

Town of Bremen  
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes  
Bremen Library Meeting Room  
Wednesday, May 2, 2018

BCC Members Present: Virginia Betts, Terry Marsh, Christa Thorpe, Mary Voskian  
Selectman Liaison Present: Wendy Pieh

Visitor Present: Steve Laurich

Terry convened meeting at 5:02

**1) Steve Laurich on Hilton-O'Connor Trail bridge**

- Identified spots for 2 separate bridges and he measured/estimated how much lumber was needed and determined the cost (\$720 through Hammond lumber) for a Saturday delivery - date TBD
  - One bridge is 42 feet (3 sections, 14 feet each). One bridge is 12 feet.
- Virginia included in budget request for next year - \$800 for trail improvement. We still have funds in the current year's budgeted money (Christa emailed town to learn balance - \$337.66)
- Wendy suggests that if we need additional funds to purchase the lumber/materials sooner rather than later, we can make a special request. Either way, we can ask the budget committee whether we need special permission to use funds for this project.
- Building Plan:
  - After delivery, cut the lumber in the parking lot by Town House (Terry will ask Boe about using chop saw)
  - 1st step is to drive posts. Need pole hole diggers -- Steve will inquire with Damariscotta hardware about auger
- Access: Find out whether we can access the trail from Heath Road property - Terry will try to find out whose property it is and then we will contact owner about access.
- Crew: Reach out to targeted individuals for 1st work day - May 26th
  - Only installing 4x4 posts -- hard day of digging! If the poles get installed successfully *then* we'll order lumber planks
  - Will need: Wheelbarrows, rope for carrying posts, hand saw or chain saw, cordless screw guns, screws, stones, lumber
- Mary ask Selectmen at meeting tomorrow evening:
  - What is the process for using BCC funds to pay for project?
  - How does payment get processed? Notify Steve of the process

**2) April 28th Trail Work Report**

- Terry, Christa, Virginia, and three local girls worked with loppers and hand saws to trim back the sides of the trail. Steve Wallace has been cutting the larger branches/trees that fell over the winter and will complete the chainsaw work before next trailwork day (May 26th)

**3) Vernal Pool Workshop Report**

- Christa attended a workshop at the Darling Marine Center on vernal pools & local-level management/conservation frameworks. Tabled for future discussion.

**4) Budget**

- Virginia wrote and submitted budget request
- Ann and Mary will attend budget committee meeting to request (May 15)
- Virginia will send Mary and Ann the “defense” of the fund that she wrote based on history

**5) Bremen Town Center project**

- Christa will send survey to all BCC members as test run - please send comments if changes should be made

**6) Weston Spring property on Fogler**

- Mary V. and Christa will report to selectboard that the BCC still believes the Weston Spring property should be kept for townsfolk access
- If the selectboard wants us to write a letter Virginia will ask Mary Berger for help writing letter. (5/3 Update: Selectman Hank Nevins requested that we state in writing our position on the property)

**Other Business:**

Mary Voskian requests our help collecting and writing notes on roadside plastic we find -- ALL can report to Mary who can use as evidence

Town report is due May 18th. Christa will write it and send to BCC members for approval.

**Next Meeting:** June 6th at 5pm, Bremen Library -- Christa will chair