

Town of Bremen
Conservation Commission Minutes
Video Conference Call
October 5, 2022

BCC Members Present: Ann Nesslage, chair; Susan Davis, Mary Berger, Kerry Kohnert
BCC Associate Members Present:
Selectman Liaison Present: Wendy Pieh
Visitors Present: , Joan Ray

Meeting opened: 5:05 pm

September minutes approved

BOS report

Nothing pertinent to report to BCC

Trail work day

Walter Radloff and Kerry Kohnert trimmed up some problem areas but in general the trail is in good shape.

Coastal Rivers has scheduled a trail work day for October 20. They plan to accomplish the last two bog bridges and extend another bridge to cover the last wet spot. Brad Weigel is the new steward at Coastal Rivers and will take responsibility for materials needed and suggested budget. It is suggested that Brad look at the wooden stairs on one part of the trail and determine if they need to be improved. Welcome Brad. We look forward to working with you.

Clam Island

Susan Davis reports that the signage is up that states recommendations for enjoying the island and trail. They are placed at the north west and southern ends of the island next to the orange triangle markers. Kevin Redline placed them.

Bittersweet was tackled by Mary and Dick Briggs on the east side trail and Susan Davis and Martha Frink discovered more one east shore and removed it.

Right now there is no way of knowing who uses the trail. It was suggested we put up a game camera and review at the end of the summer.

Hilton O' Conner trail

BCC members comment on the transformation of the trail in the last year. New signage is clear and plentiful, trails are maintained and there is new kiosk. Ideas for generating interest in the trail were discussed.

Newspaper article(s) were suggested as a lead project. Pictures need to be included with ideas for using the trail in all seasons. .

Other ideas: story walks though the library, fairy houses in a planned area, school group walks, pumpkin trail.

Bremen trails map Mary Sue Weeks is now able to focus on the project. A plan needs to be established with monthly reports and a deadline for next spring so it would be ready for the summer season.

Town Forest Signs

The sign on Rte 32 should remain with an addition of a Coastal Rivers sign with logo below it. To include Hilton O'Connor trail at this point would be too busy to be effective. Another sign with Hilton O'Connor Trail Parking would be ideal. The parking is along side the old town meeting house across from the fire station.

Hilton O'Connor (HOC) Trail map.

There is a small version of the one in the kiosk that is available through Coastal Rivers. It is suggested it be included in the town report as an insert. It could also be sent via the town list serve. This would be ideal if sent around the time of LCN article.

Hillside trail

Need to determine the end of the trail and explore whether the large rock formation immediately off the trail on the south side could be a point of interest. Currently the trail is not a loop trail which is of more interest to hikers. Coastal Rivers has some suggestions but it will require some research and cooperation of abutting landowners and is not a pressing concern for them.

Weston Spring Plaque

Ann Nesslage states that the boulder designated for the plaque is waiting for frozen ground and will be established this winter.

Adjourned 5:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Davis