

**Bristol Parks & Recreation  
Ellingwood Information Center  
October 18, 2022**

*Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Sandra Lane, Laurie Mahan*

*Also present: Shelley Gallagher, Pat Porter*

*Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**Minutes:**

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

**New Business**

- A. Shelley took part in a webinar for electric vehicle charging station grants. The Efficiency Maine group believe Bristol is a great location to install chargers as there are not any on the Bristol peninsula, or in Damariscotta. The Lighthouse would be their first choice, and the beach may be able to work. The grant pays 80% of the costs up to \$2000 for traditional units, or 90% of the costs up to \$5000 for smart units. The reimbursements would be for the costs associated with purchasing and installing the units. Once we get an estimate of the costs for each unit, see if we can get a seasonal waiver for the beach, and internet needs we will apply for the grant.
- B. Internet was an issue over the summer for the credit card machines at the Lighthouse. The wifi went out regularly so the credit card deposits into the bank were showing up incorrectly making it challenging for Town Hall to balance the deposits. After speaking with Spectrum about other options to add wifi, Shelley also contacted Tidewater to get an idea of the cost and availability for fiber optic internet. Fiber optic is available at Ellingwood, Lighthouse, and Beach, and the costs would be about half of the current phone and internet costs. With that availability the decision was made to contact Tidewater about switching service over to them.
- C. Clyde brought up possibly doing storage for RVs and boats at the beach for the winter. It would add revenue after losing the storage at Moxie Cove. The boats or RVs would be stored in the field and have to be out by May 1. Clyde was going to check with Chris on if there are any permitting or insurance needs that would need to be addressed in order to begin storage.
- D. The 5 year waiver for the electric sign at Ellingwood is due to expire in March. In order to get another waiver it will have to go to the Selectmen to be voted on, and then possibly to the residents on a town ballot. Clyde was going to speak with Chris about that while he was also asking about beach storage.

**Old Business**

- A. The surf rake is tentatively being delivered the first week of November. It is a third party company doing the delivery and they will provide a ramp for us to pull it off the trailer. The delivery will be either to the beach or Hanna Landing

- depending on the size of the trailer. In spring, the Surf Rake company will come up to do a training for all of our staff to learn how to use it properly.
- B. The alarm system was having issues this week at the lighthouse. The door alarm went off on Saturday and was not able to be reset, probably due to the fog and the doors swelling. The alarm company bypassed the alarm until the next day so the couple renting the apartment could have some quiet. The next night the smoke alarm went off due to steam from cooking. That was reset after the fire department checked to ensure everything was ok. If we continue to have issues we may look at turning off the main alarm system during the winter and just using a regular smoke detector in the apartment.

Laurie moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm.