



**TOWN OF BARNSTABLE
BARNSTABLE RECREATION DIVISION**

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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

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Scrivener's note: The following minutes are general in nature. For those wanting specific detail on matters heard on this agenda, additional resources are available to you: video-on-demand (free on the Town website at town.barnstable.ma.us, on the Recreation Commission's web page).

Commission Members Present: Joseph O'Brien, Chair, James Tenaglia, Vice-Chair, Renée Dowling, Brendan Burke, Rene King

Absent: Kathy Pina and Tanya Dawson

Also Present: Patti Machado - Director of Recreation Division, Morgan Contrino - Youth Commission Liaison, and Lynne Poyant - Director of Community Services

The meeting was called to order at 5:30, all commissioners present introduced themselves.

Act on Minutes from meeting of October 7, 2019: Motion was made by James Tenaglia to accept the minutes from the October 7, 2019 meeting as submitted, seconded by Renée Dowling. **VOTE – All In Favor.**

Joseph O'Brien called for a moment of silence in remembrance of Jimmy Crocker, President of the Town Council.

A. Peter Nugnes was not present for the meeting.

B. Tim Grace, Barnstable High School Boys' Hockey Coach

1. Involvement with the community

- a. Holiday Skate is Thursday, December 12th which allows the younger children the opportunity to skate with the varsity team. This is also a Toys for Tots event so gifts for this program are collected.
- b. Collaboration with BYHA for community service is voluntary
- c. Open to communicating with Barnstable Youth Hockey to find ways to groom and cultivate the younger children.
- d. There is the option for a child to choose a school given school choice so as long as the child is attending Barnstable High School, they are eligible to play a sport.
- e. They are happy with the facilities and feel at home at the HYCC.

C. Friends of the Dog Park

1. Management, operation and needs of the dog park.

- a. Elaine Grace was there to represent. She says more volunteers are needed.
- b. Additional funding may be coming from the Stanton Foundation which would provide for shade structure(s) and more benches. Shade is needed.

- c. Nina Coleman – Director of Natural Resources came to acknowledge how great the core people of the Friends of the Dog Park are who have given so much of their time to make this happen.
- d. The volunteers reach out to the Natural Resource Division with issues such as the water bubbler not working. They also handle dog enforcement issues. They receive very few complaints.
- e. The intent of the park is the partnership between the town and the community. The team has diminished and they need more people in the community involved.
- f. They are looking for new board members, a president, vice president, clerk/secretary, and directors to keep moving this park forward.
- g. They would like to get the word out about their needs and to hear from people.
 - i. A press release is being given out to the Patriot.
 - ii. They would like to be on Channel 18.
 - iii. They have a Facebook page and can get messages from this page.
 - iv. Website is Barnstabledogpark.org
 - v. Email is barnstabledogpark@gmail.com
- h. Possibilities for youth to volunteer are trash pick-up 3 times a week on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursdays.
- i. Leadership Cape Cod might be a good place to find new board members.
- j. Rules are working as is but one thing that might be considered is to put a sign up that limits a dog that is using the 3rd area, which is used for dogs that can't play with other dogs, to 20 minutes to give other people a chance to use that area.

D. Staff Report – Patti Machado (Handout A)

1. Administration

- a. DPW did a phenomenal job on the Centerville and West Barnstable Recreation buildings.
 - The contribution by Baxter Crane was an enormous help in getting the job done.
- b. The program participation Discipline Procedures and Parent Code of Conduct are now a part of the registration form process
- c. Working with Children's Cove to bring in bullying and aggressive behavior programs
- d. Working with Joyce Landscaping to continue field maintenance at McKeon field
- e. Working to bring forward Rules and Regulations for tennis/pickleball courts which will be consistent with what is at the ball fields
- f. The first Cape & Islands Rink Managers meeting was put together and hosted by Joe Izzo
- g. DPW update by Mark Marinuccio:
 - Barnstable Hollow – Town Council and The Community Preservation Committee have approved improvements. Any improvements must be approved by Old King's Highway. CPC is involved with funding in conjunction with the town. The objective is to make it a useable field instead of a hazard.
 - i. Not handicapped accessible
 - ii. Informal dirt path, sloped access, from church parking lot
 - iii. Poor condition and limited demand/use of the ballpark
 - iv. Playground is within range of ballfield play
 - v. No irrigation...green space is not always green
 - vi. Limited physical containment of activities to the space or space boundaries
 - vii. Erosion of street bank behind playground
 - Marstons Mills Tennis/Pickleball Complex – Town Council appropriated money to rebuild the courts to include dedicated Pickleball courts.
 - i. Six existing asphalt tennis courts surrounded by a 10' chain link fence
 - ii. Tennis courts have failed beyond acceptable repair options
 - iii. Gates are permanently locked, nets have been removed
 - iv. Expansion and contraction controls are not present

- v. Extensiveness of failure brings into question the condition of the base material
- vi. Tennis courts and parking lot are controlled by the school department

E. Aquatics

- a. Breakfast for volunteers who sell beach stickers was held
- b. Cape & Islands Beach Managers fall meeting was attended by Patti Machado
- c. The Woods Hole Group's shark mitigation alternative analysis report meeting was attended by Tim McGrath

F. HYCC

- a. Rock Nights have been successful
- b. US Figure Skating Eastern Competition will be held November 12th – 16th which is hosted by the Yarmouth Ice Club
- c. Yoga relaxation classes are being offered to the after school program by Neighborhood Yoga
- d. Kennedy Memorial Museum comes in every Monday to teach the young people about JFK
- e. Cape Culinary Incubators has partnered with HYCC to offer free Thanksgiving dinners to 50 families
- f. Barnstable Pickleball is back on Monday and Wednesday mornings at the HYCC

G. Recreation Programs

- a. Fall programs are winding down. Participation Enrollment Comparisons are provided **(Handout B)**
- b. Winter program registration begins on Wednesday, November 6th. Brochure was provided **(Handout C)**
- c. Annual Friday Night Social Thanksgiving Dinner/Dance will be November 22nd at the Barnstable Adult Community Center and the Commission Members are invited to attend

H. Youth Commission - Liaison, Morgan Contrino

- a. Community Substance Abuse Prevention Forum held October 29th at BHS Knight Hall
 - i. Change of venue and increased publicity resulted in a larger turnout
 - ii. Hidden In Plain Sight trailer from the Falmouth Police Department was very popular and informative
 - iii. Many vendors attended
 - iv. Speakers including the police department on the legal repercussions of drugs for students
- b. Commissioner Allianna DeBarros presented information on the effects of Dipping at the last Youth Commission meeting
- c. Senator Julian Cyr invited the Youth Commission to the State House
 - i. Will attend an open Senate meeting
 - ii. Will meet with Representative Will Crocker
 - iii. Will have tour of State House
- d. 7th Grade Annual Youth Summit
 - i. Being held March 13th at Cape Cod Community College
 - ii. Awarded \$25,000 grant for this
- e. Youth Job Fair to be held at HYCC March 4th, 2020
- f. One Love – Working on dates for BHS, Sturgis East and West, and St. John Paull II

I. Liaison's Reports

1. CPC - James Tenaglia – Nothing to report this month from CPC
2. Barnstable Athletics at the High School - Renée Dowling – Nothing to report this month
 - a. A parade will be held for the **Red Raider Rolling Rally** the day before Thanksgiving, November 27th
 - b. Setup is at 10:00AM at the Transportation Center. Parade begins at 12:00 Noon
 - c. All clubs are welcome
 - d. Rally will take place on the town green at the bandstand
 - e. HYCC is a back-up in case of rain with rally at 1:00 in this case
 - f. Facebook page is Red Raider Rolling Rally
 - g. Barbara Gleason has parade applications at BHS in room 1407
 - h. Police have donated their time
3. Barnstable Little League – Joseph O'Brien

- a. Mike Clark has said the board has raised some money for the bathroom and concession stand facilities feasibility study.

J. Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair - None

K. NEW BUSINESS – Next Month’s Agenda Items

- a. Peter Nugnes will be invited back
- b. Ross Jatkola of BHS football
- c. Results from Facilities/Fields Tours

L. Public Comment – None

M. Next Meeting – December 2, 2019

Motion made to adjourn by Renée Dowling. 2nd by James Tenaglia. **VOTE – All in favor.** Meeting adjourned at 6:48PM.

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

Respectfully submitted by **Sandra Merritt**, Recreation Division

RECREATION COMMISSION						
Date Rec'd	Material Dated	Meet Date	From	To	Subject	Exhibit
11/4/2019	11/4/2019	11/4/2019	Patti Machado	RC	Staff Report	A
11/4/2019	11/4/2009	1/11/1900	Patti Machado	RC	2019 Fall Recreation Participation Enrollment Comparisons	B
11/4/2019	11/4/2019	11/4/2019	Patti Machado	RC	Winter Brochure	C