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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

12 September 2011

Commission Members Present: Joe O'Brien – Chairman, Clyde Takala, Kathy Pina, Kevin Turner and Rene King

Commission Members Absent: Dan Proto and Richard Sawyer

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM, roll call was taken. **Kathy Pina** made a motion to accept minutes from August 1st, seconded by **Clyde Takala**. **Kevin Turner** stated he was not marked absent at the August meeting. **Joe O'Brien** stated that adjustment will be made. Motion was made to accept the minutes as amended. All approved.

Election of Officers **Kathy Pina** motioned to move the vote to the next Recreation Commission meeting, **Kevin Turner** seconded, all approved. **Joe O'Brien** stated the vote is being moved to the October meeting.

Bay School Recreation Area **Joe O'Brien** stated everyone received the Town Attorney's opinion. Handed out email from attorney **John Kenney** who is representing **Jim Crocker**, in the email there is a proposed motion agreed upon with Attorney Ford who represents the Osterville Bay Family School. **Joe** asked **Mr. Crocker** if this was correct. **Mr. Crocker** stated he did not know about the email and that **Dick Coleman** was with him from the Committee. **Kevin Turner** stated he did not understand **David Houghton's** decision. **Kevin's** question was on page 5 concerning the wording and/or in the last paragraph (see email). **Kevin** asked **Lynne Poyant** if she understood **David Houghton's** decision, **Lynne** stated the response should come from **Attorney Houghton** as it is his opinion. **Joe O'Brien** asked if **David Houghton** responded. **David** did answer, wording should stay as and not or. **Joe O'Brien** discussed email with **Lynne**, their understanding of the opinion is that CPA funding would not be available for the building, whether it is sold or not. Recreation Commission can recommend that the town manager apply for CPA funds to renovate the fields. As far as Community building doesn't believe CPA funding would be available. **Kevin Turner** asked about the August 22nd CPA funding meeting. **Lynne Poyant** stated letter was sent requesting the item be left open until after Recreation Commission meets. **Kevin Turner** asked where this would be prioritized in asking for funds. **Lynne Poyant** responded would need to look into. This has not been on list for capital improvement funds as up till 2008 this was school property. The School committee declared the property surplus for the town to sell, but it still falls under School Department for maintaining.

Public Comment **Louise Lahey, Osterville**, lives across ball fields, concerned that it be maintained as Recreation property, once gone never can get it back. Not being properly maintained. **Joe O'Brien** commented this is why we are talking about this property; the proposal is to sell the building only. Fields

stay under Town of Barnstable, with them possibly being turned over to Recreation for CPA funding for renovations.

Sara Wyatt, Osterville, did not know about meeting; if we were suppose to be informed we were not. Feels it is a very clandestine meeting. **Kathy Pina** stated at August meeting, people were informed next Recreation meeting would be second Monday in September and Commission would be voting on Bay School decision. **Lynne Poyant** asked if she received abutter's letter for the August meeting. **Sara** said yes. **Kevin Turner** stated Recreation can vote, but vote is a recommendation, Town Council makes decision.

Michael Ford, attorney for Antonia Bellanca and the Osterville Bay Family School, covered all the issues at the public hearing, they support the motion submitted in **Mr. Kenney's** email. **Joe O'Brien** asked if they were still looking for Recreations Commission approval on the school. **Mr. Ford** commented we never asked for that, we are continuing on with the RFP process.

Louise Lahey asked what is being voted on. **Kevin Turner** responded that a motion had not been made yet, when motion is made it will state what is being voted on.

Jim Crocker stated they do understand the email and know where we are in the process.

Antonia Bellanca requested the email be read into the minutes, see attached. **Joe O'Brien** stated this is an email sent to the Recreation Commission; it is not the Commission's motion.

Joe O'Brien stated that any motion from the Commission to the Town Manager needs to come as a request. **Kevin Turner** made motion, **Clyde Takala** seconded. **Lynne Poyant** requested motion in writing. **Joe O'Brien** concerned about wording. Town Manager has to request funding from CPA. **Kathy Pina** asked about adding public restrooms, limitations to CPA funding. **Lynne Poyant** commented she has never heard that in any other CPA requests. Look into at a later date. **Rene King** requested modification to motion, community help to supplement funding. **Lynne Poyant** commented should include transfer of fields to Recreation Division. **Final motion**: The Barnstable Recreation Commission recommends to the Town Manager the transfer of the parcels of land of the Osterville Bay School fields including the tennis courts and outdoor basketball court be transferred to the Recreation Division to be held in perpetuity for Recreation and that the Barnstable Recreation Commission recommends the Town Manager pursue the request for Community Preservation Act funding to upgrade the fields including tennis courts and outdoor basketball court at the Osterville Bay School. Passed as amended. **Mr. Ford** asked if the motion pertained only to the fields. **Joe O'Brien** responded correct.

Fortes Beach Update **Lynne Poyant** appeared before Conservation Committee on August 9th, no guilty parties located, Recreation is responsible for the clean up, replanting and expense of the trees. Requested it be done in 4 weeks, **Lynne** asked for 6 weeks. **Rene King** asked any estimate on cost, **Lynne** responded cost is not yet known, also not covered by insurance. **Kathy Pina** asked if beach houses insured, **Lynne Poyant** said yes, maybe, but Fortes beach has no buildings on it. **Lynne** commented she will double check on insurance for other locations.

New Business **Clyde Takala** asked who enforces beach stickers in parking lots. **Lynne Poyant** responded gate attendants. **Clyde** asked when there is no gate attendant. **Lynne** stated Regulatory

Services. **Kevin Turner** asked if regular sweeps were done. **Lynne** said yes. **Clyde Takala** stated Cotuit Athletic Association asked him to look into capital improvement for a new bathroom at Lowell Park that started seven years ago. **Lynne** commented just received capital improvement plans from **Mark Milne**, it has been on the list of improvements, the list covers all Community Services, which covers Marine & Environmental Affairs and Senior Services along with Recreation and unfortunately does not rate the highest on the list of improvements. **Clyde** stated that the cost listed is double what Cotuit Athletic has. **Lynne** stated the cost is based upon municipal government. Town pays prevailing wage. **Kathy Pina** commented 30B process must be followed when using outside contractors, receive three bids, lowest bid accepted. **Kevin Turner** asked how the Cotuit Athletic could be so low. **Clyde** stated they got some bids which are half what the town has. Cotuit Athletic Association is also a non profit and some work would be donated. **Lynne Poyant** stated when it is a municipality the proper channels must be used and work must go through an Request for Proposal (RFP) process. **Lynne** suggested **Clyde Takala** contact **Johanna Boucher**, purchasing agent for the Town, at 508-862-4741. She puts all RFPs together and she can explain the process.

Old Business Nate Nickerson Memorial **Kathy Pina** stated it was a beautiful day, a nice turnout with representatives of the town, family, friends and ball players who had played for **Nate**. Former Recreation Director David Curley spoke. The Nickerson family was very happy. The plaque is being placed on scorer's building. Commission applauded **Kathy** for her hard work.

Director's Report Presented by **Lynne Poyant, Community Services Director**. See attached. **Kathy Pina** requested an update on Burgess Park from Al Baker and Cape Cod Disc Golf group be put on October's agenda. **Rene King** asked if the Recreation Commission could help HYCC in any way. **Lynne** stated keep offering support, encourage people to get a membership. Public uses walking track for rehabilitative purposes. **Kathy Pina** asked about progress of donor wall. **Lynne Poyant** stated looking into where the money is for the completion of the donor wall. **Joe O'Brien** stated for October's agenda Burgess Park, election of officers at end of meeting, **Richard Sawyer** as new commissioner. **Lynne Poyant** stated she would find out if **Dan Proto** had submitted his resignation. **Rene King** asked process for serving on commissions or boards as she wishes more young people were involved. **Lynne** stated usually through other members recommending someone to start the process by filling out the application. **Joe O'Brien** suggested having someone who would be interested to come to a meeting. **Kevin Turner** requested public comment be at the start of the agenda, all agreed.

Kathy Pina made a motion to adjourn; seconded by **Clyde Takala**, all agreed. Meeting adjourned at 6:42.

Respectfully submitted by **Michele Arigo**, Recreation Division.