

**Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
January 7, 2020**

Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Sandra Lane, Laurie Mahan

Also present: Lara Sargent, Chuck Hanson, Pat Porter

Meeting called to order at 6:10 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Laurie made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 17th meeting, Sandra seconded, and motion carried.

DRCC membership:

The Damariscotta Region Chamber of Commerce membership is due, and the Commission discussed whether to renew for \$225 since the only service that Parks has used is the Events listing in the summer guide. The group decided not to renew this year but will consider again next year.

Area Maps:

Pat has suggested to put the Maine bicentennial logo on the cover of the area map for 2020. She checked into it and found it would be at no cost because the maps are not sold. The Commission discussed and decided it was a good idea. Clyde made a motion to put the logo on the area maps, Laurie seconded, and motion carried.

Snowmobile Club:

Chris Hall had asked Clyde if the Snowmobile Club could meet at Ellingwood instead of the Erskine school where they currently meet. He said they would make a small donation to the Parks in return and they might need to store a few signs in the basement. Laurie said it made sense and Clyde thought it fit into the mission of Parks because of the outdoor recreation purpose. The group had some questions: Sandra asked how many people come to the meetings and Laurie asked if someone from Parks would need to be onsite for these meetings to open and lock up. Sandra wondered who would clean up the mess when they were done. The group liked the idea of the building being used for something else. Laurie made a phone call to a member of the club who said there can be 3-15(?) people and they take place once a month Oct-Nov and on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from Dec-March with one meeting in April. The group will wait to find out more information and will discuss again in the future.

Triathlon Video:

Susan Foster had donated to have a promotional video made of the triathlon and it is ready for viewing. Lara shared it with the Commissioners, and all agreed that it turned out great. The Commission discussed posting it on the Bristol Parks Facebook page, the Triathlon Facebook page, Town website and maybe Runsignup.com. Susan had suggested sending it to LCTV and Lara will discuss with Dave Svens. Susan also suggested sending it to Downeast magazine to see if they would do a spring story about the event.

Beach Pavilion Update:

Clyde provided an update on the pavilion. The fiberglass stall for the one shower in each bathroom has been taken out and instead there will be two shower heads installed in each bathroom without the fiberglass stall. This will allow for two showers in each bathroom and they will still be handicap accessible. On the covered eating area, Neal had pointed out that there was a big drop off into a culvert on one side of the eating area that could be dangerous. It was decided that there would be a 42-inch knee wall with a wide table-top that could be used for eating. This would prevent people from stepping off into this culvert. Laurie thought it would help make it look more finished too. It was also decided to put charging stations in the covered eating area. Lara will check with Neal to see if outlets will be installed also. The group also discussed keeping the old maintenance garage for storage when the new maintenance garage is eventually built. Laurie found someone who would

build a big trash bin made into some sort of marine life that could be used by beachcombers to dispose of trash that is found on the beach. The group discussed various options for this. It was also discussed how great the building crews have been at the beach. Paul and Neal's crews work very well together, and they get a lot accomplished in a day. The Parks Commission is very appreciative that the project is moving along so quickly.

2020 Budget:

Budget items were discussed after final budget totals were added to the budget worksheet for 2019. The group made changes as necessary after evaluating the final totals. It was noted that money was transferred out of the Lighthouse Park Capital Reserve account in 2019 for all expenses for Lighthouse Park.

Public Comments:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.