

Town of Bremen  
Conservation Commission Video Conference Call  
October 1, 2025 5 pm

BCC Members Present: Ann Nesslage, chair, Susan Davis, Naomi Martin, Walter Radloff,  
Associate member present:  
Selectman Liaison Present:  
Coastal Rivers Liaison: Joan Ray  
Guests: Hal D'Alby, Melanie Pendelton

September 2025 Minutes approved as amended

**BOS meeting**

More members of the public attending.

Steve Barnes suggests "Beating of the Bounds" to be started. This is walking the boundaries of the town over time, a time honored tradition. BCC supports this and encourages as a way to develop interest among residents.

**Hay Property**

1. Large stones have not yet been placed at end of road on side of the field to discourage overnight parking/camping.
2. Neighbors attend BOS meeting and comment on use and misuse of property. This is helpful for all
3. Game camera. Useful at HOC to demonstrate wildlife and use. Would like Hay property wildlife documented
4. Signage. New sign are soon to be put up

**Wetlands**

Ann suggests we review the Wetlands document that Steve Wallace completed and comment if there are any additions to be considered

**Clam Island**

Susan Davis reports that trails are clear and well maintained. No issue with invasives. Naomi Martin and Joan Ray will coordinate with Susie for a trip out to the island.

**HOC**

Naomi Martin reports that she and several Coastal Rivers associates cleared some low hanging branches around the field and cleared some branches off the trails.

Game camera showed several animals including skunk, fox, turkey etc and walkers and dogs. Trails are being used.

### **Coastal Rivers**

Joan Ray pleased to announce that CR is under contract for 384 acres off Fogler Road on property owned by Elenor Kinney at a very favorable cost. The property is rich in natural features and wildlife including a heron rookery. She asks for a letter of support from BCC to help with grants for money for purchase. BCC is pleased to help and is delighted that the property will be conserved as well as having trails and access for the public.

### **TAX rolls**

Often there is criticism of preserving land because it removes it from the tax rolls. Joan Ray is determining the exact cost to tax payers in Bremen for all the land they are conserving. She estimates that it is in the \$2,000 dollar range and adds that Bremen doesn't need a parks department because Coastal Rivers builds trails and maintains them for residents and others to enjoy

### **Roadside invasives in Bremen**

Discussion of the possibility to start managing this. Melanie Pendleton states that it would be at the expense of the town and the monies are now used for priorities such as roadside brush removal. Grant money for this is scarce from all sources. BCC will consider use of some of it's budget for this purpose.

### **Other**

Invasive display at town office continues to get positive comments.

Japanese stilt grass a new invasive threat in Maine but has not been seen locally.

Adjourned 5:45

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Davis