

Town of Bremen
Conservation Commission Minutes
Video Conference Call
July 5, 2023

BCC Members Present: Ann Nesslage, chair, Kerry Kohnert, Walter Radloff, Susan Davis

BCC Associate Members Present:

Selectman Liaison Present: Wendy Pieh

Visitors Present: Brad Weigel, Joan Ray, Naomi Martin

Meeting opened: 5:03 pm

Trail work on Hilton O'Connor

Because of the weather in the last month, trails have been in need of work which has been started. It was noted there has been a change of mowing personnel and some areas on the Hilton O'Connor property have been overlooked. The appropriate procedure was outlined by Ann Nesslage that any needed work by the town should go through the chair of BCC or Terry Marsh the acknowledged steward of the property.

Terry will supply the town with a map of the areas needed to be mowed with the help of Kerry Kohnert who has been instrumental in the maintenance of the trails.

Thank you Bremen for finding the funds to cover the mowing needed.

Future needs. Kerry noted 3 areas that are experiencing erosion because of the unusual amount of rain. The areas are very close to the steep embankment which are potentially hazardous. Brad Weigel from CRCT is very attentive to such situations and will help modify the trail to be farther away from the bank.

The need for more volunteers to work on the trail was discussed. However, the steward should keep BCC apprised of the condition on a regular basis and need for more help.

Chocolate Sunday may include trail walks by Coastal Rivers. The need for the trails to be in good shape was discussed. CRCT will help as needed. Thank you again CRCT.

Clam Island

Susan Davis reports that Clam Island is in good shape with no issues from the recent rains. Trails are clear and well maintained. Blazes have been repainted. Two members on the call expressed interest in visiting Clam Is. S Davis agrees to take them out.

Shell middens. Middens on Clam Island and other areas of town was discussed. It is best to keep locations undisclosed to the public because of over zealous unprofessional diggers who destroy the sites for any historical documentation. This has been observed in Bremen. BCC supports recommendations to only let professional, state sanctioned archeologists investigate sites. There is a group of volunteers sanctioned by the state determine which sites are at risk of erosion etc. Midden Minders.

Security at Hay Property. The person who has been staying at the Hay property overnight was discussed. Ann has been receiving fewer complaints and hopes the Sheriff's dept has been taking care of the situation. BCC supports extra money to support more patrols in Bremen in the next years fiscal budget and the use of cameras on the site.

Budget

Billing for the new map of areas in Bremen accessible to the public. Ann will clarify if Mary Sue Weeks has billed the town and what BCC's portion is.

Hillside trail improvements will follow CRCT guidance as they incorporate newly acquired land abutting the Hillside trail.

Adjourned at 5:55

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Davis