Town of Bremen Conservation Commission Video Conference Call August 8, 2024, 5 pm

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

Selectman Liaison Present:

Visitors Present: Joan Ray

July minutes approved

Chocolate Sunday

Ann Nesslage will clarify in the message the town sends out that Coastal Rivers will be present with information and lead walks on the Hilton O'Connor(HOC) trail. The table will be away from congestion points.

August 24 Trail work day. Susan Davis will lead

Mowing Issues on HOC

Considerable discussion about miscommunication between BCC and the town office about areas to be mowed. BCC has provided a map to areas that need to mowed and have been mowed in previous years but apparently the current mowers never received. BCC was not allowed to speak with mowers directly according to the town clerk. Because of overgrown areas, Coastal Rivers staff mowed. BCC feels they are overqualified for this work and their expertise should be used for planning and implementation of broader goals.

Ann N will bring this issue up again with the BOS and again request that the mowing be properly carried out. BCC will happily point out to the mowers what needs to be done. Whether this will be done this year will be discussed with BOS.

It is the responsibility of BCC to see that the trails are maintained in a safe as well as ideal condition for conservation of valuable town property,

<u>Solar Committee.</u> BCC would like to be informed of the committee's work and progress. S Davis will look into the status of the group and ask to receive updates.

Integrated Pest Management. Kerry Kohnert has extensive information on this topic.

Invasive Plants update. BCC waiting for the management plan from Know Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation. Need a plan before applying for grants. Sources of grants discussed.

Discussion of future town wide presentation on pests.

Meeting adjourned 5:55 pm

Respectfully submitted, Susan Davis