

Town of Bremen
Conservation Commission Video Conference Call
Wednesday March 4, 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: Tom Papell

Coastal Rivers Liaison: Brad Weigel

February minutes approved

Hay Property

Discussion of mowing in front of benches to keep view open but keep vegetation to prevent erosion. Erosion from sea water is an issue. Will assess in Spring.

Spotted knapweed control around boulders discussed. Danger of spreading by equipment not the issue. Spread by dispersing of seeds in late summer. If kept cut back, no seeds to set.

Budget

Map project moved to next year because lands and trails anticipated to be controlled by Coastal Rivers will not be completed in time for publication of town report, where the map was to be distributed. Invasive control will continue with this years budget.

Septic System awareness. BCC would like to include an informational piece in the town report reminding people of the importance of septic system maintenance, companies available and a \$25 discount offered. Septic systems continue to be overlooked by many homeowners with harmful effects on environment (lakes, streams and ocean) Roy Griffin and Ideal companies noted

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Coastal Rivers trail work etc. Will continue to help with Hilton O'Connor trails and help with invasives on Hay property. Hope to have volunteers.

Discussion of Hillside property and partnering with Coastal Rivers because CR has adjacent property and may design a better trail network than the current Hillside trail which is an old logging road in need of much work .

Threat to trees presentation Planned for July 15th Wednesday. Time to be determined. Topics include tree diseases and pests, resources etc.

Comprehensive Plan suggestions by Hal D'Alby for topics to be included. BCC will discuss next month. Tom Papell shared that the biggest issue for Bremen will be the state required growth zone which is easier for larger towns to accommodate.

Native Plant Project. Will have a display at town office of benefits of native plants (that many describe as weeds)

Ball field. BCC supports the plans for the restoration of the Ballfield and suggests that more mowing could help control invasive plants.

Porta potty Discussion of surround to make it easier for company to maintain.

Thank you notes for support over the years to Joan Ray of Coastal Rivers and Wendy Pieh (BOS)

Having Tom Papell at our meetings is very helpful. He brings issues that effect BCC and solutions are discussed making it more efficient for all.

Adjourned 6:08 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davis