Mary Voskian reported that she has contacted land trusts to get names of planners. Ideas include a native plants garden, walking paths and a playground and pavilion. Terry noted that Bayard is a garden designer and planner. Mary talked with Jim

Murphy and now has maps showing the land around the library and town office. The playing field should be retained and will get more use. A playground might be something a land trust would sponsor. Mary plans to ask Jessica Koubek to visit other playgrounds with her children and get ideas from them. Bayard Littlefield has extensive grant writing experience, and suggested that she could be helpful with working on grant proposals for this project. We concurred that this is a concrete project and the money will be found. Bayard Littlefield will join the Bremen Conservation Commission as an associate member. Mary V will attend the selectman meetings. Christa will chair the next meeting scheduled for March 7th. Ann will remind Yvonne to put our next meeting on the library calendar.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15

Respectfully submitted by Terry Marsh