

BRISTOL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING – MINUTES MARCH 1, 2010

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Gordon Benner, Cerina Leeman and Paul Tierney

ALSO PRESENT: Bob Howell, Don Loprieno, Darcy Knof, Jenny Pendleton, and Laurie Chandler

Gordon called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

COLONIAL PEMAQUID: The Friends of Colonial Pemaquid, represented by Bob, brought a proposal to provide historical programming during Olde Bristol Days. Don, the director of summer programs, explained that one of their evening lantern walks would be rescheduled for Aug. 11 at 8 p.m., with a raindate the following evening. During the weekend, Jim Nelson, pirate interpreter, would do programs on Aug. 14 and 15 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. outside near the museum. The commissioners were very pleased with these additions to the OBD events and plan to include them in their advertising campaign.

OLDE BRISTOL DAYS TRANSPORTATION: Darcy, of Country Coach Charters, provided the shuttle bus transportation for Olde Bristol Days last year, which a record 1,100 people used. She provided the commissioners with a quote for transportation services for 2010, with a 10% discount if paid within the next 30 days. The quote includes the use of an additional van, in addition to the shuttle bus, as needed from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. The group discussed routes, scheduling, parking bans, and transportation during the parade. Gordon emphasized the need to provide frequent service to the beach.

OLDE BRISTOL DAYS: A donation of \$8,000, including \$5,000 for the lobster boat races, has been received in support of OBD. Jenny provided a wealth of helpful information for the planning of OBD. Among the issues discussed were the flags and banners, t-shirt order and existing inventory, tents, porta potties, fire permits, shuttle bus signs, Shriners parade participation, and advertising. It has been decided that the craft vendors will be given the option to sell either at the fort or the beach, so security will be needed at both locations.

MINUTES: On a motion by Paul, seconded by Cerina, the minutes from the February 15 meeting were unanimously accepted as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Cerina reported that the income for the month of February was \$132 and the expenses were \$8,378. The new savings account has been opened. The wedding coordinator's reports for the months of January and February were distributed and the issue of wedding passes discussed. Melanie has volunteered to print the wedding passes for 2010. On a motion by Paul, seconded by Cerina, it was unanimously decided to discontinue the use of wedding passes, as they are often not distributed to guests in advance as intended. The snack bar lessee has not yet renewed the snack bar lease for 2010.

PURCHASING: Gordon recommended the purchase of a display case for \$200 and a round display rack for \$25 from the Miles Memorial Thrift Shop, for displaying merchandise in the Learning Center. After discussing the issue, on a motion by Cerina, seconded by Paul, the commissioners voted unanimously to purchase just the display case. Paul shared information on a purchasing opportunity through GoMaine Commuter Connections to purchase new bike racks during March at an 80% discount. The commissioners will review the information and take action at their next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bristol Town Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Chandler, Secretary