

**Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
August 20, 2019**

Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Sandra Lane, Laurie Mahan

Also present: Lara Sargent, Paul Leeman

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

Minutes:

Clyde made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 6th meeting, Laurie seconded, and motion carried.

Beach Pavilion:

Chief Paul Leeman attended the meeting to discuss the option of burning the beach pavilion rather than demolishing it. He explained that the Fire Department does a risk assessment because safety is a priority. There would be enough man power to build up the command center if necessary. One concern that people had was the use of foam – Paul explained that they do NOT use this foam and they would only use water. The benefits to burning would be the training for our fire department – helping members see the different stages of fires, working together with other agencies and fine-tuning fire-fighting skills. This could lower the ISO rating which would lower insurance rates for the community. Paul also likes the idea of having his department involved with this community project. Paul inquired about testing for asbestos and lead and was told that instead of testing **before** the burn, the ashes can be tested **after** the burn and then hauled off if contaminated. The cost to dispose of contaminated ash is \$265 per ton and there probably wouldn't be that much. The shingles would not need to be stripped ahead of time but the equipment inside would need to be removed. Clyde asked if it would be helpful to have an excavator there and Paul agreed. The group discussed a date for this burn. Sundays are a good option - possibly September 15th. The group talked about the benefits such as the value of the training exercise and the cost savings for the pavilion replacement project.

EMA electronic signs:

The Emergency Management Agency (EMA) contacted Parks to inquire about using the digital sign for emergency purposes. Lara shared the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from EMA with the Commissioners and they decided this was a great idea. In the event of an emergency, EMA would notify Parks with notifications for the sign. The Commissioners approved the signing of the MOU.

BikeMaine:

The 450 riders from the Bicycle Coalition of Maine will use Ellingwood Park as a rest stop on September 9 from 12-3pm. Lara shared the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Commissioners and the group discussed that BikeMaine would be providing everything and Parks would only need to offer the property. The Commissioners approved the signing of the MOU.

LHP Bell:

The bell in front of the Keeper's House at Lighthouse Park is in need of repair. The pin that holds the bell is rusty and needs to be replaced. Because of the safety concerns, the Parks crew placed boards under the bell so nobody could get under it. John Allan was looking into getting the bell fixed since it is from the Fishermen's Museum but in the meantime a quote of \$2000 was received from a local metal fabricator. John Allan was going to check with someone at Bath Iron Works for another quote.

Swimming Hole:

Clyde met with Adam Sprague and John Tilton about installing a railing at the swimming hole. The water

at the dam will be dropped this year so they wanted to get this work done while the water was low. Adam will be getting a quote to Parks for this railing.

Bid Opening:

The bids for the pavilion replacement project will be opened on August 28th at Ellingwood at 5pm.

Triathlon:

The group discussed the upcoming triathlon and tasks to be accomplished before this weekend. The fire department will provide water jugs which can be filled at the New Harbor Fire Station. Paul will provide some marking paint to be used for the transition area.

Staffing:

The Commission went into Executive session MRSA 405(6A) at 8:03 to discuss staff issues. Executive session ended at 8:36.

Public Comments:

Clyde made a motion to end the meeting at 8:40, Sandra seconded, and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.