

Town of Bremen
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Bremen Library
Wednesday June 6, 2018

BCC Members Present: Virginia Betts, Terry Marsh, Christa Thorpe,
Daniel Ungier, Mary Voskian
BCC Associate Member Present: Susan Davis
BCC Members Excused: Jen Baca, Ann Nessler
BCC Associate Members Excused: Mary Berger, Bayard Littlefield
Selectman Liaison Excused: Wendy Pieh

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

Christa will talk to Jen Baca to explore her plans for being on the Conservation Commission. Mary will talk to Bayard Littlefield, and also talk to Bayard about if she is interested in working on the Town Center Project.

The chair of the upcoming meeting will email a reminder and request for agenda items. One week ahead was suggested. The chair will bring the agenda to the meeting.

The draft minutes will be emailed after the meeting, so corrections can be made. The corrected minutes will be voted for approval at the following meeting.

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

Recreation sub-committee: Mary Voskian reported that she received the grant of \$1,500 from the Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission. THANK YOU MARY! The purpose is to pay for hiring a planner to envision *The Bremen Town Center Project*.

The survey responses will be "due" on July 21, and be accepted though July 31.

We plan to distribute the survey by email to the town email list, paper copies at the counter at the town office and also available to download on the town website.

Mary handed out proposals by:

Mitchel Rasor of MRLD Landscape and Architecture

Travis J Pryor of Wright Pierce

Mary noted that the contract to pay for a planner on either bid is \$3,800.00. We will need to raise \$2,300.00.

Mary will attend the next selectman meeting and update them on our progress. She explained that the planner is giving us a plan, and that the implementation will be in stages.

The initial meeting will be with the selectmen, a representative from the Bremen Library and the Conservation Commission. The first public meeting led by the planner will be scheduled afterwards.

Daniel said reference to criteria for choosing the planner: we want good people , the community support is so important, and we want a good process when we do this. Mary felt that both companies were excellent to work with.

Mary will write an article about the proposed project. That the town office was a school, and the property has a ball field and ample open space, and is adjacent to the library will be featured. Mary will invite someone from the Lincoln County News to visit and give them the article. We hope to have the article (if they publish one!) in the June 20 newspaper. We get it is important to get the word out in the community, especially as we are getting started.

We moved, seconded and voted the following: To select the planner between two proposals submitted.

We voted three votes for Wright-Pierce, and one vote for MRLD. Ann Nesslage also wanted to vote for Wright-Pierce but she was not able to attend the meeting, but if we include her 'in absentia' vote, it would be four votes for Wright-Pierce.

Mary will share our choice at the selectman meeting. THANK YOU MARY!! Mary hopes for more representation by our committee at the next selectman meeting June 7.

On June 27 at 5:30 at the Damariscotta Town Office there will be a meeting about a proposed plastic bags ban. We will give a letter of support to this initiative. Mary will write the letter. We noted that one role of the Conservation Commission is to conserve our watershed. We need to educate people to understand the damage to our environment caused by plastic in the environment. Mary hopes for more representation by our committee at this meeting on June 27.

Susan Davis reported that some of the Friends of Clam Island visited Clam Island on June 1st, and everything looks good.

Our email address is bremenconservationcommission@gmail.com

Christa will deliver our approved minutes to the town for posting on the town website and archiving. Virginia will place a paper copy in our records storage area on the shelf in the big meeting room at the town office.

Mary V will chair our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05

Respectfully submitted by Terry Marsh