

Town of Bremen  
Conservation Commission Minutes  
Video Conference Call  
February 3, 2021

BCC Members Present: Ann Nesslage, chair; Mary Berger; Susan Davis; Walter Radloff  
BCC Associate Members Present:  
Selectman Liaison Present: Wendy Pieh

Visitors Present: Arnold Banner, Joan Ray, Jack Boak, Ruth Ferry, Kelsey Kalbacher

The meeting was opened at 5:05 pm  
Minutes were approved with corrections

**Listing of town properties, update, Susan Davis**

There has been some feedback from abutters on Creek Road about the Creek Road Landing. The concern is increased traffic and parking issues. It was also pointed out that there may be water quality issues because of run off from rotting clam shells on property that runs into the creek. There is also erosion at the landing. BCC will follow up with the town on those two issues and assure neighbors that the landing will only be listed on the town website. Signage will be determined at a later date.

Susan has yet to meet with Jim Murphy to clarify boundaries of the town properties. She expects this to be done Feb 10 when he is in the town office.

**Quaker Cemetery**

Ann has sited a reference to the cemetery in the "History of Bremen and Bristol", pg 428. Names of quakers in Bremen are mentioned and include Keene, Farrar and Hilton. It is suggested a historical marker be placed at the site which is on Rte 32 across from Blair Pyne's home. The town mows the area.

**Other**

Discussion of write up about the Town Forest property. All agreed it is well done but it is lengthy in it's entirety for a quick read at the kiosk. Walter will suggest ways to use at the kiosk. It will be used in it's entirety at least on the website. To be determined

**Weston Spring**

The discussion was extensive and it will be reported following the outline developed last month for ease of tracking progress.

**2. Survey**

Jack Boak suggests a new survey is necessary. Discussion followed that the current deed is very descriptive and appropriate for the current needs. It will avoid the expense of a new survey.

3. Spring water quality. J Boak says test showed coliform and the structure around the spring is compromised. Kelsey states that the shallow spring which is on a slope is subject to runoff and that the structure itself could be the cause. Water should be tested again this summer as well as the lake water near the spring.

Should the goal to have the water potable? Kelsey states that potable water must reach much higher standards set by the state and the EPA. This may or may not be feasible. She will explore possible relationships with schools or universities to determine if there is interest in using the spring as a research project.

Kelsey will also research the ideal housing for a spring of this type.

Septic systems may not be an issue if water quality test results determine that they are not involved.

#### Access to property

Mary and Jack state there is possible parking for two cars on the Bremen owned property beside the driveway. The need to involve the abutters was clear for several reasons: One is the use of the property which is relatively undiscovered, two, education about lake health. It was noted that vegetative buffer on town property had been cut along the water's edge.

There are also two parking spaces up near the road by #13 Folger.

#### Trees

The property needs to be assessed by a tree expert to determine if any are a danger to nearby houses or individuals using the property. The town may have someone they prefer to use. If not, Steve Nichols is highly recommended. Susan suggests evaluation is often done free of charge and costs are incurred when the work is done. It is the towns responsibility to take care of the land, not the abutter.

#### **Action steps for the Weston spring**

Ann will ask the town for more testing and to evaluate the tree situation.

Kelsey will look in to housing for the spring and reach out to schools etc to determine interest.

Abutter relationships. Mary Berger had ideas about this and has made some contact

#### Other

Ann will ask town to test water at Creek Rd this summer, and to look into erosion

Susan will follow up with property project and include the Quaker Cemetery

#### **Dog waste**

Initiated by concerns of Wendy Pieh about potential contamination of clam flats.

Waldoboro has had issues and Bremen is investigating sources of contamination in Bremen.

Any trail that is close to water needs to have dog waste containers and bags available. It was agreed that is appropriate for the Town Forest trail and the Hay property. Hay already has one at the bottom of the road but it was suggested to have one at the top as well. Discussion of who will empty waste containers.....perhaps Regional Rubbish could do this. The need for education around this was brought up. Wendy states leashes may be required if this isn't resolved. Goose droppings could also be of concern. This will be on the agenda in March and may be brought up at BOS meeting earlier.

**Budget.** Will ask for the 3K that goes toward land conservation fund as advised by Wendy Pieh. And 2 K for future BCC expenses. Coastal Rivers will estimate cost of raw materials for the Town Forest trails bridges etc and the 2 K will go toward that.

Next meeting Wednesday March 3, 2021  
Meeting was adjourned at 6:20.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Davis