

**Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
November 3, 2020**

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

Meeting called to order at 6:06 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Laurie made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 20th meeting, Sandra seconded, and motion carried.

Fishermen's Museum Donation:

The Fishermen's Museum recently sent a letter and their annual donation to Bristol Parks. The museum saw a decrease in visitors and donations this year due to COVID-19. They had recorded 21,216 visitors in 2020 and in 2019 there had been 33,819. Total donations in 2020 were \$4,630.81 and in 2019 there were \$5,893.25. The 2020 donation to Bristol Parks was for \$1,895.81. The museum Memorial Fund also paid \$3054 to restore the bell that stands outside the museum entrance. The Commission is very grateful.

Rock Camp:

The Maine Academy of Modern Music (MAMM) hosts Rock Camps for kids and last year Lara had contacted them about the possibility of hosting a Rock Camp for kids in Bristol. They have recently been in touch saying due to COVID they are not offering Rock Camps currently but wondered if Parks would be interested in offering remote music lessons through them. They would match their instructors with people from Bristol. Clyde said it might be nice to offer something like that in the winter. Pat asked if scholarships might be available for those who could not afford it. Sandra asked where people would get the instruments. The group talked about asking the community for donations of instruments toward this type of programming. Lara will ask Jeff Shaw some of the questions that came up at the meeting.

Triathlon/OBD:

With the Triathlon and OBD being canceled this year due to COVID, the idea has come up about planning the next Triathlon and OBD for the same weekend and "reinventing" OBD. The important elements could remain like the Lobster Boat Races, Road Race, Craft Fair, Car Show, Fireworks but add the Triathlon to that and renaming the weekend. This would allow the town to market and plan one weekend and would allow Bristol Fire and Rescue, LCSO and volunteers to donate one summer weekend rather than two. The Commissioners thought having the craft fair at the beach the day of the triathlon would not work because of the traffic.

Five-Year Plan:

The Commission discussed a five-year plan for Parks to provide some focus for budgeting for Capital Projects. Clyde said Parks needs to discuss how to fund all the plans and the timing of these projects. The beach pavilion was in the ten-year plan and it is now done. Other projects completed at the lighthouse in the last few years have included new windows, new roof, insulating the basement, painting the exterior, a new fire escape and a new garage door. The group discussed a list of repairs to be completed and a wish list and came up with a tentative time frame for these projects.

In 2021, the siding on the bell tower and parts of the Keeper's house need to be replaced and Clyde said to replace that stationary door in the Fishermen's Museum at the same time. The water heater needs to be replaced and apartment floor needs to be painted. Also, in 2021, the roof of the Rock Schoolhouse should be replaced.

In 2022, the Learning Center floor needs to be sanded and refinished, the office in the Keeper's house needs repairs to the ceiling and the front porch decking needs to be replaced. The water drainage issue near the well also needs to be repaired.

In 2023, planning and fundraising will begin for the walking trail around the property and playground. Any uncompleted planned repairs from 2021-2022 could be completed.

In 2024, the beach parking lot will be resurfaced.

In 2025, the walking trail, playground and maintenance garage could possibly be completed through a LWCF grant that funded the pavilion.

Float Storage:

Floats are being hauled to the town landings and the sailboat at New Harbor Landing should be moved this week to make room for float storage. Lara revised the float letters and added a section about how float storage fees help support recreational programming and maintenance of park facilities which helps Parks operate without any taxation funds. Clyde said now that floats are not being stored at the Restoration, we have to make sure people are not storing floats at Hanna Landing without telling Parks. Clyde and Lara will meet the float haulers at each landing to go through all the floats to identify the owner of each float.

Executive Session:

The Commission went into Executive session MRSA 405(6A) at 7:54. Executive session ended at 8:13.

Other Business:

Laurie mentioned the kayak rack to be built for Hanna Landing and Sandra said she was contacted about a rack to be donated.

Public Comments:

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.