

Town of Bremen
Conservation Commission Approved Minutes
Bremen Library
February 5, 2019

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

BCC member Excused: Daniel Ungier

Selectman Liaison Excused: Wendy Pieh

BCC Associate Members Present: Virginia Betts

BCC Associate Members Excused: Susan Davis, Mary Berger

Christa Thorpe was our chair for this meeting. The meeting opened at 5:10

We moved, seconded and voted to approve the January 2, 2019 minutes.

Christa suggested the wording for the proposed sign at the Hay Conservation and Recreation Area. This proposed sign will be installed next to the stand with the doggie waste bags. The wording is:

“Clean Up After Your Dog-Protect the Clam Flats”

We all concurred that we liked the wording. Mary will relay this at the upcoming Bremen Select Board meeting. Christa asked Susan Davis about becoming a regular member and YES Susan has accepted.

We will change our meeting time to 5:30. Mary will report to the Select Board that we are looking for one more regular member. Christa will also email Kelly Clancy with that announcement. Christa and Juanita are in communication about posting educational information at the kiosk at the Hay Conservation and Recreation Area. Christa reported that she has written a letter to the Bremen Select Board. The subjects are inquiring about getting advice from the DEP about best practices for camp roads near the shore, especially the road at the Hay Conservation and Recreation Area. The letter also asks about improving how the Select Board and the Conservation Commission work together.

Susan Davis is working with Jim Murphy and Hank to compile the document of town owned properties. Her update will be attached to these minutes as an addendum. It was suggested that Susan should email the entire commission. Christa will forward the email and ask Susan to include everyone next time.

Virginia shared with us the awesome filing system and storage box for the Archives of the Bremen Conservation Commission. The box (and a second box to be purchased) is currently stored on the shelf in the main meeting room at the town office. We are very grateful to Virginia for taking on this important responsibility. Having our records accessible and organized is really valuable to our work. Thank You, Virginia.

Christa will get in touch with someone at the University of Maine to invite them to meet with us. The goal is for us too better understand how to explain the potential economic benefit to towns of non taxed properties. Possibly we would host a meeting on this topic in June. Christa will contact Bridie McGreavy from the Mitchell Center at the University of Maine also.

Christa plans to attend the next Shellfish Committee meeting.

The March 28 talk at the library will be Karl McLetchie, on ocean research.

Ann reported that Larry Mayer, a scientist and teacher at the Darling Marine Center will be teaching a Coastal Senior College class next fall. Ann will ask him if he would like to give a talk at the Bremen Library.

We plan to schedule our trail days on the last Saturday morning of each month starting in April through October. At our next meeting we will plan our communication about the trail days. We would like to recruit more people.

Mary will find out:

When is budget request due?

when is town report due?

when are the budget committee meetings?

Mary reported on the January 29, 2019 Bremen Town Center Property Committee Meeting. She said that she is sending a copy of the minutes for the BTCP Committee Meetings, BCC members would have gotten information on the meeting already. Mary added that Wendy Pieh will be meeting with her and other committee members on Friday, February 8, to discuss seeking funding for the BTCP project through grants, etc. for a town owned property. She said the BTCP Committee is looking at the play/recreation area as the first phase of the project. Committee members will be visiting such and doing research on various subjects. Melanie Pendleton, Town clerk provided valuable information on this subject when Mary spoke to her.

Mary also shared the Community Forest Grants information given to her by Kelly Clancy, Town administration assistant. The BCC will look at this at a later date. Ann will send electronic copies of the grant information to commission members.

Ann will chair our next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25

Our next meeting is March 6, 2019 starting at 5:30 PM. PLEASE NOTE NEW START TIME

Thanks, Terry Marsh (minute recorder for the BCC)