



BARNSTABLE RECREATION DIVISION

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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

12 August 2013

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

Also Present: Patti Machado, Director Leisure Services; Joe Izzo, General Manager, HYCC

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM, roll call was taken. Motion made by **Richard Sawyer** to approve minutes of July 1, 2013, as submitted, **Joe O'Brien** second, all in favor. **Kevin Turner** and the Commissioners welcomed **Bill Dado** to the Commission.

Public Comment – NONE

Pool Update, Henry Young read **Diane Klaiber's** letter, (see attached). **Pat Young** read her letter, (see attached). **Kevin Turner** stated you are looking for our support to have a communication with folks in Sandwich to look for pool opportunities for adults. **Pat Young** stated yes. **Kevin** asked if any luck with the Sandwich School Committee. **Pat** stated she understands their concern is for the students but if there was a collaborative effort from the different Recreation Departments in the Upper Cape it might be feasible to fill this void. **Dr. C Richard Canfield, Superintendent of Sandwich Schools** stated the pool closed it's self, leaking 80,000 gallons of water. Looking at all avenues to get it up and running. Cost is a factor and who will run and maintain. **Dr. Canfield** stated have an extensive background in aquatics; need the pool for physical education. Great place for special needs use. **Dr. Canfield** stated wishes to make "Every child water safe, every child a swimmer" theme in Sandwich and across the Cape. Discussion followed. **Kevin Turner** stated he would email **Dr. Canfield** regarding the pool. **Rene King** suggested contacting Falmouth as they are looking to find a location for a pool.

Centerville Playground, Steve Luciani – **Steve** (also Vice President of the Centerville Civic Association, not here in that capacity) handed a photo album to the Commission to view before and after pictures of playground. **Steve Luciani** stated he just went ahead and made improvements to the playground and then was told to stop. Stated he does not understand why items were removed that he put at the playground, and then was informed the town is concerned with liability. **Steve Luciani** stated he has put \$18,000 of own money, will get money back through donations. Barnstable Police have donated \$250. **Rene King** asked how we can improve the process. Being that it is town property certain rules must be followed. **Patti Machado** stated the safety evaluation has been completed so that we can move forward. Have asked for a liaison from the Recreation Commission to the playground, have a meeting tomorrow at 1:30, bottom line is all requests must come before the Recreation Commission as community support is necessary. **Kevin Turner** stated he was surprised to find out that money was being raised privately for a Recreation property, need to follow the process for these things. **Kevin** stated you are doing amazing things and don't want to

dampen your enthusiasm. Discussion followed. **Richard Sawyer** will be the liaison for the Centerville Playground.

CPC Report, Richard Sawyer – **Richard** stated the CPC did a presentation before the Town Council with a big emphasis on recreation. Handed out the presentation (see attached). **Richard** stated that CPC funds could be used for the Craigville Beach House.

Osterville Bay Liaison, Kathy Pina – **Kathy** stated we meet with the new contractor who had talked with Mark Curley, a Village Association director, for ideas. It was decided to have a meeting tonight at 7pm at Our Lady of Assumption's basement to get ideas and input from the towns citizens.

Staff Report, Joe Izzo - **Joe** handed out a skate sharpening fee increase and HYCC August calendars (see attached). **Joe Izzo** stated having a wonderful summer. Looking to increase the skate sharpening fee by \$1.00, go from \$5.00 to \$6.00. We are wrapping up h the summer leagues for basketball and volleyball; US National Showcase was a great success, had about 300 skaters and they stayed in Hyannis area for four days. Youth hockey will start in a few short weeks. Top Shelf does a lot of summer camps. The building has no rest at all which is good for us. **Joe O'Brien** asked do you think business will be lost due to this \$1.00 increase. **Joe Izzo** stated no, as it is inline with what other rinks are charging. **Rene King** stated we found another customer for HYCC, Independence House will be hosting a Zumbathon on September 22, 2013, 1-3pm. **Rene** stated the HYCC is one of our favorite spots to rent for Zumbathons. Handout given with information (see attached). **Joe O'Brien** made a motion to increase the fee from \$5.00 to \$6.00 for skate sharpening. **Kathy Pina** seconds the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Staff Report, Patti Machado – **Patti** stated **Kevin** asked for a report to be given regarding Covell's yesterday. Our staff was called to action to rescue a woman in the water; we had five lifeguards perform CPR. It was text book training, everything they had been trained came into play. From the reports I received from the Chief of Police and Fire Chief of COMM, this woman is living due to the quick response of our lifeguards, getting nothing but positive feedback from everyone. This happened at 10:16am at Covell's beach. We can all be very proud, but this is what we do. **Rene King** asked how many were seasoned and new. **Patti** stated only one was a first year. Discussion followed. **Joe O'Brien** stated please let them know our appreciation. **Kevin Turner** stated we at least need to give them some public recognition. **Patti Machado** stated with all the kudos we are getting believe there will be some type of public recognition. We don't train often with rescue but everyone worked as a team. Discussion followed. **Patti Machado** played the Recreation spring video. Round of applause after video.

Fee Recommendation

- a. Fee increase across the board for Programs \$5 increase
 - i. This would help cover the expense of on-line registration costs as well as the request to have a 3 step hourly wage fee for staff hourly wages. (\$19,101)
 - ii. Implement a 3 step pay rate as implemented in all other towns. (.50 per step increase for returning staff)
- b. Leisure Program
 - i. \$700 increase to \$750
 1. We would like to provide 3 step pay increase for the staff. (.50 per step increase for returning staff)
 2. The cost of transportation has gone up and the cost for special trips have increased as well, so we have had to cut some things back and would like to put some of our trips back in.

c. Beach Stickers

- i. \$5 increase to \$10 for Handicap Sticker with a limit of 2 per family
- ii. \$4 increase to \$5 for Replacement Stickers (help cover the administration costs)
- iii. \$30 increase to \$35 *Town Manager has recommended this increase.*
 1. Cover additional operational costs for expanding hours at Craigville Beach and Covell's Beaches \$16,500)
 2. Provide Lifeguard Services once again at Hamblin's Pond (\$24,676)
 3. Implement a 3 step pay increase for Aquatic Staff. (.50 per step increase for returning staff)

The Town of Barnstable is the only Recreation Division with out this structure here on the Cape and in much of Massachusetts. We have done very little with the seasonal staff pay rates since FY94. The Aquatic Staff did get an increase in 2009; \$1 per hour to bring them in line with the other non-surf beaches. **Joe O'Brien** requested having a month to review the fees and vote next month. **Rene King** asked if any incentive would be given to people who sign up early or online for programs. **Patti** stated she talked to Mark Milne about this, he does not recommend doing it, as there should be equal access for all. **Bill Dado** asked if we are losing employees due to pay. **Patti Machado** stated yes, at the lifeguard competition, which we won, they try to recruit our staff, and if they are trained by Barnstable, they will start them at Step 3.

Marstons Mills Field Update – **Steve Mele** stated doesn't want to rush into a decision on this. **Kathy Pina** stated the village association wants to be contacted on the school; they have thoughts about putting the library and or Liberty Hall in there. **Steve** stated we are going to look at some other sites. Mike Clark, representative of BLL is meeting with Mark Ells, going to revisit Bay Lane. Mike is going to meet with Growth Management on Thursday to see if there might be land the town all ready owns that fits the requirements BLL needs. **Joe O'Brien** stated if anyone knows of any property available, please let us know.

Old Business – None

New Business – **Rene King** stated quick idea, highlight the amazing youth talent we have. Essence of Cape Cods got talent all the walls at the facility would be a nice way to highlight all the talent, not just athletic but also art talent. Next meeting would like to share a young author who wrote about the Cape Cod railroad, all about youth, recreation is our thing but there is so much talent here on Cape Cod. **Kevin Turner** stated we should consider changing the day of our meeting for the New Year. **Joe O'Brien** stated can we have Michele look into the availability of room space for alternative days that might be available for our next meeting. Michele stated yes.

Joe O'Brien made motion to adjourn **Rene King** second, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:46PM.

Public files are available for viewing during normal business hours

**Further detail may be obtained by viewing the video via Channel 18 On-Demand at

<http://www.town.barnstable.ma.us>

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

OPEN MEETING LAW
MEETING MATERIAL TRACKING FORM

Board, Committee, or Commission Name		RECREATION COMMISSION				
Date Rec'd	Materials Dated	Meeting Date	From	To	Subject	Exhibit #
8/12/13	NA	8/12/13	Diane Klaiber	TOB Rec Com	Pool	1
8/12/13	NA	8/12/13	Patricia Young	TOB Rec Com	Pool	2
8/12/13	8/1/13	8/12/13	Richard Sawyer	TOB Rec Com	Rec use of CPC funds	3
8/12/13	NA	8/12/13	Joe Izzo	TOB Rec Com	Skate Sharpening fees & August calendars	4
8/12/13	9/22/13	8/12/13	Rene King	TOB Rec Com	Zumbathon	5
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