

**Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
June 19, 2018**

Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Laurie Mahan

Also present: Lara Sargent, Pat Porter

Meeting called to order at 6:01 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Pendleton made a motion to approve the minutes from June 5th, Mahan seconded, and motion carried.

Pemaquid Art Gallery:

Sargent provided an updated contract for the Pemaquid Group of Artists. This year there are 32 artists that each will pay \$125 so the annual rent will be \$4000 with \$340 for electricity. The Commissioners and Selectmen will all need to sign. Pendleton made a motion to approve the new contract, Mahan seconded, and motion carried.

Surveyors:

Sargent provided an update on the Surveying services. Two quotes were received, and the Commissioners reviewed. Pendleton made a motion to accept the proposal from Gartley and Dorsky to survey the Beach property, Mahan seconded, motion carried.

Mobius:

The Commission discussed having a person from Mobius assist with Park Staff duties such as cleaning picnic tables. This worked out well last year, but it was determined that Parks doesn't need another staff person at this time.

Snack Shack:

The Snack Shack (or SS Minnow) opening has seemed to go smoothly. A question arose regarding allowing people who are entering the park just to eat at the SS Minnow to enter the park without paying an admission fee. The Commission discussed and decided that if someone comes through the booth asking to only go to the SS Minnow and requests not to pay an admission fee, then the booth staff will take an admission fee but keep a log of the time. If the visitors leave within 30-45 minutes, then they will get their admission fee returned.

Annual Revenue Comparison:

Sargent provided an update on the comparison of 2017/2018 revenue. The lighthouse is currently ahead of last years numbers by about 10%. The Beach has had a much stronger start this year than last year with this year being 40% better than last year for the first four days of the season.

Benches:

The Commission discussed memorial benches in the parks again after giving it some thought. Porter suggested having one plaque with many names on it to be displayed in the Learning Center or other location and any donations would go toward parks improvement which could include benches if they are needed. This approach would allow Parks to control the number of benches but also allow patrons to honor their loved ones on a plaque in the Park. The Commission will vote on this at the next meeting.

Triathlon Update:

There are currently 45 participants signed up for the triathlon. Mahan will look into the mooring balls needed for the set up of the swim. Sargent will continue to reach out to local resources to find lifeguards.

Architects update:

There are five architects interested in the beach pavilion project. The site visits went well, and all architects seemed to think the Request for Proposal was clear and easy to follow. The only issue discussed was the final budget amount which will be determined by grants and any further donations or funds raised. Sargent will meet with someone at the beach regarding a grant through the Land and Water Conservation Fund on Wednesday, 6/20, and hopes this will be a good funding source for the project.

Public Comments:

Pendleton made a motion to end the meeting at 7:45, Mahan seconded, and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.