

**Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
December 19, 2017**

Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Laurie Mahan, Sandra Lane

Also present: Lara Sargent

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

Minutes:

Motion made by Mahan to approve the minutes from December 5th, Lane seconded and motion carried.

Holiday Decorating Contest Update:

The judging results for the Holiday Decorating Contest were totaled and winners were determined. Sargent presented the final total to be donated to Caring For Kids which was \$205. The winners of the contest will be notified on 12/20 and gift baskets worth \$200, \$150 and \$100 will be delivered on Thursday. The gift baskets consist of: Gift cards donated from Reny's, The Harbor Room, Granite Hall Store, King Ro Market, Hannaford 2) Money donated by Sandra Lane, L. Dewey Chase, Pemaquid Builders, Harbor Day Care 3) Dunkin Donuts coffee and mugs 4) From the Parks Department, a 2018 Lighthouse Park Pass and Beach Pass – these are meant for non-residents but are great for guests. Sargent will deliver the money to Caring For Kids (Jenny Pendleton) this week. The contest was a worthwhile event that the Parks Department plans to continue and grow.

Olde Bristol Days Fireworks:

The fireworks for OBD were discussed. The Parks Department has funded the fireworks in the past but the Parks Commission is undecided about funding these in the future and will attend a Selectmen's meeting to discuss.

Annual Lobster Bake:

The Parks Department summer lobster bake was discussed and it was determined that it will not continue. Attendance has dropped off and it has had potential to be a big loss. The Parks Commission decided to brainstorm new ideas for an event to replace the lobster bake.

Restorative Justice Program:

Sargent presented an idea for a way to get the lighthouse fence painted white without having to utilize the maintenance crew. The reason it is currently not painted white is because the amount of time to maintain it is too much of a cost for our maintenance crew. There is a Restorative Justice program that provides community service projects to high school students who have to complete community service as part of their restitution for a crime. The Restorative Justice Program often is in need of projects and would welcome the opportunity to have the lighthouse fence as a consistent option for their program. The Commissioners were receptive to the idea and would like to move forward with getting the fence painted.

Lincoln County News Sponsorship:

The Parks Commission discussed becoming a sponsor for the Lincoln County News photo contest. The Commissioners were not interested in sponsoring at this time. For \$250 plus gifts of park passes, the Parks Dept would be listed as a sponsor of the contest for one month but the Commissioners felt that \$250 would be better spent somewhere else.

Budget:

The upcoming budget process was discussed and budget meetings will be set at the next meeting. The Commissioners' stipends were discussed and will be reduced and voted on at the next meeting on January 2, 2018.

LHP Preservation Project:

The bidding process for the new roofs/repairs was discussed. Sargent presented a first draft of a posting for the newspaper and Pendleton will review and provide input for changes. The Advertisement to Bid will be submitted to the Lincoln County News.

Public Comments:

Pendleton made a motion to end the meeting at 7:58, Mahan seconded and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.