Town of Bremen Conservation Commission Minutes June 5, 2024

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

Mary Berger, Walter Radloff Selectman Liaison Present: Visitors Present: Joan Ray

May minutes approved

July 10 Meeting, 4pm Wednesday

Strengthening and Protecting Our Shoreland

Presentation and Panel Discussion: was the primary focus of the meeting. Planning for the audience, refreshments, handouts etc

Speakers Corrine. Maine Fisheries and Wildlife

Boe Marsh, Eric Snyder (Audubon), Joan Ray (CR)

Target Audience

Shorleland owners, working waterfront, all residents

Final details are being worked out

Microphone available at town office??

Discussion of how to publicize: posters at town office, library, church, fire station, town email etc.

refreshments

Invasive Plants in Bremen notebook is now at town office and library. Thanks to Susan Davis. Joan Ray suggests adding wild parsnip to the listed invasives

Invasive Plants Project

Committee met with Rebecca Jacobs of Knox Lincoln soil and Water Conservation District for 1 ½ days. A presentation was followed by walking town property, HOC and Hay identifying invasive plants and plotting locations. A management program for HOC will be provided. Invasives are widespread and prolific. Expensive to deal with. Next step is to explore grants available. Invasive work at HOC is ongoing.

Other concerns

Hay Property

Needs a management plan. We hope to work with Coastal Rivers in the fall on this. Erosion and invasives are the main environmental issues. Dangerous limb and deep hole need to be addressed ASAP.

Property abutter complained to the group about night time activity. He contacts the Sherriff but that is not enough. Need cameras.

Clam Island Fine shape. Susan Davis stewards and has been doing trail work. No storm damage!

HOC Planting 24 native plants planted with help of CR. Kerry spearheaded this project. More plants will be planted on the banks by the stream to help prevent erosion Tire tracks are seen in the field and not identified. NOT GOOD **Benches** ready to go in but deciding on how to secure and who will do it