

Town of Bremen
Conservation Commission Approved Minutes
Bremen Library
March 6, 2019

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

BCC member Excused: Daniel Ungier

Selectman Liaison Present: Wendy Pieh

BCC Associate Members Present: Mary Berger

BCC Associate Members Excused: Susan Davis, Virginia Betts

Christa Thorpe was our chair for this meeting. The meeting opened at 5:32

We moved, seconded and voted to approve the February 5, 2019 minutes.

We briefly talked about the proposed sign that we hope will be placed adjacent to the doggie waste bag dispenser at the Hay Conservation and Recreation Area lower parking area. It should read: "Clean Up After Your Dog-Protect the Clam Flats".

Wendy will propose/ask the following question at the next select board meeting: Can we have our associate members vote in the absence of enough regular members?

Wendy will also ask the following: We request to be a committee of 7 total voting members.

Christa distributed a handout from the Town of St George Conservation Commission: *Duties of the Conservation Commission*. We want to better define our role in relation to the town government. Wendy noted that we are already fitting well with the town government. Mary V. noted that it is vital that one of us attends the select board meetings. There followed a talk about our mission. The language describing the purposes of the Fund for Land Conservation when it was established needs to be found and reviewed.

Our next subject was the need for a chairperson, not a rotating chairperson. We moved seconded and voted to elect Ann Nesslage to be our chairperson.

Mary Voskian reported on the work of the Bremen Town Center Project Committee. She plans to submit a grant request for a planner for playgrounds. We agreed that the *Public Playground Safety Handbook* should be printed at the town office and the costs payed from our operating expenses.

We would like to include spending up to \$100.00 for training and education for our members. An example would be attendance at a conference or workshop. Christa suggested we may want to participate at the upcoming Maine Coast Heritage Trust Maine Land Conservation Conference on April 5 and 6.

We moved, seconded and voted to approve spending up to \$100.00 for training.

The budget request to the town from the Conservation Commission is due March 15. Christa will review last years request and submit our new request.

Ann will find out when our submission for the town report is due.

Christa has shared the Scarborough report on the economic value of open space. We all will review it. It was noted that having the Fund for Land Conservation is a benefit when applying for grants.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38

Our next meeting is April 3, 2019 starting at 5:30 PM.

Thanks, Terry Marsh (minute recorder for the BCC)