

Town of Bremen
Conservation Commission Minutes
Video Conference Call
Tuesday, April 30, 2024

This meeting was changed to Tuesday instead of the regular Wednesday to avoid a conflict with the celebration of town wide Wi Fi being held on Wednesday May 1.

BCC Members Present: Ann Nesslage, chair, Susan Davis, Kerry Kohnert, Mary Berger

Selectman Liaison Present: Wendy Pieh

Visitors Present: Joan Ray

April minutes approved.

Chair report:

Terry Marsh resigned as steward of the Hilton O'Connor trail siting other pressing commitments. Kerry Kohnert will assume that role. She has been working closely with Coastal Rivers on many projects at the trail resulting in a seamless transition.

Thank you Brad Weigel of Coastal Rivers for all the assistance with trail planning and maintenance.

Starting with Habitat presentation. It has been decided that there will be only one presentation with the focus on coastal threats resulting from more intense storms and warming temperatures. In addition to a presentation, a panel representing different aspects including impact on fisheries, shoreland, mitigation, etc. Suggested panelists include Boe Marsh, Eric Snyder, Corrine, Sarah Gladu.

Tentative date is July 10 at the town office. 4 pm. This will coincide with high tide to avoid a conflict with clammers.

Publicity for the event will include handouts at the Patriotic Club Luncheon July 9 and at the July 2, pie sale. Trail maps will also be distributed.

Solar farms. BCC is pleased that the BOS are planning to have an ordinance to address solar farms in Bremen. Several neighboring towns have solar farm proposals and also have ordinances that define projects and protect the town.

Hilton O'Connor Trail

Kerry Kohnert planned and coordinated a walk led by Brad Weigel that included invasive identification and live staking of plants at a site that has erosion. Several members of the town participated. A vernal pool with amphibian eggs was identified.

Bog Bridge. Attempt will be made May 8 by Brad Weigel to retrieve and reset the bog bridge that was washed away in the winter storms

Sim card had been stolen from the camera on the trail. The theft was reported to the sheriff's department. A new sim card was provided by the town office with labels stating town property.

Hay Property

Trash cans, port a potty. Some cleanup provided by town. Shoreline still loaded with debris.

Steve Page

Thank you for

- 1) picking up and storing benches for HOC trail
- 2) Weston Spring for siting plaque etc (fill this in)

Hillside trail

Maine Forest Service employees, Jared and Alyssa Gregory are developing a program that will include the Hillside cemetery history and trees. A walk on Hillside trail may be included. There is an idea about a cemetery ghost tour.

Invasive Program

May 16. KLSWCD representative Rebeca Jacobs will meet with some of the BCC members and public for a discussion of invasives and a walk through the town properties to identify problem areas. S Davis will work on the structure of the day long program.

Town Landing work

BCC is pleased that there will be a presentation May 7, 6 pm by the engineering firm that will perform work on the erosion and other issues at the town landing.

Kerry conferences

Industrious Kerry is planning on attending several conferences that focus on climate change and the effect of the environment including animal migration, effect on trees and other local flora.

Jumping worms

Have been found in the area. Not native, so have no predators. They are a serious threat to soil by destroying nutrients and the integrity of the soil. Be careful where you get soil from it may be contaminated. There is no method to control them to date.

BCC will ask town to send out information about them to alert residents of this new threat.

Adjourned 6:13 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Davis

