



# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

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### RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

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**Commission Members Present:** Kevin Turner – Acting Chairperson, Rene King, Kathy Pina, Steve Mele, and Richard Sawyer

**Commission Members Absent:** Joe O'Brien – Chairperson and Clyde Takala – Vice-Chairperson

The meeting was called to order at 5:34PM, roll call was taken. **Rene King** made a motion to accept the March 5th minutes, seconded by **Steve Mele**, all in favor.

**Pubic Comment – None**

**Staff Report – Joe Izzo, General Manager HYCC** – handout given, see attached. **Joe** went over the rink ice usage, which was requested by Commission at the March meeting. **Joe Izzo** stated the figures are based on the hours of 6AM to midnight. **Kevin Turner** asked when does the ice get thawed and what different activities go on in the rink area, is it either rinks or just one. **Joe** stated just one rink, Butler, being melted after April 15<sup>th</sup>. **Kevin** asked if specific leagues have been contacted about the use of the rink. **Joe Izzo** stated currently have four dry floor activities planned, also partnering with someone to do a motorcycle show during the same time the Father's Day car show is going on downtown. Really excited to be showcasing the HYCC in this manner. **Kevin Turner** asked what type of flooring. **Joe Izzo** stated if someone would like to donate the money for turf that would be great. It is not turf; it is a click floor, type of plastic that is used in convention centers. Not ideal for athletic activities but better than a concrete floor. **Joe** stated would like a grass type floor but it is a big ticket item. **Kevin** asked could it be the type of opportunity for home show, antiques, or flower show things like that. **Joe Izzo** stated love to do things like that have hosted in the past an antiques show, we are in the process of pitching that idea to as many people as we can. **Kevin Turner** asked if the gym is rented out during the summer. **Joe** stated yes, there is a lot of activity, always looking for more. **Kevin** asked how the Lobster Pot went. **Joe Izzo** stated great, wonderful event. **Kevin Turner** stated we have Hyannis Chamber coming tonight and wondering how local business's can feed off of these types of events. Discussion followed. **Richard Sawyer** asked if the times available are mostly during school times. **Joe Izzo** stated yes, 3-9PM mid November to the end of March is not a problem to fill; it is the other times we need to be more creative to fill. **Richard** stated there is a Home Growers Association, maybe we could pitch them. **Joe** stated we are actively promoting the HYCC, would love to pitch to them. **Richard** stated he would get the contact information. Went over flyers, see attached. **Richard Sawyer** asked if we charge for groups using HYCC. **Joe Izzo** stated yes, \$4.00 per participant. **Kevin Turner** asked how long, one, two hours. **Joe** stated we are willing to entertain anything. Invited Commission to the ice skating show this Saturday night, April 7<sup>th</sup> the skaters are from the Learn to Skate program. **Kevin** asked can it be filmed. **Patti Machado** stated it is filmed. **Joe Izzo** stated we are really focusing on driving events back to the HYCC. **Patty Lloyd**, Cape Cod Chamber



of Commerce is going to the National Convention, and I will be joining her to really pitch the HYCC and Cape Cod, for events like table tennis tournaments, volleyball tournaments. Also going the New England Ice Managers convention in New Hampshire, hope to bring some of their best practices back to the HYCC. Joe asked the Commission to help him generate revenue for the HYCC. **Richard Sawyer** asked on what level. **Joe Izzo** stated any level. **Patti Machado** is working on a dog show for the dry floor.

**Staff Report - Patti Machado, Director of Leisure Programs** - handout given, see attached. Requested the Commission send thank you notes when donations are received. The Commission agreed. **Kevin Turner** stated they were at a meeting about field usage, and the people at the meeting, commented on what a great job **John Gleason** does, they are very happy with him. List of fees and policies requested at last meeting included, see attached. **Patti** stated they are nominal fees; we are not gaining the revenue we need. **Patti Machado** stated the Town Manager would appreciate a recommendation on fees from the Commission. Discussion followed. **Kevin** asked is there a list of field usage and who is using the fields and when. **Patti** stated yes, and would have for next meeting. **Patti Machado** stated the issue is that the cost is not covering the usage at any of the fields or facility. **Richard Sawyer** asked what are our costs for building, janitorial, security etc. **Patti** stated nothing budgeted; do not know what the cost would be. This is being done now and will take some time. **Lynne Poyant** stated cleaning use to be contracted out it was \$7,400 per building, but that was discontinued, that money is no longer in the general fund budget, Structures and Ground do what they can. **Patti Machado** stated there is no employee who goes out to check each building or field after each user. **Patti** stated DPW, **Steve Sunderland**, **Structures and Ground**, **CPC**, **David Anthony**, and **Alicia Parker** would like to join the Commission's tour of fields and facilities. **Kevin Turner** asked if any dates have been set yet. **Patti Machado** stated no, it is going to take some time. **Kevin** stated maybe have a couple of Commission members go to different locations. **Patti** said that would be fine, but also invite the Councilor from each village. If this is done right, it could be a great plan for the Town of Barnstable to move forward. **Richard Sawyer** stated the Town Manager is relying on us to give him input. **Rene King** stated we need a subcommittee for what the plan should look like, breaking it into villages, a proposed road map, a common template, before our next meeting. All agreed. **Patti Machado** stated meeting coming up with **Joe Marshall**, DPW and **Nina Coleman** to go over what's to be done and fee structure. **Lynne Poyant** stated that Darcy is recommending to Conservation that we not replant at the beach, as they will not survive. Replanting would cost about \$4,900, not been budgeted for. Discussion followed. **Richard Sawyer** asked if there was any update on Sail Cape Cod. **Patti** stated no.

**Burgess Park - Greg Larson, President Marstons Mills Village Association and Al Baker Vice President Marstons Mills Village Association.** **Greg** stated they have been maintaining a lot of the structures, some plantings, also some work on the parking lot for many years. We are here to make a formal request for more of an active formal responsibility for the park. We are here asking to have the surplus playground equipment at the old elementary school, moved over to the Burgess Park playground. We would like to move it over and potentially fence it in. **Kathy Pina** stated haven't we all ready addressed this. **Lynne Poyant** stated still trying to determine if it is surplus. **Kevin Turner** stated once it is determined it is surplus then we can ask if it can be moved. Any idea when that might be? **Greg Larson** stated they have talked to the superintendent and maybe now we need to go to the School Committee, it is a little complicated as to whether the school is going to turn it over to the town or not. Actively looking for the equipment that is in the newest and best condition. **Patti Machado** stated she knows **David Anthony** is working on it currently and it has not been turned over to the town as yet. **Greg** stated your Recreation's responsibility is to Burgess Park so if we come across some surplus equipment, we need permission from



you to put it in the Burgess Park area. We are also willing to step to the plate in a more formal fashion. We have put a lot of our own money into the building. **Rene King** motioned that if surplus equipment becomes available and meets the town standards for insurance the Marstons Mills Village Association may move it to Burgess Park. **Kathy Pina** seconded, all in favor. Discussion followed. **Richard Sawyer** asked about the agreement Burgess has with the town. **Greg Larson** stated it is a letter of agreement for ninety nine years; it is for the house and the barn. **Patti Machado** stated she is looking for sustainability for these endeavors and is hoping for a partnership with the civic groups in each village. There has to be a plan to move forward and what needs to be done. **Rene** stated maybe we use Burgess Park as model for a letter of understanding with the other villages. **Greg** stated Burgess Park is owned solely by the town under the Recreation. **Al Baker** stated he is still looking for "No Smoking" signs at Burgess Park. Discussion followed. **Richard Sawyer** motioned that the Recreation Commission request that the town manager place "No Smoking" signs at Burgess Park. **Kevin Turner** seconded, all in favor. Make it a "Smoke Free Zone", letter to be sent to town manager. Discussion followed.

**Hyannis Chamber of Commerce – Jessica Sylver, President and CEO, Judy Scarfelli, Cape Cod Baseball League and Bill Bussiere.** **Kevin Turner** stated our reason for having you talk to us, is to look into ideas that will help HYCC, Recreation and the Chamber to promote and grow with each other. Was at a subcommittee for Little League where the discussion was about building a Little League complex, which helps our area. Are there signature events that we could help you more with and make them flourish? **Jessica** said for the Chamber it would be the Father's Day Car Show and a new event in August, a bike race, we could use help promoting them. **Kevin Turner** asked how does the Chamber work with the Harbor Hawks and the Kettlers. **Jessica Sylver** stated the Harbor Hawks and Kettlers would be more the Cape Cod baseball league. **Kevin** stated he would believe they are a big plus for the Hyannis economy in the summer. Do you partner with them? **Jessica** stated the Harbor Hawks have a fund raiser at the Father's Day Car Show. **Kevin Turner** asked no special deals for parents with hotels? **Judy Scarfelli** stated there are ten official hotels on our website. More than half are in Hyannis. **Kevin** asked are you aware of the motorcycle show at HYCC on Father's Day? **Jessica Sylver** stated just received have had time to look at yet. **Rene King** stated nice events to connect the two entities; bring more focus on our economy. **Kevin Turner** asked do you see anything we don't do, that we could be doing. **Jessica** stated more family events, whatever that may be. **Rene** asked date of bike race. **Jessica Sylver** stated a Sunday in August; Main Street to South Street will be closed. **Kevin** asked how we can do more with the beaches to bring more money to Hyannis. **Jessica** stated it is tough because no alcohol can be allowed; don't know how we can get around that. **Judy** stated that if we could get some of the traffic in September from the Senior Baseball tournaments in Harwich to come here that would be a boost. Even if no field maybe a restaurant could do something to get them introduced to Hyannis. **Jessica Sylver** stated they have tried to get volleyball and wind surfing events but there has been some resistance from the town. **Kevin Turner** stated Recreation Commission would be a good place to start that again. **Jessica** stated she does not know if they could be an off season event. **Patti Machado** stated wind surfing could be done easily in September. Discussion followed. **Patti** stated the Kennedy lot at Craigville was purchased so that alcohol could be served; it can be rented. **Bill Sykes** stated he has been hearing about the bike race in the cycling community. **Kevin** stated we have a dry floor at HYCC that could be used for flower shows, antiques shows etc., be good to keep that in mind. Discussion followed. **Patti Machado** asked about flyers from the Chamber, we could promote you at the beaches. **Kevin Turner** stated bring us a wish list to advocate to the town for you.

**Best Buddies – Bill Sykes** – handout, see attached. **Bill Sykes** stated that the vendors all agreed to have their stuff out of the beach lots by Sunday 10AM the latest. Update on registrations: 528 cyclist at 100



mile ride, 237 at 50 mile, 187 at the 20 mile and 144 for the cycle/run. They think they are going to totally sell out this year. Went over the site plans. Will meet with the Barnstable Police before the event and anyone from the Commission is welcome to join us for the walk through. Received call from **Joe O'Brien** about the abutter. We are trying to accommodate her. Tent builder is coming in earlier. Big complaint was they worked through Memorial weekend they will stop at 5:30PM Friday and not start up again until Tuesday AM. Have invited her number of times to the party. Went over timing of set up. **Bill** stated have a good relationship with the town. Last year we had some issues, especially with drinks leaving the tent. This year no beverages at all will leave the tent. **Richard Sawyer** asked what about trash. **Bill Sykes** stated they take care of trash and it will all be gone by Sunday morning. **Richard** asked if any Commission members had attended in the past. Response was they all get invited. **Patti Machado** stated that under the conflict of interest rules they are no longer allowed to do that. **Lynne Poyant** stated you can attend the event just not the party. Discussion followed.

**Richard Sawyer – CPC Report and Subcommittee - see attached.**

**New Business – Kevin Turner** asked **Debra Dagwan** to contact **Jan Barton** to see if she is available for our May meeting, we had meeting regarding the Marstons Mills property, **Jan** could hear what Barnstable Little League's thoughts are regarding the Childs Property this time around. **Steve Mele** stated that they are very excited about maybe making this complex happen and possibly having future baseball tournaments in the town. **Steve** explained that Barnstable Little League always sends teams to the tournaments in Sandwich which are eight consecutive weeks, 12-16 teams every week, \$600-\$700 per team; the cost of running the tournaments is minimal. They have a big snack bar; we are trying to get a handle on what they do for income and what the towns bring in for income. We talked about two fields instead of three due to the electrical fields, concerns about health issues. **Patti Machado** asked if original plans were found. **Steve Mele** stated yes. Discussion followed. **Kevin Turner** stated lets have Barnstable Little League; **Rene King, Kathy Pina**, facilities tour update; cost of services, fee structure, for Mays agenda. Discussion followed.

**Old Business – None**

**Richard Sawyer** made motion to adjourn; seconded by **Steve Mele**, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:16PM.

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