

**Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
August 16, 2022**

Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Sandra Lane, Laurie Mahan

Also present: Shelley Gallagher, Pat Porter

Meeting called to order at 6:13 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Laurie made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2 meeting, approval, Sandra seconded, and motion carried.

New Business

- A. Tammy would like to hold an end of summer bash at the beach on August. Mimi's will host it, provide a band, and provide food for all of the parks staff. The event would be open to the public at no charge, but we would accept donations. The date is TBD, but leaning towards Sunday August 28.
- B. The Damariscotta Region Chamber of Commerce is giving Bristol Parks an award for Business Enhancement for the Beach Pavilion. The new Pavilion has enhanced the overall economic health of the region and the well being of the general population by making our community a better place to live. Next week Larry Sidelinger will do an interview with Clyde at the beach to be used as part of the award presentation. The presentation of the award will be on September 14 at the Bradley Inn.
- C. International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend is this weekend (Aug. 20 and 21) and the ham radio operators in America set up portable stations at lighthouses to make contact with each other. Pat requested that the local ham radio group be allowed to set up at the lighthouse for the weekend. It was agreed they could set up as long as they did not take up as much of the parking lot as they did earlier in the summer, and they pick up all of their trash and put it on the dumpster when they are finished.

Old Business

- A. The Surf Rake demo went really well, and Melissa from H.Barber spoke with Clyde about different financing options if we wanted to purchase one. One of the options mentioned was paying it in 2 budget years with 0% financing so we could pay \$25,000 now, and the other \$25,000 in the spring when the new budget is approved. Clyde made a motion to approve purchase under those conditions. Laurie seconded the motion and the it was approved.
- B. The budget and revenue year to date was looked at and it is looking good. We are at about 90% of budgeted revenue with significant expenditure savings.
- C. Clyde went to Hunt Brothers and spoke with a designer about the possibility of a new restroom building at the Lighthouse. For \$1000 he will draw plans and he can do the specs for it. Clyde will meet with him on site on a date TBD to get details about size, material, etc.

- D. Olde Bristol Days was a success. It worked well at the beach and as a one day event so that may be the plan going forward. For next year and upcoming years it would be a good idea to get everyone together to discuss what went well and what we can do next time to make it better. The biggest issues we need to address for next year if it is at the beach again:
- a. Have better marking for where the food line is so people aren't waiting in line on the boardwalk blocking people
 - b. Have the band announce we are taking donations for the fireworks display
 - c. Put on all of the ads that dogs are not allowed. Traditionally people have brought their dogs because it was at the firt, but dogs not allowed at the beach and a lot of people brought them.
 - d. Have the town hire an organizer for the event so there is one point person That will make it so the people volunteering to put it together aren't overwhelmed having to do everything, and also so everyone knows who to go to with questions.
 - e. Next year maybe we put up our big tent to put the crafters close together so more can be added.
- E. The topic of fees and procedures was brought up but it was decided to go over all of that once we close for the season. That will be a separate standalone meeting dedicated to just that topic and will not be done as part of a regular Parks Commission meeting.

Laurie moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm.