**Meeting Minutes**

**Bremen Town Center Project Committee**

**Date:** January 29, 2019

**Location:** Bremen Library

**Meeting Leader:** Mary Voskian

**Attendees:** Jane Carroll, Joan Ray, Joe Vitti

**Apologies of Absentees:** Daniel Ungier, David Thorpe

**Guests:** Kevin Redline, President of Board of Trustees, Bremen Library; Mary Berger, BCC member; Bremen Resident Elaine Milardo

Meeting began at 5:30 p.m.

**Agenda**

Agenda was rearranged to give time for Wendy Pieh to arrive.

**Introductions:**

Elaine Milardo introduced herself. She saw the minutes and information about the Town Center Project on the Town website. She recently moved to Bremen and has a background in environmental regulation. Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

**New Business:**

Mary Voskian told the committee that the Memorandum from Travis Pryor of Wright-Pierce has been posted on the town website and email list. A hard copy of the Memorandum and the concept plan are available in the Town Office. Mary has also written a short article for the Lincoln County News about the availability of these materials on the town website and email list, and in the town office. The information on the website resulted in two email comments from residents that Mary circulated.

**Discussion of Recreational/Play Area:**

Mary reported that she spoke with Melanie Pendleton in the Town Office. Pendleton worked on a playground in Bristol. She advised that OSHA standards must be followed and ADA requirements for path should be met. Mary will ask Melanie who designed the Bristol playground. Melanie suggested places to visit: Belfast Park playground, Field of Dreams in Unity, <https://www.unity.edu/about/campus-facilities/field-of-dreams/> and Kent Hill a private school in Readfield (outside Augusta). Travis said that Hallowell is making a playground in a park. Melanie also suggested BYO Playground.com and Kieve/Wavus as sources for information. Funding sources suggested by Melanie are Bert & Coral Clifford, the Alfonds, and the Libra Foundation, as well as ideas such as selling bricks and naming benches. Bristol held an outdoor movie as a fundraiser/community builder. There are inflatable screens that can be rented. A sledding party would also be easy to do, probably in winter 2020. The Committee is interested in a movie night.

Elaine has offered to do some research on environmentally sound play surfaces. We can also ask Travis for advice on surfaces.

We discussed the idea of a boat as a focal point for the play area. The issue of maintenance of such a structure was discussed. It is felt that something is needed as a draw.

We discussed again the need for a 501 (c) (3) to raise funds. When the Round Pond Village Improvement Society needed to raise funds, Medomak Land Trust acted as fiscal agent. We need legal advice on how to proceed. We also need to clarify the status of the land.

We need to decide what we are going to do and what the estimated costs of the projects would be. To do this we need to design the playground and pavilion. Everyone agreed swings are a priority. It was discussed that volunteers can help build the structures. For gardens such as a pollinator garden, we need to find a group that would want to take it on.

Next steps:

* Visit other sites
* Explore ways to design playground

\*Wendy Pieh was unable to attend the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Carroll

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 26, 2019**