

Town of Bremen
Conservation Commission Video Conference Call
Wednesday January 7, 2026. 5 pm

BCC Members Present: Ann Nesslage, chair, Susan Davis, Naomi Martin, Mary Berger, Hal D'Alby, Walter Radloff

Associate member present:

Selectman Liaison Present:

Coastal Rivers Liaison: Brad Weigel

Guests:

December minutes approved

BOS Meeting: Cheryl Ferrara is the lead to coordinate the development of the Comprehensive Plan. A letter asking for volunteers will be sent to residents. BCC will be represented and can recommend experts as needed.

BCC reported on ongoing and future projects.

A lengthy discussion of the quality of brush cutting in Medomak was had. Some residents in that area of town felt that the resulting work was poorly done.

Coastal Rivers: Brad Weigel reports that their strategic framework is being updated and want feedback from BCC. All towns in the area that work with CRCT will also be asked for feedback input on the plan. The large amount of land conserved in Bremen by CRCT was highlighted and the fact that almost all is open to the public for recreation or hunting,

Map of trails in Bremen update. It is planned that the update will be completed and printed before the June town meeting. The artist, Mary Sue Weeks will be available to work on it and has graciously offered to volunteer her time in honor of her sister who is responsible for the Hilton O'Connor trail. Prices for printing have been obtained, Coastal Rivers will update the map portion. It is suggested to **change the color of the cover** to distinguish the new pamphlet from the old one.

Budget. Remaining budget for this year will go towards reprinting the map/brochure and Bob Barkalow for his continued work on invasives on Hilton O'Connor trail. In addition, he will be asked to assess the invasives on the Hay Property.

Hay Property. Native flora and fauna on the property will start to be cataloged to help identify the importance of fields and open space. A document will be developed to discuss best practices for field management and benefits to native plants, insects and other wildlife. This will be on the BCC website. Coastal Rivers will work on this with BCC.

Threat to trees program. BCC will begin to plan a program for residents that will discuss the threats and management to hemlock, ash and other trees by disease and insects. This will held in summer.

Hilton O'Connor Trail. Naomi Martin reports that the camera isn't functioning and will determine the fix. She has seen evidence of walkers and cross country skiers.

Adjourned 6:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davis