

Town of Bremen
Conservation Commission Video Conference Call
December 16, 2024, 5 pm

BCC Members Present: Ann Nesslage, chair, Susan Davis, Walter Radloff,
Naomi Martin
Selectman Liaison:
Visitors Present: Joan Ray

November minutes approved

Proposal for the control of invasives at Hilton O'Conner Trail

Bob Barkalow submitted a detailed proposal to the BCC at BCC's request. The proposal was discussed and members of BCC support it and recommend that we begin to implement it this year. It should be pointed out that this is a multiyear project. Because HOC is town property, BCC will discuss the proposal with the Board of Selectman and determine the budget for the project.

Literature on acceptable practices for control of invasives will be collected to help inform BOS persons. Also, background on Mr. Barkalow will be provided.

Japanese Knotweed and bittersweet behind the fire station was discussed. The stands of invasives are dense and will continue to prevent native vegetation from growing. BCC strongly recommends that the town of Bremen begin to control the invasives here.

Invasives on the Hay property and land surrounding the town office were also discussed but the priority will be HOC/Town Forest.

Picnic Table for HOC

Discussion of cost of table to accommodate wheel chairs. It was suggested by Joan Ray that we use plans from Coastal Rivers and have it made locally. BCC will provide materials and ideally find a volunteer to build it.

Solar Ordinance discussion

BCC agrees that the ordinance is complex and our backgrounds are not suitable to critique it in any detail. We do agree that it is important to preserve the rural character of the town and hope that large scale installations that will effect property owners will not be permitted.

Next meeting

Date to be determined either the 8th or 15th of January because of member conflicts

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm

Respectfully submitted, Susan Davis