

**Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
October 17, 2017**

Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Laurie Mahan, Sandra Lane

Also present: Lara Sargent, Joe McLean, Todd Richards, Warren Busted, Beth Polhemus, Chris Maloney, Michelle Walsh

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Motion made by Pendleton to approve the minutes from October 3rd, Mahan seconded and motion carried.

Ellingwood Plan Proposal:

Joe McLean, the engineer who designed the plans for the Ellingwood Park Swimming Hole proposal, presented the plans to the Commission. He explained the process that led up to this proposal. The proposed plan is a way to relocate the swimming hole if the dam should be removed. The plan involves moving the swimming hole to Ellingwood Park and developing and enhancing the space. It was recognized that Ellingwood is currently not being used to the full potential. Various options for the plan were discussed. It was agreed that the swimming hole cannot be replaced but the options at Ellingwood Park could lead to different opportunities. There are possibilities of federal funding for this project. Lane prefers the dam to be rebuilt with a new fishway. Mahan is concerned that the road through the property would take away from the beauty and the option of grass pavers was discussed.

Triathlon:

Todd Richards presented the idea for Bristol to host a Triathlon. He explained that a triathlon is a swim, bike, run competition and that Pemaquid peninsula would be a perfect place for this. He proposed that the swim portion be at Pemaquid Beach but the area by Contented Sole was also discussed. The economic impact was discussed and how the competition draws people to the area. The Commissioners liked the idea and requested that the triathletes who attended the meeting come to the November 21st meeting with a plan.

Lighthouse Park Staff Issue:

Due to the lack of staff, Mahan made a motion to close Lighthouse Park on 10/23 and Lane seconded, motion carried.

Lighthouse Park Safety:

Sargent and Chief Paul Leeman have discussed safety issues regarding the rocks at the lighthouse several times. Sargent presented a list of current precautions taken to prevent injuries with a list of proposed precautions that were discussed. The Commissioners and Director will present the list of current and proposed precautions to Chief Leeman and the Selectmen to get their input.

Lighthouse Apartment Rental Contract:

The lighthouse apartment rental contract is up for renewal. Sargent presented the new contract and the process for renewal was discussed.

Fruit Trees update:

Sargent provided an update on the fruit trees being planted. A mini-excavator is being rented for Thursday (paid for through a donation from Doug Craig) and Frank Bonugli, a maintenance staff employee, will run the excavator while Jim Sargent directs him to the areas for the trees. Dig Safe was notified on Friday 10/13 so digging can take place on Thursday 10/19. Jim Sargent is volunteering his time to plant the trees on Friday and take care of the trees while they get established.

Finalization of merchandise for BCS craft fair:

Finalization of merchandise to be sold at the BCS craft fair was discussed: mugs, T-shirts, sweatshirts and discounted park passes.

Pendleton made a motion to end the meeting at 9:15, Mahan seconded and motion carried.

Public Comments:

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.