

**Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
April 25, 2023**

Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Sandra Lane, Laurie Mahan

Also present: Shelley Gallagher, Pat Porter, John Allan, Dave Svens

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

Minutes:

Clyde made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 4 meeting, approval, Laurie seconded, and motion carried.

New Business

- A. John Allan came to discuss updating the Fishermen's Museum. The museum needs to have everything stripped out of it, then cleaned and painted. A discussion was had about whether the museum should be turned over to parks or if the Fishermen's Museum should continue to run it. John said he would talk to the other board members of the museum, but his feeling is they would like to continue running it. They have a lot of donations, both in the museum and in storage, and they aren't sure if the people that donated would approve of it being turned over to the town. If they continue to manage it, they would need to be there to supervise when anything was getting moved around. There was a further discussion of adding more interactive exhibits. The lighthouse map that lights up when people push the lighthouse name is very popular and it would be nice to have more things like that in there. A smart TV is another option as it would be able to stream videos about the history and the area around Pemaquid. It was decided the first step is we set up a time to walk through the museum together to see what options we have and what is popular, and what maybe can be removed. Shelley will contact Jahn to set up a day and time to meet there to discuss.
- B. Dave is ready to install the cameras at the lighthouse, but he will need someone to actually do the installation as it requires being up high on a ladder. One camera set will go where the wreath normally goes, the other will be above the porch for the apartment facing down each side of the rocks. If a camera were to be installed at the gate it would need to be on its own system because the wifi is now separated between the gate and the museum/ apartment. We will see if one of our maintenance staff feel comfortable installing at that height, and if not Clyde said he would do it.
- C. It is getting busier with people wanting to renew passes, etc. Shelley was saying the budget that was prepared has Ellingwood open for 21 weeks, and May 1 to Sept 23 would be 21 weeks. We would like to start Ellingwood staff Monday May 1, and that was agreed. Lighthouse staff will start finishing the gardens so they are done before opening day.

Old Business

- A. The permits have been approved for the beach boardwalk so the construction can restart. The ramp will go off the front now instead of the side because if it stays on

- the same footprint it does not need formal permitting from DEP. The work that was done already can be reused so the work and material will not go to waste.
- B. The area map has been finalized and sent to the printers. The map should be finished printing in time for Memorial weekend.
 - C. Shelley put together the invitation to bid for the roofing for Rock School House and Horse Trough together, and a separate one for the Bell Tower at the lighthouse. The bid will be sent to the Lincoln Count News for publishing with a due date of May 12.

Laurie moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm.