

**Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
August 15, 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 Pendleton to approve the minutes from August 1st, Lane seconded and motion carried.

Park Pass Cards:

Many non-residents have approached the Parks Department about discounted passes. An example of discounted park pass cards was presented by Sargent. The commissioners provided further suggestions and Sargent will revise the pass cards accordingly. The Parks Department will offer these 2018 passes starting this fall.

Grants update:

Sargent provided an update on grants that the Parks Department have applied for. Grants have been submitted for fruit trees to be planted in the parks and for renovations for the Learning Center at Lighthouse Park. There are grants currently being researched for renovations to the lighthouse to include windows and a roof.

Splash Tanker:

There was a complaint about a big Splash tanker from Turner, Maine filling up at the swimming hole while children and families were swimming. The truck blocked traffic and disrupted the enjoyment of the people at the parks. The company claimed they had permission to do so but the commissioners were unsure about who granted this permission. It was determined that the town administrator should research who granted permission and refer to selectman for further action.

Park Gardens:

Pendleton and Lane expressed concerns over the gardens at the Parks not being kept up as well as they preferred. The idea of hiring a gardener to maintain these gardens was discussed. The commission will consider including it in the budget for next year.

Olde Bristol Days:

The commissioners received great feedback on the fireworks. The crowd on Sat. and Sun. seemed smaller than past years. There will be a future discussion about ideas for OBD next year.

Safety Training Update:

Sargent researched how to provide safety training to staff and was unable to find the online training so will contact Lynn Martin for further assistance.

Merchandise:

Selling merchandise was discussed and Sargent offered to set up a Parks and Rec table at the school and YMCA craft fairs to sell merchandise and park passes.

Public Comments:

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.