

**Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
January 2, 2024**

Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Laurie Mahan, Sandra Lane

Also present: Shelley Gallagher, Pat Porter, John Porter

Meeting called to order at 6:03 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Laurie made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 19 meeting, approval, Sandra seconded, and motion carried.

New Business

A.

Old Business

- A. Plunge for a Purpose went really well. They had more than 50 people registered, and there were more than 100 people at the beach for the actual event. Being the first year there were a few hiccups, but they were easily solved. A storm had come in a couple of days before so the seaweed was really thick off the boardwalk. After discussing the risk of stepping on things under the seaweed with bare feet with Hearty Roots, it was decided to enter from the tractor path as there was not as much seaweed there. They had plenty of staff and volunteers there to set everything up, and also to clear a wide pathway on the beach so nobody was walking barefoot on the seaweed. Everything was finished, cleaned up, and everyone gone by 3. With how well it went and minimal work from us, this will probably become an annual event.
- B. The letter explaining the change to the float fees went to the Select Board. They had a couple of questions on the late fees but were ok with the changes and fees. They approved it so we will send the bills out to the float owners this week.
- C. We did a final run through of the budget before it is brought to the Select Board on Jan 17th. The salary amount was finalized per Select Board. It is still undecided if the mowing will be done by our Parks staff or if we hire a company to do it. McLain is not able to do the mowing in 2024. It was decided to put the same budget amount in as 2023 in case we do hire a company, and it will be saved money if we don't hire a company.

Public Comments

Laurie moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm.