

Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
June 15, 2021

Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Sandra Lane, Laurie Mahan
Also present: Lara Decker, Pat Porter

Meeting called to order at 6:09 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Laurie made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 1st meeting, Sandra seconded, and motion carried.

Newcastle Realty Summer Giveaway:

Ashley from Newcastle Realty contacted Lara about her hosting a social media “summer day giveaway” to welcome summer in the next couple weeks that will highlight the Bristol and New Harbor area. It will be an engagement giveaway, meaning in order to enter people will have to like, share and tag a friend in the comments for an entry. She asked if Bristol Parks would be interested in donating 2 day passes for the parks. Harbor ice cream and several other small businesses will be donating as well. Clyde made a motion to give away two day passes to the beach, Laurie seconded, and motion carried.

Seagull Fundraiser:

Pat inquired about having a fundraiser at the beach or lighthouse for the Seagull Shop. Pat suggested having Judd Caswell play starting in early evening and the Snack Shack (MiMi’s at the Beach) could serve food. The Commissioners thought this was a good idea.

Floats:

As of today, there are still three floats at Moxie Cove and 15 floats at Hanna Landing. Lara contacted the float hauler responsible for these on Friday to remind him these needed to be removed by June 15th and he insisted they would be. Lara left a message today telling him if they are not removed today the float owners will be billed \$5/day. Clyde said to contact the float owners and let them know they will be billed \$5/day for each day they remain after June 15th.

Beach:

Tammy Legault would like to schedule some bands at the beach. She would like to get local businesses to sponsor the bands, and then take donations toward a local charity of the business’ choice. She asked about doing this on Sundays from 1-4 but Lara was concerned that Sunday is the beach’s busiest day and sometimes there is barely enough parking for the beachgoers. Saturday might work better since it is slower. Clyde thought 3-6 on a Saturday would work but he thought a weekday might be easier to get bands to play. The Commissioners thought keeping the same day each week would work best.

A neighbor to Pemaquid Beach has informed Lara that there have been some campers parking there overnight sometimes. Lara told her to feel free to call the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office and let them know because they do nightly patrols and could ask them to leave. Clyde said to have the maintenance crew look for a No Overnight Parking sign and if they cannot find one then Parks will purchase one.

Mowing:

Sandra was concerned that the remaining mowing that the maintenance crew takes care of is too much. She wondered if it would be better to have Brett McLain do the mowing for all the parks. He currently mows Lighthouse Park, Ellingwood and the Swimming Hole. The maintenance crew mows the Beach Park, Hanna Landing, Moxie Cove and the Rock Schoolhouse. Clyde said to keep the mowing as is for now.

Other Business:

There is a Parks sign across from Hanley’s Market that has been installed each spring in the same location for years. The new landowner has voiced concerns about this sign being on his property. The town is looking into the DOT right of way to see if the sign is within that right of way. The Commissioners discussed possibly getting rid of the sign since it is hard to read anyway.

Public Comments:

Sandra made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36, Laurie seconded, and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.