

Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
January 8, 2019

Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Sandra Lane, Laurie Mahan
Also present: Lara Sargent, Seth Fletcher, J.W. Oliver, 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 18th, Mahan seconded, and motion carried.

YouTube Video:

Seth Fletcher attended the meeting to show the YouTube video he created about the Pemaquid peninsula. The group watched the video and really liked it and felt it was very informative. The Commissioners suggested people in town who could provide more old pictures to use in the videos. Seth said the new Facebook page for Bristol Parks is ready to go so the Commissioners gave him the approval to publish the page and he will add the Commissioners and Director as administrators. The Commission will discuss the next steps and be in touch with Seth about their decisions.

Triathlon:

Sargent reported that the triathlon currently has eight people signed up already. A bill was received from the timing company for the initial payment of \$1,250 (1/2 the total fee) and the Commissioners agreed to use the same timing company and make the initial payment. Pendleton made a motion to pay the timers half of the timing fee, Mahan seconded, motion carried.

Lighthouse Port-a-potty:

The port-a-potty at the lighthouse was removed for the rest of the winter. A resident had expressed concern about the placement of the port-a-potty because it was in view of anyone walking on the road. The Commissioners had thought it wasn't used much in the winter and therefore an unnecessary expense for Parks. However, another resident has expressed concern that it is now gone and that the people walking the loop no longer have it to use. The Commission discussed getting it back and how to bolt it down in a different location without the slab. Sargent will call the company to find out if there are options.

Drone:

Sargent had a discussion with the Town Administrator and Fire Chief about the idea of the town purchasing a drone to be used by multiple departments. It could be used for safety purposes such as checking conditions or assessing damages or for a marketing/promotion tool. Sargent brought the idea to the Parks Commissioners to see if Parks would want to share the cost. The Commissioners did not think the Parks department would use a drone and didn't think it would be worth the investment especially without having a Parks employee trained for the licensing. Mahan made the motion to not invest in a drone, Lane seconded, and motion carried.

Holiday Decorating Contest:

The Holiday Decorating Contest was a fun event that raised \$265 for the Veterans Memorial. While the event had grown from the prior year, the group discussed new ideas for next year that could help the community celebrate the holidays.

Beach Pavilion:

The Beach Pavilion project continues to evolve. The last public forum was helpful in determining the direction. Sargent had received feedback from a concerned resident about taking away the inside showers and only having outside showers – he felt this would be a step backward. The group discussed having one indoor

shower stall in each bathroom so that it didn't create too much moisture and wouldn't require much space. This would still allow the new design to have more toilets, which was something many people felt was most important. The group discussed the possibility of private outdoor shower stalls as an option. The Commissioners decided to have another public forum regarding the beach pavilion on 1/29 and these ideas will be discussed. Pendleton had the idea to use the current beach building as a training session for firefighters instead of paying for demolition. Sargent spoke to Chief Leeman who said he would contact someone at the DEP to find out if they would support burning the beach building for a training session.

Budget Preparation:

The 2019 budget preparation discussion was continued from the last meeting. The group finished the first draft of the budget and will go over it again at the next meeting on January 15th and have it ready to bring to the Selectmen on January 16th.

Public Comments:

Lane made a motion to end the meeting at 9:20, Mahan seconded, and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.