

**Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
December 15, 2020**

Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Sandra Lane

Also present: Lara Sargent

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Clyde made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 1st meeting, Sandra seconded, and motion carried.

Yodel Pass:

A representative from Yodel Pass contacted Lara to explore options for contactless entry into the parks. Yodel Pass is a digital platform that would allow taxpayers to get their Bristol park passes on their mobile devices and would also allow visitors to buy their park passes ahead of time. Lara provided a summary of the benefits to the Commissioners. This platform would allow people to purchase passes with a credit card and limits contact between visitors and park staff. It would reduce wait times in lines, enable social distancing, allow for communications with visitors (alerts), allow Parks to easily track visitor statistics. Clyde asked what the cost would be to Parks to use the program. Sandra asked if any parks in Maine use Yodel Pass. Clyde thought it would be a good idea to talk to a business using this program to see how well it worked. Lara will research these questions.

Triathlon:

In a “normal” year, the triathlon registration would open on January 1st. But there are many unknowns about the 2021 Triathlon. A date has not been set because of the possibility of combining the triathlon with Old Bristol Days. And without knowing what the COVID situation will be, there is still uncertainty about whether the Triathlon will be allowed to take place at all. The Parks Department lost \$1250 in 2020 because the Timer would not refund the down payment for their services (which never took place because of the pandemic); therefore, the Commission would like to hire a new timer. Clyde said to see how the vaccine goes and then decide in March about if and when to have the triathlon.

2021 Budget:

The group discussed the 2021 Budget while looking at the 2020 budget numbers which were almost final with the last two weeks to be added in the beginning of January.

Executive Session:

The Commission went into Executive session MRSA 405(6A) at 8:02. Executive session ended at 8:21.

Other Business:

Public Comments:

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.