

Town of Bremen
Conservation Commission Approved Minutes
Bremen Library
November 7, 2018

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

Selectman Liaison Excused: Wendy Pieh

BCC Members Excused: Daniel Ungier

BCC Associate Members Present: Susan Davis

BCC Associate Members Excused: Mary Berger

Visitor present: Julie, Christa's friend

Christa was our chair for this meeting. The meeting opened at 5:15

Virginia will attend the November 15 Selectman meeting.

We moved, seconded and voted to approve the October 3, 2018 minutes.

Christa asked that we request 'best practices' information from Rebecca Jacobs about invasive plants. We want to have a plan for how to work on mitigating the invasive plants during next years trail days.

We hope to adopt a policy about using chemicals like Round Up.

We will work with Rebecca Jacobs and/or Nancy Olmstead. Terry will ask Rebecca for 'best practices for bittersweet.

Susie noted that Joan Ray identified all the invasive plants on Clam Island. After the clean up last year, there are currently no visible invasive plants.

Mary updated us on the October 30 public meeting hosted by Travis Pryor about concepts for the town center property. Mary will have his presentation and notes about the meeting distributed via the town website. She also plans to have a copy of the notes at the town office.

On November 20th Mary and the rest of the committee she has formed will meet for the first time. Mary will report to the selectmen. Travis is working on a revised concept plan.

It was suggested that the concept plan say "existing sledding hill", "existing playing field".

Mary noted that there will be a lot of cleaning up of the property as the invasive multiflora rose is in some areas. The best way to mitigate is with goats!

We talked about ways for Mary to get answers about the number of children in Bremen. Christa thought perhaps there are 60-80 k through 9th grade students.

We next talked about the clam flats and pollution. It was reported that the Bremen Clam Committee is planning to apply for a grant to monitor the sources of pollution. It was noted that in Waldoboro the research showed that dogs were a source of the pollution in the park by the shore. This has a bearing on the Hay property. We think it would be a good idea to ask people to pick up after their dogs, and have a sign that explains: 'IT WILL POLLUTE THE CLAM FLATS'.

The signage would be an opportunity for education.

The selectmen have asked our committee to come up with rules for usage of the Hay property. We can supply some ideas but feel that the selectmen should set the rules.

The selectmen hope we can refresh the material in the kiosk at the Hay property. Christa will contact Juanita. Virginia will report to the selectmen that possibly Juanita will have some new material for the kiosk.

We would like to have signage and bags for the dog poop available at the bottom of the hill at the Hay property. We need to ask the selectmen about this topic.

Christa next talked about teaming up with the library for developing a series of talks about stewarding of our watershed. Suggestions for presenters were the Bigelow Lab, the Darling Marine Center, Larry Myer. Christa will talk with Yvonne and then approach possible speakers. Christa said that Karl McLetchie might be able to come. It was suggested to ask Glenn Melvin to come again.

Christa said that the *Conservation Plan for Bremen* document needs to be updated. It was suggested that we should review our goals as a committee; "something needs to be done about the scope". We need to map out our priorities.

Christa will chair our next meeting on Wednesday December 5, 2018 at 5:00 at the library.

Virginia formally resigned as a member and has become an associate member. We are all sad and also very grateful that she plans to continue as an associate member, starting at our next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45

Our next meeting is December 5 starting at 5:00 PM.

Thanks, Terry Marsh (minute recorder for the BCC)