

**Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
December 18, 2018**

Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Sandra Lane, Laurie Mahan

Also present: Lara Sargent, Chuck Hanson, Wiebke Theodore, Steven Theodore, Sandi Day, Joan Panek, Roger Panek, Jack Hanson, J.W. Oliver, Jessica Picard, Richard Francis, Pat Porter

Meeting called to order at 6:02 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Lane made a motion to approve the minutes from December 11th, Mahan seconded, and motion carried.

Open Discussion:

The Parks Commission held an open discussion regarding the Pemaquid Beach Pavilion Replacement Project to continue to get feedback from the community. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves and Theodore and Theodore started the meeting by discussing the latest changes to the plan. Due to the updated survey that indicated the proximity of wetlands, the building was moved over 25 feet to prevent any disturbance to that wetland. Wiebke explained that the utility path for vehicles to the beach was also moved so that pedestrians did not use the path that any vehicles would be using. She also discussed the “bottleneck” concern that people had at the last meeting. To fix this, the rental space was moved slightly to allow more space in the concourse area which ranges anywhere from 12 -18 feet wide. There is more space in the women’s bathroom with five toilets now. The Beachcomber’s Rest Nature Center space is now double the existing space as requested by PWA representatives. There are also great spaces for signage indicating where the BRNC is located. One major change includes one roof over two of the buildings rather than two separate roofs. For the rental space, utilizing bins on wheels would allow the rental equipment to be rolled out to the terrace preventing the need for more space. Another big change is the showers now all being outside which made more room for bigger spaces inside plus helped eliminate moisture issues in the building. PWA discussed the touch tank with ideas for making the process of getting the water and keeping the ice easier. A question arose about the community room getting too much sun. The architects explained that the room is open with lots of ventilation but also said some things could be added to make more protection from the sun, if necessary. A suggestion was made that a ceiling fan might be able to help. A concern was brought up about the location of the building and that it could be gone in so many years due to climate change if not moved back further. The architects explained that their plan moves the building up and out of the flood zone and that the community input survey indicated that people wanted the building to stay where it was, but that moving the building to a new location is still an option. The point was made that people going to the beach do not want to walk far to get to the bathrooms or snack shack and that if the building is too far then people will find it difficult to make multiple trips to the pavilion with young children. The idea of eliminating the snack shack and having a food truck (to save on costs) was discussed but people felt that the snack shack was an important feature to keep since it may be difficult to find a food truck to be available consistently. It was determined that the Snack Shack and BRNC are both unique features to the Park and important to keep in place because they help define Pemaquid Beach Park. The discussion helped clarify needs and concerns of the community and the Park Commission will continue to seek feedback as the project develops.

Budget Preparation:

The 2019 budget preparation discussion was continued from the last meeting. The group discussed painting the lighthouse after Pendleton received feedback from a local painter. Since the project would involve extensive scraping/sanding and cleanup of layers of lead paint, the idea of replacing the siding was discussed. Sargent will contact the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to get their feedback before any decisions are made.

Public Comments:

Pendleton made a motion to end the meeting at 9:13, Mahan seconded, and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.