

Bristol Parks & Recreation
Pemaquid Beach Open Forum
April 9, 2019

Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Sandra Lane, Laurie Mahan

Also present: Lara Sargent, Wiebke Theodore, Steven Theodore, Chuck Hanson, Sandi Day, Warren Busted, Beth Polhemus, Doug Craig, Mary Craig, Chris Hall, Kristine Poland, Craig Elliot, Lyn Prentice, Hope Prentice, Neal Kimball, Paul DiMauro, John Sproul, Ellen Durgin, Matt Monroe, Nancy Monroe, Kathryn Armstrong, Phil Congdon, Candy Congdon, Catherine McLetchie

Meeting called to order at 6:02 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Clyde started the meeting with an introduction thanking everyone for all the community input since October. He explained how the list on the overhead screen shows the various community input that has been incorporated into the design. Clyde explained the importance of these features and how they will make the beach facility more efficient and functional. He explained that the project will start when the beach closes in September 2019 and be complete by the time the beach opens in June 2020. He also explained that the online straw poll will be held from 4/15-4/19 at Bristolmaine.org and the Parks Commission hopes people will go online to vote in favor or not in favor of the final design.

Wiebke and Steven presented new slides showing the timeline of the project – where we are and what is next. Wiebke explained the recent changes in the design since the last open forum which includes a private shower in each bathroom and some changes to the height of the central passage. Panels that open and secure above the snack shack and rental unit could serve as a cover, rather than having a built-in canopy, that could help secure the buildings when closed for the day or for the whole season. Wiebke talked about stewardship with the materials that are chosen. She gave an example of the roof – by choosing a metal roof we know that when its lifetime is up it can be recycled, as opposed to asphalt that would go into a landfill. For the interior, alternatives to tile would be more sensible because of the maintenance involved with the grout.

Public Input: A concern was voiced about lights in the lot causing an issue for people who live nearby and motion detectors were suggested. Clyde explained that we may install manual lights for when there are events at night so lights wouldn't be on all the time at night. Another suggestion was made for security options through Simply Safe that are fairly inexpensive. Neil discussed white cedar shingle siding and that the shingles could be painted 3-4 times and therefore last maybe 75 years. Clyde asked about PVC/Vinyl clapboards and shakes but Neal thought that type of product would look fake. Neal and John both thought the Maybec product would be the best for this situation and fit in with the New England landscape best. A question was asked about the trim and Steven explained there would be minimum trim on the buildings because of the design. Paul discussed the electrical systems – he did not think a lot of lights would be needed because the beach is open when it is daylight. Warren suggested low lighting for the walkway and Paul thought putting some low lights on a timer would work well. Clyde suggested extra conduits between buildings for further changes or upgrades. Paul also thought going underground from the parking lot to the buildings would be the most logical for the power. Sandi mentioned getting wheelchairs that can go in the water for people with disabilities. A suggestion was made to hook up solar panels that are meant to heat the water for the showers. John recommended going with aluminum for roofing with the property being on the ocean which are the simplest to install so the labor costs should be reasonable. Sandra pointed out that the sculpture made a big difference in the appearance of the entrance of the facility. Doug talked about the current design and that it looks “beachy” he also suggested getting volunteers involved to help with building the trail around the entire property eventually. Charging stations were recommended for the facility which was a great suggestion. Chuck asked how we know when we move into the next stage of the timeline for the project. Wiebke explained that the stages overlap but that after the straw poll we will be able to move on from the schematic design and into the design development stage.