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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES 6 OCTOBER 2008

Commission Members Present: Clyde Takala – Chairman, Joe O’Brien – Vice Chairman, Rene King, Kevin Turner, Kathy Pina, Dan Proto, Andy Gauthier

Commission Members Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m., roll call was taken. Kevin Turner made a motion to accept September’s minutes, seconded by Joe O’Brien, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

New Business: Kevin Turner informed David Curley of a couple of parents who spoke with him regarding unpleasant language used by a Little League coach and wanted to know if the Recreation Division is aware of it and if there is any review of such language by the Recreation Division. David said he will inform Rich Petze, president of Little League, of the information; he would want to know which coach so he could address the issue.

Old Business: Kathy Pina said she followed up on possible grants and/or contributions for a feasibility study for the Hathaway’s Campground. She said that the person she contacted for a contribution exhausted their donations for the remainder of the year and they said to call at a later date. She went on to say that KOA had sent information to her and she has given it to Rene King for review. Also, KOA said that a campground is a real necessity and they are very much interested in what the Recreation Commission is trying to develop. **Rene King** requested to revisit the opportunity for funding in 2009 calendar and asked that this issue will be placed on February’s agenda for further discussion. **Lynne Poyant**, Director of Community Services, informed the Commission members of Marsha King, who was hired by the Town as a grant seeker and she may be able to help the Recreation Commission look for a grant in order to proceed with feasibility study for Hathaway’s Campground. **Kathy Pina** suggested that the funding issue be discussed at November’s meeting and placed on November’s agenda. **Clyde Takala**, Recreation Commission Chairman, asked for information regarding preparation for the Smoking Ban Public Hearing. He said he would call the meeting to order, welcome everyone, and ask for input from the public regarding a smoking ban at the public beaches. He also said that he would invite all to the next Recreation Commission meeting being held November 3rd, 2008 at the Kennedy Rink. **Lynne Poyant** said that Fred Stepanis had organized a Coastal sweep at Craigville and Sandy Neck Beach and he was going to put together a report regarding the debris pulled off those two beaches.

Joe O'Brien asked if everything was fine at Cotuit Park. **David Curley** said groups were using Lowell Park and there have been no complaints. **Clyde Takala** read into the minutes a letter received from Attorney Houghton to Mr. Mark Buckley. See Attached.

Public Comment: None.

Director's Report: **David Curley** gave his director's report: See attached. Regarding the Rink and High School Hockey, the parking issue was addressed and **Joe O'Brien** suggested having patrons park elsewhere and be shuttled into the rink. **Andy Gauthier** suggested letting the school come up with a plan considering it is their program. **Dan Proto** suggested an information link regarding the parking on the Hockey website, showing patrons alternate parking locations and suggest carpooling. **David Curley** said he would talk to the A.D. regarding the issue. **Rene King** asked if there was going to be an end of season event at the rink; she asked that it be placed on November's agenda. **David Curley** said that E.J. Jaxtiner was invited to the November meeting as well and he will invite David LaCouture, Marketing Manager, and that these guests will be placed on November's agenda. **Clyde Takala** asked the Commission members to review a letter from Leah Curtis, Town Councilor, regarding the gathering of a board/committee/commission handbook. He said that all information is to be sent to Sam and carbon copied to David Curley and himself in the next week anything that should be included in the handbook.

Kevin Turner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Andy Gauthier**, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously at 6:45 pm.

Next meeting will be held on November 3rd, 2008 at the Kennedy Rink.

Respectfully submitted by Samantha Garfield, Principal Division Assistant, Recreation Division