

**Bristol Parks & Recreation  
Ellingwood Information Center  
August 2, 2022**

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

*Also present: Shelley Gallagher, Chris Hall, Steve Lawson (zoom)*

*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 July 19 meeting with the given amendments, approval, Sandra seconded, and motion carried.

**New Business**

- A. Steve Lawson joined the meeting via zoom. His father owns the property adjacent to the beach by the brook. He saw private property signs get put up at a neighbors property line and contacted Chris to ask why it wasn't at their line. Chris informed him the property owner, not the town, installed those signs. That brought up a discussion of the future of his father's property as his father is in his 90s. His father bought the property in 1961 and has paid the taxes on it, but never did any development on it. He has chosen to keep the property available to the public so they can play in the tidal pools, etc. Steve feels it is a rite of passage for kids to play and look for crabs in those pools and he is worried what may happen to the property if his father passes away. He believes there are 4 options.
- a. Continue to own it and make it available as is.
  - b. Continue to own it and either he or his sister build a house on it and make it private property.
  - c. Sell the property to someone else who will probably make it private property and put up a fence.
  - d. Find a way to conserve the property as it is.

He asked if there was an option for the town owning the property to preserve and use it, or contact a land trust like Coastal Rivers to purchase it and have the town maintain it. Chris suggested there may be another option where the property get split so the part closer to the road becomes private and gets developed while the waterfront area becomes part of a land trust. In that case, an assessor can get an updated valuation on the property and something may be able to be worked out on the property taxes. No decision is being made, but discussions will continue between Chris Hall for the Town and Mr. Lawson.

- B. A series of 34 photos was donated to Parks and Recreation by Chesley Farrell to hang or use as needed.
- C. The urinal in the men's restroom at the Lighthouse broke and can't be repaired. It would cost about \$800 to put in a new one so it was decided to take it out. The bath house at the Lighthouse needs to be redone so limiting costs now makes sense if it is going to be torn down and replaced. The question came up of how to come up with the money needed to replace the building. Shelley will look for an ADA grant that may cover some costs as the new building would be fully ADA

accessible. The other questions is if an architect is needed, what to use to build it (wood or cinder block), do we expand and add a gift shop, how many stalls are needed. The Commissioners agreed to continue the conversation about a new building at a later date.

### **Old Business**

- A. Colin and Ethan have dug all of the onions out of the garden that the sun dial will be moved to, and will dig the hole for it Wednesday. The sun dial itself will be moved at the end of the week when Sean is available to help.
- B. We received a quote for a sign for the beach entrance for parking in the field. It was decided to wait until the next budget year so we can see where we are at budget wise this year.
- C. The Art Gallery at the Lighthouse asked if they could add an Art Gallery sign to the one by Bradley Inn pointing to the Lighthouse. They can do that if they pay for the sign and it looks like ours that is already there.
- D. Olde Bristol Days was discussed. The list of activities has increased with an inflatable water slide and dunk tank being added as well as additional children's games and bands. The float and fireworks are confirmed and the firework company will communicate with the float company to coordinate loading the fireworks and moving into location.

Laurie moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.