

**Bristol Parks & Recreation  
Ellingwood Information Center  
November 21, 2017**

*Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Laurie Mahan, Sandra Lane*

*Also present: Lara Sargent, Rob Davidson, Bill Benner, Todd Richards, Claire Enterline, Chris Maloney, Michelle Walsh*

*Meeting called to order at 6:07 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance*

**Minutes:**

Motion made by Pendleton to approve the minutes from November 7th, Lane seconded and motion carried.

**Triathlon Update:**

Todd, Chris and Michelle provided an update on the triathlon research/planning. Other event dates and other competitions were discussed to help determine when the triathlon could take place. Sept 15-16 or 22-23 would be possible dates and the water would be warmer than in spring. It is important that the start/finish places should be the same and Todd researched with triathletes if they would prefer Pemaquid Beach or Pemaquid Harbor and most said they would prefer Pemaquid Harbor. Pros/Cons of both places were discussed. The bike route mapped out was 17.1 miles and traveled route 130 to Lower Pond Road to Route 32 and back to the start from there. The run route of four miles was mapped out for Pemaquid Trail. The option of having a Race Management team run the event was discussed and will be further researched.

**Dam Advisory Report:**

Claire discussed the Dam Advisory report and showed the various options it presented. Bill suggested the Commissioners read the report and provide written comments on the plan. Claire pointed out that there are engineering plans on file at the town hall that are available. Pendleton agreed that the Commissioners would provide a written report to the committee to be included with the data collection and review.

**Tree Dedication:**

The Parks Department lost a dear employee, Bob Strachan, this month. The commission discussed dedicating one of the newly planted trees to Bob and ideas for plaques were discussed. It was determined that the new balsam fir tree will be dedicated to Bob. The commissioners agreed that the memorial tree near the swimming hole needs a plaque as well. Sargent will research memorial plaques and bring some options to the next meeting to be discussed.

**Holidays:**

Sargent provided an update on the Holiday Decorating Contest. Judging will be Monday 12/18 and Sargent will drive the commissioners around to do the judging. Gift baskets were discussed and donations are still being pursued. Wreaths have been ordered and will be picked up on Saturday. Sargent will bring these to Lighthouse Park and put up before Santa arrives on 11/26. Sargent will decorate Ellingwood and search for last year's Christmas lights that were used. Mahan also provided some lights to be used this year. Lane suggested having some decorative planters with greenery and berries to be displayed at Ellingwood and by the mill stone in Bristol Mills.

**Lighthouse Park Roofs:**

Mahan obtained a quote for \$2,000 to repair the roof damage and completely replace the oil house roof. The Commissioners will wait to hear about the current grant application before making a decision about repairing or replacing the roof.

**Damariscotta Region Chamber of Commerce event dates/deadlines:**

Events for 2018 were discussed and will be finalized at the next meeting to be submitted to the Damariscotta Region Guide.

**BCS Craft Fair 12/2/2017:**

Sargent and Mahan will be selling discounted park passes and merchandise at the BCS craft fair on 12/2/17.

**Public Comments:**

Rob explained how the fire department does not support removing the dam because of the existing water source and that they provided a “Display of Support to maintain the current Bristol Mills Dam location”. Rob suggested that the Commissioners be very clear about their opinions about the project so the public doesn’t get misled and a similar “Display of Support” might be a good idea.

Pendleton made a motion to end the meeting at 8:15, Mahan seconded and motion carried.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:15 p.m.