

**Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Park Information Center
July 12, 2016**

Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Sandra Lane, George Sawtelle

Also present: Lisa Peters, Elizabeth Calmar, Jose Douglas, Chad Hanna, Terry Lowd, and Paul Yates

The meeting was called to order at 5:58 p.m.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Pendleton to approve the minutes of July 5th, seconded by Lane. Motion carried.

Lobster Bake:

Arthur McFarland will pick up the lobsters and get reimbursed. Everything else is ready for the lobster bake, although it has not been decided yet exactly how many workers will be needed for the event.

Area Maps:

There is still no word from Supplies Unlimited about the Area maps being ready yet.

Parks Director:

The Selectmen attended the meeting to give their take on the Parks Director position being proposed. They were in agreement that such a position was needed. Yates made a suggestion that a public hearing be held, more of an informational session, to let the townspeople know about it. Most importantly, to let them know that taxpayer money is not going to be involved. This meeting will be scheduled at a later date. A discussion was made regarding the proposed position and the possibility of activities being held at the school during winter months for the public, overseen by the Parks Director. Advertising for the position is to take place in the fall for an early spring hiring.

Floats:

Pendleton discussed the float situation with the Selectmen. There was a discussion about the need for floats to be stacked at Hanna Landing. More gravel needs to be put down there and a suggestion was made to ask the Harbor committee if they would be willing to help defray some of the cost.

Letter from Pemaquid Group of Artists:

The letter responding to the Pemaquid Group of Artists was approved with minor changes in the language and will be signed by the commissioners when completed, then mailed.

Jose Douglas:

Jose Douglas requested that a group he belongs to of ham radio operators be allowed to have their annual gathering at the lighthouse. The event will be on Saturday August 20th and Sunday August 21st. Attendees will pay the regular admission and should number about five or six

people. The group sets up two antennae and will not interfere with any of the other activities at the lighthouse. Lane made motion to approve this, George seconded and the motion was carried.

Elizabeth Calmar:

Elizabeth Calmar requested to attend the meeting to voice her objection over the new parks pass policy eliminating passes for non-resident, non-taxpayers over the age of 18. Pendleton explained that even though she has paid a lot of taxes to the town, the Parks department is self-sustaining and does not rely on taxpayer money. Elizabeth stated she still thought that her family was being treated differently than residents who are over 18. The matter was tabled for further discussion.

Budget and Financials:

Monthly financial reports were distributed. Discussion regarding moving expenses to correct categories for LHP apartment furniture. That expense was put under general expenses for Parks and should have gone under LHP apartment expense.

Fireworks:

Lane wanted to get history on what payments have been made to cover fireworks expenses for this year. We will look it up and go over the results at the next meeting.

Lane made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30, Sawtelle seconded and motion carried.