

Bremen Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes -- Monday, June 5, 2017
5:00pm Bremen Library

Attending: Christa Thorpe (substitute chair), Terry Marsh, Ann Nesslage, Mary Berger, Mary Voskian, Susan Davis (rep. Friends of Clam Island)

1. **May 1 Meeting Synopsis Approved.** Discussed whether to continue the “synopsis” style meeting notes or to reinstate formal minutes. Decided that for now, we’ll keep the synopsis system.

→ Action Item: Christa will send meeting minutes for this meeting. Next meeting we should discuss how to assign the keeping of minutes now that Juanita has stepped down as chair.

2. **Selectmen’s meeting report - May 18th (Christa attended):** Two announcements from the meeting seemed relevant to BCC work:

- a. The Bremen Clam Conservation Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 to discuss Conservation Work for the upcoming licensing year and the existing closure on Broad Cove. The meeting was scheduled during the morning high tide to accommodate our commercial shellfish license holders and attendance by a representative from the Department of Marine Resources.

- i. BCC discussed whether we should consider an educational program/presentation from PWA about the non-point soil pollution surveys happening in John’s Bay

- ii. Looking for other areas for potential collaboration with clam conservation committee. BCC Educational programs could count as “conservation hours” for clam diggers.

→ Action Item: It would be good if someone from BCC attends the Clam Conservation Committee meeting. Christa will ask Daniel Ungier about the educational flyer MVLT made about pollution in the watershed.

- b. Town boat

- i. Found out that Bremen owns a boat that the selectmen are talking about selling. Should the town keep it so that the BCC and other groups have access to islands/bay? Susan said she could mention it to Melanie Osier, harbormaster, who may be interested in having use of it and being responsible for it.

→ Action Item: Terry will ask about the boat at the next selectmen’s meeting.

3. **Follow up on Clam Island Trail Work.** All done! Kevin Redline headed up the process of removing the few invasives and of cutting the trail as proposed at our last meeting. Blaze orange triangles now mark the best entry points for boaters to start the trail.

4. **Follow up on Mick Devin Presentation:** Bremen action on Plastic Bags -- Mary V. asks if the BCC would be willing to demonstrate support for an initiative to ban/limit plastic bags in Damariscotta. Members agreed we would support the writing of a letter. This initiative is being organized by the environmental committee of Lincoln County Indivisible.

→ Action Item: Mary V. will communicate more details after the LC Indivisible environment committee meets and gets more information.

5. **Post office and Hillside Trail plan/timeline.** Terry has finished a letter and sent it out to the BCC for final approval, then will be ready to send it out to land-owners once we've established who they are.

Also Terry noticed that the laminated map on the Hilton-O'Connor trail is missing from the kiosk.

→ Action Item: Christa & Terry will coordinate a time to walk both the Post Office and Hillside trails with Joan Ray's GPS mapping device. The time of trail walking will be shared by email.

→ Action Item: Virginia will call Steve Laurich to ask if he has extra copies of the Hilton-O'Connor trail so we can re-post it at the kiosk.

6. **September 16th Music Picnic.**

→ Action Items: Our next meeting will need to be dedicated to discussion of BCC's sponsorship/responsibility in helping execute the event, but for now, Terry will ask Round Top about the discount pricing for ice-cream, and Christa will ask

7. **Announcements:**

a. **Next Meeting: August 7th, 5:30pm** at Bremen Library (tentative time change, Terry will confirm with Town Office whether we can change the time and announce it on the website.) **Terry will be substitute chair for Aug. 7th.**

b. **Selectman's meetings:** June 15th--Terry, June 29th--Virginia, July 13th--Ann, July 27th--Mary V.

8. **Meeting Adjourned at 6:10pm**