

Town of Bremen
Conservation Commission Minutes
Bremen Library Meeting Room
Monday, October 2, 2017

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

Selectman Liaison Excused: Wendy Pieh

BCC Member Excused: Juanita Roushdy

BCC Associate Members Excused: Mary Berger, Susan Davis, Judy Stephan

Virginia Betts was our chair for this meeting. The meeting opened at 5:05

We noted that there were no minutes from the September meeting.

Virginia will ask Kelly Clancy about the town calendar and when we need to submit our reports and request our expenses.

Daniel will be sworn in as a Bremen Conservation Commission member soon.

We thanked Kelly for all her help with Music Haul.

Mary V. proposed that the town needs a playground and walking trails for seniors. A gazebo, in a park where there could be puppet shows were some other ideas. There could be grant money to build a playground. The area immediately near the library and the town center would be great. We agreed that this is an excellent idea and to review our statement of purpose.

The Music Haul event was wonderful and we felt it was really great to be working together with the library.

Ann said that the permanent display about the Conservation Commission at the Town Office should be improved and more prominently displayed. Also that eventually it would be good to have a brochure.

We next talked about trail maintenance. Christa will liaison with the Bremen school board to get students involved. Possibly Lincoln Academy students could do independent projects using our trails. We would like to develop a partner at Lincoln Academy to explore these ideas. Christa will talk to Charles Symone. It was felt that dates for trail maintenance will be set for next spring at a subsequent meeting. We should have a regular schedule, with specific days. Perhaps pick a day a month from April through September. We next talked about Clam Island. It was noted that a small discreet sign with a map of the trail would be a good idea. A phrase like "please respect this beautiful place.." could be part of the sign. We talked about the issue of fires, and felt that it is not good to be ambiguous about fires. The fire pit that was spread apart was under trees. It was suggested to ask MITA what they recommend. We thought perhaps a safe fire pit is a good idea. We plan to visit Clam Island Oct 14 at 8:00, meeting at the town dock.

Terry will be the BCC representative for the Oct 5 Selectman meeting.

Ann Nesslage will attend the Oct 19 meeting.

Mary V. will chair the next meeting November 6 at 5 at the Bremen Library

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05

Respectfully submitted by Terry Marsh

Report on Selectman meeting October 5 2017

I reported on our Oct 2 meeting:

We are talking about how wonderful it would be to have a playground and walking trails for seniors near the library and town center. Everyone concurred that they liked this idea. There was no answer to my question of is this something for the Conservation Commission, so I take that as take the ball and run with it!

Hank noted that where it is mowed is the town property. Hank also suggested that a tennis court/ basketball court would be good. He also wishes that senior housing could be built.

It was noted that there could be grant money for a playground.

We are interested in having a small discreet sign on Clam Island. The selectmen did not really say yes or no....

Then the meeting continued on other topics.

Reported by Terry Marsh