

About the Bremen Conservation Commission

In 2006 the Town of Bremen established a five-member Conservation Commission for the purpose of conserving land and open space in Bremen. One of the first Commission's first acts was to define its mission, as follows:

The mission of the Bremen Conservation Commission is to work with town citizens, government agencies and natural resource organizations to conserve undeveloped land in Bremen that will maintain the rural character of the town, protect its water resources, preserve wildlife habitat and provide recreational opportunities.

The Commission decided the first step in carrying out its mission was to develop a Conservation Plan for Bremen. To do this, the Commission has:

- Held two forums to learn public opinions on conserving lands in Bremen.
- Sponsored three public informational presentations: "Beginning with Habitat," "Alewives and other Anadromous Fish," and "Conservation Easements."
- Sought information and advice from Medomak Valley Land Trust, Pemaquid Watershed Association, Damariscotta River Association, Maine Audubon Society, Maine Association of Conservation Commissions, Friends of Mid-Coast Maine, GrowSmart Maine, and other organizations.
- Completed a list of Conservation Easements in Bremen and prepared a town map portraying easements, town-owned lands and rights of way, tree-growth and open-space lands, essential wildlife habitat areas, wetlands, special spots selected by the public, developed sites, and other features.
- Worked with Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association GIS Support Center to prepare large computerized versions of maps depicting conservation features.
- Is working with Medomak Valley Land Trust's Stewardship Committee on plans to manage the 165-acre Karl F. Berger Preserve on Bremen Long Island.
- Participates in the annual Medomak River Festival.
- Proposed articles for Town Meeting to establish and fund a town conservation account.
- Joined the Maine Association of Conservation Comissions and attended several meetings.

Getting Involved

Would you like to work with the Conservation Commission? We are looking for associate members to help implement some of the strategies outlined in the Conservation Plan, such as appointment of a recreation subcommittee, developing plans for the Berger Preserve, and promoting stewardship. If you would like to work with us or have any questions, please leave a message at the Town Office (529-5945) or contact us by email bcc@tidewater.net.

Please attend one of our regularly scheduled meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7 p.m in the Bremen Town Center. Everyone is welcome. We also sponsor several information forums a year on various conservation topics. These will be announced in the local newspaper and at the Town Office, Library and Post Office.

The Town of Bremen has established a Conservation Account for the purpose of acquiring land, easements and rights-of-way to maintain open space for Bremen's future. If you are interested in contributing to this account, you may send donations to Conservation Account, Town of Bremen, P.O. Box 171, Bremen, ME 04551.

Get Involved - Attend a meeting of the Bremen Conservation Commission

Consultations and Contacts

Natural Resource Organizations and Government Agencies

Damariscotta River Association, www.draclt.org, Steven Hufnagel, Lands Officer
Harbor Committee, Town of Bremen, Olivia Atherton, Chairman
Island Institute, www.islandinstitute.org, Shey Conover
Maine Audubon Society, www.maineaudubon.org, Seth Benz, Director, Hog Island
Camp
Maine Association of Conservation Commissions, www.meacc.net, Bob Shafto,
Executive Director
Maine Coast Heritage Trust, www.mcht.org, Betsy Ham, Project Manager
Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, Steve Walker
Medomak Valley Land Trust, www.medomakvalley.org, Liz Petruska, Executive
Director
Pemaquid Watershed Association, www.pemaquidwatershed.org, Donna Minnis,
Executive Director
National Audubon Society, www.audubon.org, Debi Osborne, Director of Real
Estate
Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association, www.sheepscot.org, Paul Hoffman,
GIS Support Center
Shellfish Committee, Town of Bremen, Lisa Prior, Chairman

Landowners

Thomas and Ellen Kaplan-Maxfield
Dan Goldenson

Public Meetings and Workshops

Public Forum to Share Conservation Ideas, November 15, 2006
Beginning With Habitat Presentation, January 24, 2007, Steve Walker, Program
Coordinator, Maine Dept of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Slideshow presentation on Alewives and other Anadromous Fish, May 24, 2007,
Don Austin, Coordinator for the Medomak River Alewife Enhancement Project.
Conservation Easement Workshop, July 25, 2007, Liz Petruska, Executive Director,
Medomak Valley Land Trust and Preston Kelley, Pemaquid Watershed Association
River Fest, Waldoboro, September 1, 2007 & August 30, 2008, sponsored by the
Medomak Valley Land Trust.

Conferences

Maine Association of Conservation Commissions, Regional Conference,
Lincolntonville, ME, October 25, 2007

Other References/Resources

- Boothbay Region Land Trust, www.brlt.org, *The Economics of Conservation*, Boothbay Register, March 22, 2007.
- Brookings Institution, *Charting Maine's Future: An Action Plan for Promoting Sustainable Prosperity and Quality Places*, 2006.
www.brookings.edu/reports/2006/10cities.aspx
A Profile of Mid-Coast Maine: Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, and Waldo Counties.
Use URL above and click on Project Links, Midcoast.
- Bureau of Land & Water Quality, Maine Department of Environmental Quality, [The Buffer Handbook](http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docwatershed/bufb.htm), www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docwatershed/bufb.htm
- Cooperative Extension, University of Maine, and Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Safe Home Program*, fact sheets and works sheets to help understand how to protect your health, the health of your family and the safety of your drinking water. Contact local extension office.
- Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. *Open Space Conservation Strategy*.
www.fs.fed.us/openspace Information on Open Space Strategy and other information about conserving open space.
- Friends of Mid-Coast Maine, 5 Free St., Camden ME 04843
www.friendsmidcoast.org Helps people develop an effective voice for the protection of our natural and cultural legacy, while planning for the healthy growth of their community. Helps communities identify and save what is valued, while promoting change in a way that serves us now and is sustainable for generations to come.
- GrowSmart Maine, 81 Bridge St., Yarmouth, ME 04096; www.growsmartmaine.org
Various "Educational Briefs" designed to help people understand the issues and some of the possible tools, techniques, and resources available to accommodate growth that protects our quality of life and the unique character of our State.
- Maine Association of Conservation Commission, www.meacc.net Information about conservation commissions in Maine; list of known commissions.
- Maine Audubon, 20 Gilsland Farm Rd., Falmouth, ME 04005.
www.maineaudubon.org
Conserving Wildlife in Maine's Shoreland Habitat, Loon Protection, and other publications and information.
- Maine Farmland Trust www.maineFarmlandtrust.org, Fact Sheets and other information on saving Maine's farmland.

Pemaquid Watershed Association, PO Box 552, Damariscotta, ME 04543.

www.pemaquidwatershed.org , *Pemaquid Ponders Packets*.

Includes: The Lake Book; Lakes Like Less Lawns; Be LakeSmart; Maine's Lake Plants; Be Aware of Aquatic Invaders; A Laker's Dozen; Why YardScape; and other publications useful to lake front property owners.

Quebec-Labrador Foundation, Inc., www.qlf.org, Muscongus Bay Atlas, Jennifer F. Atkinson and Stephen T. Engle (2008), Ipswich, MA, 50 pp.

Small Woodland Owners of Maine, 153 Hospital St., PO Box 836, Augusta, ME 04332-0836; www.swoam.org, Provides education and promotes stewardship for small woodland owners.

Please Note: we have provided website addresses of organizations, government agencies, references and resource material throughout this document for your convenience. However, web addresses change and you may find that a site is no longer available. If you do, please contact us at BCC@tidewater.net so that we may correct the address or delete.

Thank you.

The Bremen Conservation Commission

Conservation Easements in Bremen

No.	Location	Holder	Grantor	Acres	Date of Grant
1.	Bremen Long Island, Map 8, Lot 25	Audubon Society	Hockomock Corporation	44	87
2.	Bremen Long Island, Map 5, Lot 10	Audubon Society	Elizabeth B. Noyce to Lincoln Audubon Society	70	12/28/77
3.	Storer Road Map 10, Lots 37, 35 (partial)	Damariscotta River Association	John and Kristi Hay	26	12/24/98
4.	Oar Island Map 4, Lot 1-1	Maine Dept. IF&W			
5.	Keene Island, Webber Pond Map 4, Lot 93	PWA	Joan Gregoire	6.5 of 9	12/02/02
6.	Wyman Way Map 4, Lot 74B	PWA	Bob Wheeler	4.3 minus residential areas	3/08/02
7.	Hungry Island Maps 5 & 8	Maine Coast Heritage Trust	Island Institute	140	8/01/06
8.	Cow Island Map 2, Lot 4	Maine Coast Heritage Trust	Madaleine Ryan	110	11/16/98
9.	Bremen Long Island Map 8, Lot 27	Medomak Valley Land Trust	Nature Conservancy (Trade Land)		10/07

(Permitted Structures and Notes continued on next page)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Permitted Structures</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1.	Building areas: I: built out w/cottage, outhouse, tent platform II: built out w/cottage, outhouse III: tent platform, dock – additional cottage permitted IV: built out w/cottage, tent platform, outhouse	Hog Island is appurtenant parcel; still owned by family members that make up the Hockomock Corporation (Briggs Family)
2.	Existing structures	Hog Island is appurtenant parcel; current fee owner is Donald and Jane Leeber
3.	Only minor rustic structures to enhance the opportunity for low-impact outdoor recreation, nature observation and study. No docks, floats or piers.	No general public access but grantors have the right to allow public access if such use has no adverse impact on natural and scenic character of the protected property.
4.		Eagle nest area
5.	Has existing sheep enclosure. 2.5 acres not subject to CE	No public access granted.
6.	16 ft. gravel driveway. One house each and accessory buildings allowed on two areas (one on Webber pond, one on shore road, not part of protected property.	No public access granted. Protected property between two residential areas.
7.	Protected area divided into “Building Area” of 9.5 acres and “Natural Area.” Within building area buildings not to exceed 20 ft. in height , tent platforms, decks, etc., may be constructed. Within natural area minor structures to accommodate low impact recreation allowed.	Island Institute conveyed the property to the Chewonki Foundation. Traditional low impact outdoor recreation allowed on protected property. Dispersed rustic overnight camping allowed.
8.	Existing structures only, which may be repaired or rebuilt.	No public use
9.	Forever Wild.	Encumbered property sold to private party.

This table contains Conservation Easements only. It does not include deeded preservation areas such as the property on Keene Neck deeded to the Audubon by the Goldensons; the Karl F. Berger Preserve on Bremen Long Island donated to the Medomak Valley Land Trust; or Audubon’s Todd Wildlife Sanctuary.