

Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
May 16, 2023

Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Laurie Mahan, Sandra Lane

Also present: Shelley Gallagher, Pat Porter, Michele DiGirolamo, Tucker Phinney, Kristin Griffin

Meeting called to order at 6:04 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Clyde made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2 meeting, approval, Laurie seconded, and motion carried.

New Business

- A. Michele DiGirolamo wanted to discuss holding EcoNIDRA yoga at the beach Wednesdays at 8:30am during the summer. The class uses nature sounds to aid in relaxation up to the point of falling asleep. She wants to start at 8:30 because the beach is already open so she won't have to do anything with admissions as the attendees will pay or use their pass to come into the beach for the class. If it is on Wednesday it also will not interfere with the other yoga classes that are held at the beach on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays throughout the summer. They will start the classes on June 21 and do them throughout July and August. The class was approved unanimously.
- B. One roofing bid was received for the Bell Tower at the lighthouse. The bid was submitted by New Harbor Marine Construction, and Tucker Phinney and Kristin Griffin were at the meeting to discuss their bid and answer questions. The bid was just a flat cost and was not broken down into the type of material used, the timeframe to complete the project, or any other details. He said he submitted his bid without knowing if there was lead paint or not so it may change. Clyde said he should have tested that before he submitted the bid so we would know what he would actually be charged. It was agreed unanimously that the bid would be rejected and we would reopen the bids for another couple of weeks. Tucker was told he can test for lead if he wants to and resubmit with more detail if he is interested.
- C. Lincoln Academy would like to come to the lighthouse on Memorial Day Monday May 29 for a lobster bake. They traditionally do this on Labor Day, but they would like to do one to end the school year. They will arrive at 3pm and bring everything they need. They will finish and be out at 5:30 or 6, and will pack everything out that they bring in. They know the restrooms close at 5 and are fine with that. The May 29 visit was approved with a recommended donation of \$300, and the end of the parking lot by the restrooms will be blocked off for them to use.
- D. Parks has received a request to film a commercial for Bad Boy Mowers at the lighthouse on June 8. Their request was approved and after discussion, Shelley was going to find out what their site budget is for a fee. It was brought up as getting a mower as payment for the space which Shelley will mention to them. We will get more information as it gets closer to the filming time.

Old Business

- A. The gardens are coming along nicely. Sue Chmura has been working hard on them on the weekends and in the morning before going to her other job. The large bed by the parking lot is ready for mulch and she is moving on to the other large flower bed down in the grassy area where a lot of wedding photos are taken.
- B. Alison Kelsey-Bryant of Pemaquid Picnic Company contacted Parks to let us know she has a picnic scheduled at the lighthouse for the upcoming Saturday 7- 9pm. When she originally came to Parks Commission on April 4 about allowing her to do picnics, she had only asked about the beach. There was never a discussion of using the lighthouse so letting us know she had one scheduled was a surprise. The Commissioners discussed where she would be allowed to set up if she does them there, as well as rules about no alcohol, glass, or open flames. She also was to be told we need a minimum of a weeks notice in order to approve a picnic so it does not conflict with any other reservations. The fee for after hours usage would be \$30 plus \$5 per person if she wants to use the lighthouse to host a picnic.
- C. The beach event application has been completed and was shown for approval. The application was approved, but with the addition of no glass and no open flames specified on the application. With it completed Parks will begin sending it out to people that have expressed interest in reserving the park for their event.

Clyde moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm.