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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

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Commission Members Present: Joe O'Brien – Chairman, Kevin Turner, Renee King, and Richard Sawyer

Commission Members Absent: Kathy Pina and Clyde Takala

The meeting was called to order at 5:33PM, roll call was taken. **Richard Sawyer** made a motion to accept the November 7th minutes, seconded by **Renee King**, all in favor.

Pubic Comment – Al Baker stated that along with a no smoking policy at Burgess Park he would like to see a “bring it in, take it out” policy for trash. Remove all trash barrels and fine people who do not obey the rules. Feels this would be the best plan for trash and would free up his time and the Golf Disc guys to have more time to maintain Burgess. No further public comment.

Award – Joe O'Brien requested that **Al Baker** remain at the table as the Commission wished to present him with an award for Outstanding Community Service for the village of Marston Mills. **Patti Machado** stated that **Al** has been instrumental in many areas in Marston Mills but mainly at Burgess Park, **Baker** has been a watchdog for the Recreation Division and can't say enough about all you have done. It is nice for us to be able to recognize you with this award. **Al** was thanked by the Commission and given a round of applause.

Pope John Paul II, John Muldoon, Director of Athletics – School has 18 Varsity sports, expect to grow in the next 4-5 years, currently have 235 students, 80% student athletes, and expect that to grow as well. Use HYCC for girls and boy's basketball, hockey, and pep rallies. Overall real happy with the Town. **Mark Boardley** has been a great person to us. Going to have to find other facility for practice, as it appears HYCC is becoming more of a game facility. New floor is beautiful, concerned it would time be done in time, greatly surprised when it was. 6AM practice for hockey, first year using it. We work in conjunction with Sturgis for field use and basketball. A concern we have is the field we use, it is being chewed up by a rugby team when they use it. **John Muldoon** asked if the artificial turf surface would be an option in the summer. **Patti Machado** said probably not. We will be looking for a home soccer field. **Patti Machado** suggested looking at Hyannis West. **Joe O'Brien** said these are the things we need to know about, as we do have long range plans and goals we work on, and maintenance issues. **John Muldoon** said they have an outside company do the landscape and maintenance. **Joe O'Brien** asked where PJPII played home football games. **John** replied Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Discussion followed.

BHS Cross Country Alumni, Alex Wells - Former member and coach of BHS cross country. Looking to put permanent markers for cross country races at Hathaway's Pond, just had our 6th annual race over

Thanksgiving. Alumni gives funds to various charities; going forward purposed the funds go to BHS cross country. Request for markers has the support of the BHS Athletic Director and BHS Principal. The course has been in continuous use since 1980, BHS uses it regularly. Use tiny marker flags currently. Painting arrows and facing arrows has drawn criticism from the Conservation Commission. No specific guidance has been given as to what is acceptable. **Kevin Turner** asked what type of markers we are talking about. **Alex Wells** replied that after receiving approval from Recreation we would work with Conservation and he thinks they maybe colored arrows. **Richard Sawyer** asked would they be removed. **Alex** stated they hoped they would be permanent. **Patti Machado** stated Conservation all ready uses something similar to mark endangered species; also stated a lot of kids use the course to run and without markers it is easy to get lost. **Renee King** asked who would assume the cost of the markers. **Alex Wells** replied the Alumni. **Richard Sawyer** asked how many markers. **Alex** responded 1-2 dozen. **Kevin Turner** asked if it is Conservation property, why Recreation is involved. **Patti Machado** stated part of the land is Recreation; we have a cross country program so this would benefit us. Discussion followed. **Kevin Turner** suggested tabling motion until **Steve Francis** speaks to Commission. All agreed.

Hurricanes, John Danby and Paul Sherbertes - Program is year around. It is a hockey business. Kids come from Provincetown to Plymouth, about 90 kids. Hockey schools, skill sessions, and goalie training. Go from 9 years of age to 18. **John Danby** handed out proposal before rink even had opened 2009, along with proposal for 2011(see attached). Has been a great relationship with HYCC, we don't turn any ice back, we fill our programs. Summer time we will have kids from off Cape this year. We are here to stay. Either **John or Paul** is at every event to make sure everything runs smoothly. Discussion followed. Tournament coming up. We get people from New York and Connecticut, as we all ready have the ice time and we show off the building. The building is a magnet if used right. **Kevin Turner** stated this helps the hotels and motels in town. **Renee King** asked now or in future do you see an opportunity for scholarships for this area, we are all about the youth. **Paul Sherbertes** stated it is something we talked about this year. **John Danby** commented that they do subsidize some of the families that are in need that they know about. We do plan for some subsidy in our program. Our profit margin is not huge. Thinks they may get to a point where they may be able to offer a couple pf scholarships. **Richard Sawyer** asked if there is a scholarship application. **John Danby** said no form; it is one on one and tries to keep it ourselves. **Kevin Turner** commented Recreation is not giving them a break on ice time. **Patti Machado** stated the Hurricanes are a very professional organization. When you ask for something it is done. **Paul Sherbertes** commented that they give their players the opportunity to work up through the ranks, coach younger kids earn free skate time; next year paid for coaching along with free ice time. Discussion followed. **Joe O'Brien** asked any plans for running a summer program. Paul stated they do that now.

BHS Athletic Director, Steve Francis – **Steve** stated he is 100% behind **Alex Wells** putting in permanent markers. Dangerous not knowing where you are going. **Renee King** made motion to accept concept of BHS Cross Country Alumni pursuing putting permanent markings on the course, **Kevin Turner** seconded, all in favor. **Joe O'Brien** asked **Alex** to keep Recreation in the loop with how he makes out with Conservation. **Richard Sawyer** stated he would like to see a visual. **Steve Francis** stated they have the largest athletic department in Southeastern Massachusetts. Send 700 buses out a year for games, staff of about 90 coaches. Use highschool.net for all sports schedules and changes. We are all over at different venues. Successful fall, won our 14th volleyball championship. Doesn't have any real issues with HYCC. **Patti Machado** and **George Noonan** have been great to work with. Discussion followed. **Richard Sawyer** asked if there was anything Recreation can do to help. **Steve** responded that **Patti** and he have been discussing fields and irrigation. The fields just get beat up. Turf field has helped. **Richard Sawyer**

asked why that is. **Steve Francis** replied sports are exploding, year around sport all the time. **Richard** asked any complaints about HYCC. **Steve** replied no, from a personal stand point it has helped my job, great facility. **Richard Sawyer** asked how the ice is. **Steve Francis** responded it might be a little soft. **Patti Machado** stated you won't be hearing too many more complaints the air conditioning is working and the players from the Army/Colgate game said it was some of the best ice they had skated on. **Steve** stated feel safe there, everyone is friendly and helpful, and staff is wonderful. **Debra Dagwan** asked if girls programs are still flourishing. **Steve Francis** stated yes, everyone should be happy, should have a successful season.

Sturgis Charter School, Patrick O'Kane, Athletic Director – representing Sturgis East, there is also Sturgis West. Not going to grow have about 430 students 450 maximum, part of why we have expanded. Athletics for all, no one is cut. Transportation is the biggest cost. 25 teams, Varsity and JV. Sports are expanding; 2 years ago 150 went out for fall sports, 192 this year. Eleven girls went out for basketball last year, 28 this year. More kids are coming out for sports. Use internet for scheduling; highschoolsports.net. Use HYCC for basketball, volleyball, pep rallies. Listed other facilities and what they use them for. **Mark Boardley** and I work well together, he is always there for me. Sturgis West will be replicating Sturgis East in a couple of years. We leave the places better than we find them. Two separate schools, 400 students each school. **Kevin Turner** asked how do you determine who goes to which campus. **Patrick O'Kane** replied by lottery. **Renee King** replied lottery based, some difference if you have siblings. **Patrick** said it is done for transportation purposes. **Patrick O'Kane** stated always looking for fields. **Renee King** stated such a good message it is hearing how many different athletic programs we have meeting our youths needs. What we have heard tonight, is a consistent message of growth. **Patrick O'Kane** stated he would like to see Lopes fields grass cut a little lower. **Patti Machado** suggested he look at Horace Mann Charter School's back field. Tennis courts are another area of growth. Centerville Elementary School was mentioned for tennis use. **Joe O'Brien** stated we hope to be looking at refurbishing the Osterville tennis courts. **Patrick** stated looking for more soccer fields. If you build a basketball court, we will fill it. Switch practice times with Pope John right now. Also feels HYCC is becoming a game facility. **Kevin Turner** stated just to follow up on all we heard tonight; our obligation is to the residents of Barnstable first. Gym time is so scarce. **Renee King** stated she would go broader than just Barnstable.

CPC Report, Richard Sawyer – see attached. No requests before them right now. They are doing housekeeping things right now. CPC is anxious for Recreation Commission to submit a project submission form regarding the Osterville Bay School. **Richard** stated he believes they are eager to fund Osterville. **Kevin Turner** asked if we can use funds for repairs to fields, believes it has to be virgin territory. **Patti Machado** responded no, Lindsay requested a note from Recreation stating what we need and want should get a landscape architect to help with design. **Kevin** asked should we schedule next meeting in Osterville with Civic Association. **Patti** responded she thinks it is too soon. Discussion followed.

New Business-Richard Sawyer asked for ice time total and what is available, is there a report he can get. **Patti Machado** will look into it. **Richard** asked about the opening on the Commission. **Joe O'Brien** replied two gentlemen have applied. **Barbara Ford** knows we need someone ASAP. **Richard Sawyer** asked what is Rte 132 project called, **Patti** responded McManus. **Richard** asked if on back burner. **Patti Machado** responded pursued with CPC, around 13.5 million dollars, a lot of rock is in the land. **Renee King** said it is the timing and economy. **Richard Sawyer** replied there seems to be a demand from what we have heard tonight. **Patti Machado** said there are other user groups other than the schools looking for fields.

Old Business - None

Staff Report-see attached. Patti Machado went over winter sports enrollment. **Renee King** asked if enrollment is the same as last year. **Patti** replied skating is down again, basketball is a lot less in cost, believe it does have to do with the economy, plus basketball is right after school. **Richard Sawyer** asked the mobility a handicap person needs to have, in order to use the beach wheel chair. **Patti Machado** stated anyone may use the chair that requests it, do not need a placard. Fortes beach ended up costing a lot of money. Looks like no damage ever happened there. **Renee King** asked if any projects are being done where trees could be replanted at Fortes. **Patti** said yes, someone is trying to save trees for us to use. **Richard Sawyer** asked about Osterville Bay School. **Patti Machado** stated waiting to hear back, what **Patti** has heard is it will be OK to refurbish. **Joe O'Brien** stated we will have **Chuck Sabatt**, Chairman of the Osterville Civic Association on our January agenda and we can get his ideas and maybe organize a day visit through Chuck to the Bay School. **Travis Andrade**, from Sturgis West; **Bill Sykes**, Best Buddies; for January's agenda and Barnstable Little League possibly. **Renee King** stated she would like to have each village come in once a month. **Joe** replied that is what is being done. **Renee** asked about beach survey. **Patti Machado** stated she can get last years results, and will look into this year. **Joe O'Brien** stated he will set up the Civic Associations.

Joe O'Brien made a motion to adjourn; seconded by **Renee King**, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

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