

Recreation Commission Meeting Monday, December 02, 2013 Minutes

Kevin Turner – Chair	Present
Joseph O’Brien – Vice Chair	Present
William Dado	Absent
Steven Mele	Present
Rene King	Absent
Richard Sawyer	Present
Katherine Pina	Absent

Also present were Madeline Noonan (Senior Services Director), Bob Burke (President, Barnstable Council on Aging), Sean Roycroft (ipo Ben Baxter), Michael Clark, Joe Izzo, Patti Machado and Lynne Poyant.

At 5:30, Chair Kevin Turner calls the meeting to order. All members present introduce themselves

Minutes

Motion is made by Richard Sawyer and seconded by Joe O’Brien to approve the minutes as submitted.

Vote:

All in favor

Public Comment

No one is here for public comment.

Senior Programs-Senior Center Director - Madeline Noonan

Kevin Turner asks what they can do to accommodate and help support recreation for the seniors in the community. Madeline Noonan introduces herself and Bob Burke who is president of the Council on Aging. Madeline states that the Senior Center has a long standing and good relationship with the Recreation Center. They all try to help and support each other’s services and she feels that the Senior Center should be the front line for seniors in the community for resources. She hands out newsletters showing programs they do offer (**Exhibit A**). She gives a summary of programs offered and what they don’t have the physical capacity for is offered by the Recreation Center such as the walking track which will be featured in the next Compass publication.

Richard Sawyer states that there has been a lot of interest by seniors regarding a swimming facility. Madeline Noonan states that the town purchased a parcel adjacent to the Senior Center with the intent for future

expansion of the parking lot. Most of that space would be taken up by the additional parking and is not sure what space would be available beyond that. Bob Burke states that some seniors asked about a fitness park and possible location adjacent to the Senior Center. Madeline states that they have gone as far as getting a quote for a park with stations which was approximately \$20,000 to install. Patti Machado notes that this type of facility is also on Osterville's wish list. Bob Burke states that more funding for seniors is at the top of their list

Lynne Poyant states that the center supplies a lot of services and programs and would like to do a community assessment. In regards to the Adult Supported Day program, they are in need of a larger space and were asked by the Town to vacate the space at the Centerville community building in order to have everything in house. As well as this program they also have meals on wheels and caregiver respite. Lynne indicates that when they do a community assessment, they would like to talk to seniors about what they want and from there prioritize. Lynne Poyant states that building something that needs maintenance is something that needs to be looked at. Richard Sawyer would be interested in seeing the assessment on what seniors want once it is complete. Madeline Noonan would like to extend an invitation for this committee to come to the Council on Aging meeting.

Barnstable Youth Hockey Programs - Ben Baxter, President

Sean Rycroft is here to talk on behalf on the Youth Hockey Program. He states that there are over 500 members in the program and thinks it will grow next year as they are looking to expand. They have made a lot of improvements especially with the new facility and notes that today there were 38 girls trying out for varsity and junior varsity hockey. He has had no problem with ice time scheduling and will probably request more ice time next year. He did mention to Joe that at the next board meeting, to work on an off season program, possibly in the morning. Sean states that they have implemented for the A and B teams they have added extra team practice in order to be more competitive with elite programs. Parents don't have a problem paying more money but want more ice time. Hopefully down the road they could offer more time for everyone. Sean states that there is close to 90 children in the farm program consisting of five and six year olds. Joe O'Brien asks what other teams they have. Sean states that the Mini Rights which combine the farm and Might age kids, Might age kids who are between the ages of seven and eight, Squirts are eight, nine and ten depending on when their birthday occurs, Pee Wee group is for 11 and 12 year olds, Bantams for 13 and 14 year olds and Midget group for the high school age children. They run two, full season Midget teams and one, half-season Midget team. Joe O'Brien asks about the Lobster Pot program and coaches. Sean states that it is already sold out this year and believes there will be 65 teams this year participating. The majority of their teams play in the South Shore Conference which is a strict program. Rob Thorne is the coaching advocate making sure that their coaches have proper certification as they fall under the youth hockey guidelines for youth hockey. Sean reports that the program is financially doing well, have excellent sponsors, do their own fundraising and have received some charitable donations.

Barnstable Little League Presentation - Michael Clark & Joe Scott

Kevin Turner states that this committee had started the process of looking at Little League fields several years ago and that the Bay Lane property has come back in front of Little League. Mike and Joe met with DPW on this to get information. This committee also met with abutters and the Centerville Civic Association who is in support of the project. They have had a good meeting with the principal of Centerville Elementary who likes the layout for additional parking.

Mike Clark states that he spoke with Jim Benoit in GIS who came up with a map for the Bay Lane property. What they would like to do is to turn and face the fields away from the tennis courts and explains. He states that there is a buffer in place to allow for some foul balls and to protect vehicles. Also, there will be a concession

stand, in the middle between the two fields which would include restrooms. They would also like to have lights on both fields and want the facilities that make the most noise such as parking, home plate, dugouts and concession stand more towards the center where it would be beneficial to the abutters.

Kevin Turner asks what Centerville Civic Association's concerns were. Mike Clark states that they didn't necessarily have concerns but had asked if the field could be used by residents in the off time which they were told they could. The association also asked about operating hours. Mike states that the latest game would begin at 7:00 PM and end at approximately 8:45 or 9:00 PM. Kevin Turner clarifies that a request from this committee should be sent to the Town Manager. Patti Machado states that the Town Manager will be having more meetings on this but that this is not at that point as of yet and she cannot move forward until the Town Manager meets with CPC's chair.

Staff Report- Joe Izzo

Joe goes over the staff report briefly. With his staff report, he did not include the schedules which he hands out to the members (**EXHIBIT B**). He goes over the schedule. He talks about the skate school skating show taking place this Saturday. Barnstable High School will be hosting four boys' high school tournaments with the first one on December 13th and 14th. HYCC will host Rock Night which allows middle age school children to skate (ages four to seven) to music. They also came up with a Holiday party idea consisting of a Christmas themed movie for those who don't skate on December 20th. Barnstable Youth Hockey will be hosting annual Christmas Tournament that will take place the day after Christmas and is sold out. December is a busy month for them. This past weekend they hosted the Cranberry Classic which consisted of approximately 70 hours of ice. On Friday and Saturday, in the gymnasium, was an art show. The Elks Hoop Shoot was held on November 16th which the center hosted for the second time which was a very good event. Currently, they are serving as a *Toys for Tots* drop off point and the *Giving Tree* for hats, mittens and scarves.

Richard Sawyer comments that they had discussed establishing a database with zip codes to track usage and asks if they have considered this. Joe Izzo states that they have membership tags and encourage people to swipe it when they enter the facility at the front reception window.

Staff Report - Patti Machado

Patti states that programs start this week and that they will be getting ongoing registrations which have been getting great responses from the community. Some glitches included problems with changing a date of birth and grades. Richard Sawyer asks about showing birth certificates in person. Patti states that the only place where they have seen a problem is in the sailing program which doesn't happen quite often. Mr. Sawyer asks if members need insurance to be in the program. Patti indicates no.

Patti states that the registration numbers are up quite a bit and that they have also added more indoor soccer because of the demand. They have secured Doc Doherty who coached the girl's high school team and who will be running the soccer program for all age groups. They also added the architect and engineering program which filled up quickly. They are finding that the new program enrollment has increased and not the traditional sporting programs. Bowling has gone down which means children are trying other programs.

They had the turkey shoot which was a wonderful event and gives kudos to Lambert's and Dunkin Donuts. They have been down a program coordinator and the recreation team goes above and beyond. CIP projects that are requested are for Veterans Park playground and memorials. She explains that the dream is to put all the veteran's memorials in one location at Veteran's Memorial Park. They also discussed the design layout for the

Centerville playground. Patti also indicates that also on the list are the bath houses and Lopes field and that it would be good to do both at the same time. She indicates that the next step would be to sit down and evaluate what the next priorities are and then prioritize within those ten.

Patti states that, in regards to administration:

- ♦ she attended an HR class at Mass Maritime
- ♦ shows the JFK Memorial brochure whose staff works under the Recreation Department
- ♦ and that employees will be working this Saturday at Burgess Park as the Cape Cod Disc Golf is expecting 20 to 30 attendees.

Liaison's Reports

Joe O'Brien asks if this committee needs to do anything regarding the Little League project. Patti states that it is on hold awaiting word from the Town Manager.

Richard Sawyer states that CPC approved an expenditure of \$100,000 regarding bike trail that has been in the works for the last seven years. The bike path will extend from Yarmouth to Barnstable and will have two parking areas. Mr. Sawyer states that he would like to be involved in this.

Richard Sawyer asks the status of the Osterville Bay Elementary School. Lynne Poyant states that they are trying to get someone to evaluate the community building as the question is whether or not to tear it down. Patti Machado comments that they need this building for gym space and razing it would deplete that space.

Old Business

Skateboard Park – Patti is waiting for a letter from legal about getting equipment.

Kevin Turner would like to suggest that at the next meeting, setting aside a time between 6:00 and 6:30 PM to set priorities.

Joe O'Brien notes that the McManus property keeps coming up. He asks if there is a way to work with the Town to come up with a plan to develop this property. Richard Sawyer comments that a sports complex would be approximately twelve to thirteen million dollars and that they should wait and assess existing buildings.

Motion is made by Richard Sawyer and seconded by Joe O'Brien to adjourn.

Vote:

All in favor