



**TOWN OF BARNSTABLE**  
**BARNSTABLE RECREATION DIVISION**

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**RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**3 December 2012**

**Commission Members Present:** Joe O'Brien, Chairperson, Rene King, Richard Sawyer, Steve Mele, Kathy Pina and Kevin Turner

**Commission Members Absent:** Clyde Takala, Co-Chairperson

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM, roll call was taken. **Kevin Turner** made a motion to accept the November 5th minutes, second by **Steve Mele**, all in favor with Richard Sawyer abstained.

**Pubic Comment** – **Joe O'Brien** stated congratulations and thanks to BHS girl's volleyball team for their third year winning the State Championship and also congratulations to the BHS football team for the great effort they put forth in playing their championship game. The Commission stated they should all be very proud of themselves.

**Staff Report** – **Joe Izzo** handout given (see attached). **Joe Izzo** stated the Eastern Sectional Figure Skating Championship was a great event. Five days of skating at the HYCC wonderful event start to finish. The HYCC was a beehive of activity. The staff did an exceptional job, zamboni and maintenance did a tremendous job, as the skaters and judges are very particular about the ice. **Richard Sawyer** asked number of spectators? **Joe Izzo** stated just under 500 at any one time, more on the weekend. Casual Gourmet is being any excellent partner to us. We have had lots of positive feedback from the skaters and coaches. **Rene King** asked when we will know if they are coming back. **Joe Izzo** stated events like this are bid on by ice clubs, Yarmouth bid on this, the bids are two years out, they know where it will be all ready for 2013, not sure on 2014. Three years in a row we should have some high quality skating events. The building is starting to gain a reputation for these signature events. The Artisans Guild held an event in the gym over Thanksgiving weekend. **Rene King** stated she liked how the merchandise was protected by the HYCC staff and that the walking track stayed open. **Joe Izzo** stated that this arrangement had been made in advance. They were happy and liked being there in conjunction with other things going on in the building, brought in additional foot traffic. **Rene King** stated nice to see our gym transformed for this event. Discussion followed. **Joe Izzo** stated Bikes on Ice will be back for Father's Day weekend on Butler. **Rene King** suggested looking at dog show events for Butler. **Joe O'Brien** suggested indoor soccer. **Joe O'Brien** asked about BYHA. **Joe Izzo** stated both BYHA and Top Shelf are up and running. Discussion followed. **Rene King** asked if we could capitalize on the Lobster Pot flags. Maybe have HYCC flags for when we have events. **Kathy Pina** asked if **Tim Loose** had been contacted about inter-town basketball tournament. **Rene** would like them to come before the Commission to present their ideas. **Kathy** stated it was a two day event between the towns.

**Staff Report, Patti Machado** – handed out November and December information (see attached), winter registration is up by almost 200 participants. 2013 calendar was sent out as a thank you to our staff. One of the things brought forward to the Disabilities Commission was the new beach wheelchairs; it is much more challenging to get them up and down the beach on soft sand. Went over the town comparison fee sheet on the fields. We are one of the lowest for fees on fields. **Patti** stated the recommendation is to go up over the next two years. **Richard Sawyer** motioned to raise field fees for a one time use in 2013 from \$30.00 to \$40.00; better field \$50.00 to \$75.00 and in 2014 raise from \$40.00 to \$50.00 for a one time use; better field \$75.00 to \$100.00. For 2013 ten or more uses \$400 and 2014 ten or more uses \$500 as submitted by **Patti Machado**. **Rene King** seconded. **Kevin Turner** asked if these rates were the same for Barnstable residents and non residents. **Patti** stated that Barnstable residents always have first option, 99% is town resident use. **Kevin** stated feels it is a tremendous increase. No one can remember when the last increase was. Discussion followed. **Steve Mele** asked if it is the same user groups year after year. **Patti Machado** stated yes, in the past, but less now because the fields are in such poor condition. Field use has gone down over the years; they are going to other towns because we are not maintaining our facilities. **Lynne Poyant** reviewed the S & G Facilities Budget, see attached. **Lynne Poyant** recommended voting solely on 2013 fee increases. **Richard Sawyer** amended his motion for only 2013 increases, **Rene King** amended her second. **Richard Sawyer, Steve Mele, Kathy Pina, Rene King** approved motion; **Kevin Turner** opposed the motion, motion passed.

**Dog Park Update, Kathy Pina** – **Kathy** stated her purpose for being at the meeting was to let them know the Recreation Commission is in favor of the Dog Park. **Joe O'Brien** stated lets have the Dog Park on the January agenda. **Joe** asked if **Patti** had met with Best Buddies, **Patti Machado** responded tomorrow 10AM meeting, if needed Best Buddies will be put on January's agenda.

**Recognition of HYCC Fund Raising & Community Outreach Event Participants, Rene King** – **Rene** stated the Cape Cod Zumba Community has helped raise over \$8,000 quickly approaching \$10,000 with the funds going to many good causes, the HYCC being one. **Rene King** highlighted the vendors and instructors who donated their goods and time in her presentation, see attached. Cape Cod Natural Foods vendor gave a donation but he also came to the green with his staff to help promote a pilot program we hope to present next year. Presentation showed the different Zumbathons that have been held. **Rene** stated they held a pilot program on the town green this year, World Music World Dance Party, for 2013 we would like to do something bigger and grander incorporating Zumba, the arts, the cuisine, the crafts, and have a real World Party here on our village green. **Rene King** stated she would like to take this opportunity to recognize the two instructors who joined us, with our appreciation, Caryl Steward and Candy Johansen. **Joe O'Brien** stated that along with Candy and Caryl he would like to thank the one person **Rene** left out, **Rene King**, because of her efforts and dogged determination she put this all together. The Recreation Commission thanked all for their hard work; applause and certificate of recognition was given.

**CPC Report, Richard Sawyer** – **Richard** stated it was his intention to have the Recreation Commission's letter of intent tabled. The letter was passed. At another meeting DPW handed in a letter of intent for the Osterville Bay School, (see attached), \$32,000 for site analysis, public participation forums on designs and to get a preferred design. This was also passed. Most CPC members would like to know if there can be an overall cost for these site plans. Their taking our nine priorities and want to know what it will cost, would like one big cost for site design. **Patti Machado** stated that the report is in the Town Manager's office and until he gives his input doesn't think we can go forward. **Richard Sawyer** stated the second thing CPC asked was, will a letter of intent be sent for each site. Third thing is what letters of intent we are submitting for the December CPC meeting. **Rene King** and **Kathy Pina** stated we need to wait to hear from the Town

Manager. **Richard Sawyer** stated CPC only accepts letters of intent in December and June. **Richard** stated would like letters of intent on Lombard, Lopes, skate park and tennis courts. **Joe O'Brien** stated taking this a little out of order but the Barnstable Little League update is that we are in a holding pattern, looking at all wish lists what Barnstable Little League, Marstons Mills Civic Association and Cotuit Kettleers want. Discussion followed. **Lynne Poyant** stated Town Manager is very appreciative of the work done by the Commission and if you go to the Iforum website, all nine items are listed to see what the general public is interested in. Skate Park has four comments. **Lynne Poyant** stated the Commission would be more ready in June than now for the letters of intent that is her feeling. **Rene King** stated she would like to add the Veteran's playground to the list of four. **Kathy Pina** stated why limit it to only five, it should be all nine. **Patti Machado** stated she has to get evaluations on all nine sites, doesn't know if possible in three weeks. Discussion followed. **Steve Mele** stated he is confused, do we even know the process it takes to come up with these dollar amounts. Lynne Poyant stated it is a long process. **Kathy Pina** suggested not taking up twenty minutes on something we have no cost for, now it looks like we are going to table it until June. Discussion followed. **Richard Sawyer** asked can DPW come up with letters of intent. **Lynne** stated she does not know, can't say what the staffs workload is, still working on their CIPs. **Rene King** stated we need to take into account the season it is starting to not look realistic and don't even know the specifics we need. **Lynne Poyant** suggested Little League submit a letter of intent, they should call Alisha Parker in Growth Management, she is assigned to the CPC, and she can tell them what can and can't happen. But remember this is town property. **Kevin Turner** asked would it be better for them to apply under our name. **Lynne** stated question for Alisha. **Joe O'Brien** feels the letter of intents can be done in time, we can do cost estimates on our own. **Richard Sawyer** stated we will need DPW for some. **Joe** asked for the date the letters need to be in. **Richard Sawyer** stated December 17<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed. **Joe O'Brien** stated we have a motion to apply for as many letters of intent that we can get in by the 17<sup>th</sup>, of the nine, seconded by **Kevin Turner**, all in favor.

**Barnstable Little League Update, Joe O'Brien** – in a holding pattern as stated earlier. Name changed to the Marstons Mills Fields Subcommittee.

**New Business** – **Joe O'Brien** read one email and one letter into the minutes, see attached. **Rene King** stated the Recreation Commission move forward in our enterprise account coming into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with online registration in 2013. Winter registration survey had many requests for online registration. **Lynne Poyant** stating working on the cost now. About \$3,000 per division. Part of budget process. **Rene King** asked can we see which towns do offer online registration. **Patti Machado** stated she will look into. Online registration on agenda for January 7th.

**Old Business** – None

**Kevin Turner** made motion to adjourn **Rene King** second all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

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