

Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
January 19, 2021

Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Sandra Lane, Laurie Mahan
Also present: Lara Sargent

Meeting called to order at 6:04 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Laurie made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 5th meeting, Sandra seconded, and motion carried.

Signage:

There are some park signs in need of replacement or repair. The sign at the end of Route 130, pointing toward the lighthouse, fell off its post because the wood had rotted. Sean Hunter picked it up and has said it is not repairable. The big sign going into Lighthouse Park also needs to be replaced. There is a sign at the end of Huddle Road pointing toward Pemaquid Beach that is in rough shape and should be replaced as well. The Rock Schoolhouse sign might just need to be cleaned up. The Swimming Hole sign might also need to be replaced but that will be replaced with the upgrade of that park when the fish ladder and enhancements are complete. The big beach sign in the parking lot needs replacement. Lara will take pictures and bring to the next meeting for the Commission to decide on wording in case any information needs to be revised, added, or deleted.

Pemaquid Beach Video:

Seth Fletcher has made various videos posted for the Park's You Tube channel. He inquired about making one about the Pemaquid Beach ecosystem. The Commissioners discussed having a video made of the new Pavilion instead which would serve as a marketing tool for the new facility. This video would need to be made during nice weather when the park is open since currently everything is shut down and picnic tables are stacked under the covered eating area.

Snack Shack:

The Snack Shack at the beach has been operated by Tammy Legault for the past few years and she has done a great job. The lease, however, was contracted out to Warren Busteed and Beth Polhemus who Tammy worked for. This coming year, Tammy will be taking over and signing the lease herself. Lara will check with Chris Hall to see if anything needs to be done since the signer of the lease will be changing.

Lighthouse Park Security System Inspection:

Lara informed the Commissioners that the security system at Lighthouse Park has its annual inspection scheduled for Friday, January 22nd.

Lighthouse Tower:

The Commissioners discussed the Lighthouse Tower lease ending between the American Lighthouse Foundation (ALF) and the Coast Guard in 2021. They decided that if the town were to gain control back of the tower, then the Commission would designate money from the Lighthouse preservation fund to be put aside for maintenance of the tower. Clyde made a motion to designate \$75,000 toward the tower if the town regains control of the Tower in 2021, Sandra seconded, and motion carried.

Float Storage:

The Parks Commission attended a Harbor Committee meeting to discuss float storage at the town landings. At this meeting, it was discussed how floats cause a lot of damage to Moxie Cove and Hanna Landing and that the current float storage fees do not cover the cost to repair and maintain these landings. For this reason, and because an ordinance is being established regarding boat and float storage, the Commission discussed increasing the float storage fee next season from the current \$75 per year. According to a float hauler, some private storage places charge up to \$400 per year for float storage which is based on \$2 per square foot. The Commission will wait for the Harbor Committee to decide on boat storage fees before deciding on float storage fees. The current year's billing letters will include notification that fees will increase next season but the fee schedule is yet to be determined, so that float owners are aware.

2021 Budget Notes:

The group added notes to the 2021 Budget to be brought to the Budget Committee.

Other Business:**Public Comments:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.