

Meeting Minutes Bremen Town Center Project Committee

Date: June 18, 2019

Meeting Leader: Mary Voskian

Attendees: Joe Vitti, Joan Ray

Absentees: Jane Carroll, Elaine Milardo, Daniel Ungier, David Thorpe

Note: Prior to the meeting, committee members present met at 5:30 PM to walk the site of the future play/recreation area. Due to the very high grass and other vegetation, members were unable to walk the actual site. They were able to walk on the mowed pathway from the town hall to the ball field. This allowed for a view of the field which is in very good condition and the many large invasive roses along a drainage area which will probably require a backhoe for removal at a future time. Looking at the site of the play/recreation area, members discussed asking the town to mow a path to the area and either mowing a circle indicating the site or mowing the whole play/recreation site. This would be done just prior to the next meeting of the BTCP Committee on July 23, 2019.

Meeting began at 6:00 PM

Approved Minutes from May 7, 2019 meeting.

Report on BTCP Committee as an ad hoc committee:

Mary asked members to refer to the proposal made to the Bremen Select Board. The Select Board approved the change from a recreational subcommittee of the Bremen Conservation Commission to an ad hoc committee. Mary will remain on the BTCP Committee, but has resigned from the BCC. The BTCP Committee will need to develop a mission statement to submit to the Select Board. The Select Board will be appointing members to the committee at the June 20, 2019 Select Board meeting and members need to go to the town office to be sworn in if they have not already done so.

Report on visits to parks and trails on June 14, 2019 by Mary V. and Mary B., Jane and Joan.

First Stop: A path and trail system at the Sussman Hospice Center in Rockport. This stop provided interesting possibilities for a future path/trail system. There was a wood chip path with wooden exercise stations and signage. Another wide gravel path provided for easy access. Bricks with names offered the idea of a funding source.

Second Stop: Belfast Park. This well established play area was filled with children of all ages giving members an idea of the play areas most popular with the kids. The hill slide, tunnel,

large disk swing, and the many bushes and small climbing trees seemed to be the most popular sections of the park. Members came away with many ideas.

Third Stop: Unity, "Field of Dreams" Park. The emphasis was on playing fields of which there were several. This was a lovely setting on a lake, but very different from the concept of the play/recreation area at BTC.

Needs: There was a brief discussion of the committee needs outlined in the May 7, 2019 BTCP Committee meeting. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting because of the many absentees.

Next Steps:

Mary, Jane, and Joe will visit Juniper Hill School and director Ann Stires on June 26, 2019 and report back to the rest of the committee.

Mary B. will be asked to report on her conversation with George Keyes about the grant received in the building of the Dresden trail.

Mary will check with Joelle LaClair on the survey – her land abuts the town property.

Kevin will check on the setback requirements from the septic field and the location of the property survey pins.

Mary will inquire about the town mowing the play/recreation site and a path to it before the July 23, 2019 committee meeting.

Jane and Mary will continue to develop a fundraising plan and a budget.

The committee will discuss compiling a list for the play/recreation area at the next meeting.

The committee will discuss getting a planner for the play/recreation area. Applying for an ASK Grant for this will also be discussed.

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Voskian

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 5:30 PM. Walk the Site first.