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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

2 JULY 2012

Commission Members Present: Joe O'Brien, Chairperson, Clyde Takala, Co-Chairperson, Rene King, Kathy Pina (arrived late), and Richard Sawyer

Commission Members Absent: Kevin Turner and Steve Mele

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM, roll call was taken. **Richard Sawyer** made a motion to accept the May 7 minutes, seconded by **Rene King**, all in favor.

Pubic Comment – None

Clyde Takala requested that the minutes reflect that the June 4 meeting was cancelled due to rain and wind (facility tour). **Rene King** stated that tour will be rescheduled sometime in September or October. **Richard Sawyer** stated sooner than later, want to give our report to the Town Manager. **Joe O'Brien** stated a date in July or August would be better, does not need to be a Monday.

Joe O'Brien read list for donations made to the West Barnstable Community Building:

- **Barnstable County Bee Keepers (twice)**
- **West Barnstable Historical Society (twice)**
- **Master Gardeners of Cape Cod**
- **Upper Cape Bridge Club**
- **Alanon Adult Child Family Group** (Patti Machado stated this group fundraised for their donation)
- **Cape Cod Miniature Society**
- **Garden Club of Hyannis**

Patti Machado stated that thank letters will be sent from the Recreation Commission.

Joe O'Brien stated this is one of the most enjoyable Recreation Commission meetings of the year, awarding our young people.

Patti Machado stated the award is for our Employees of the Year, 2011. We have employee of the week, at the end of the summer the supervisors, John Gleason, and I go through the employees who received employee of the week to determine Employee of the Year, one from each position, for doing such an outstanding job for Barnstable Recreation. Without their hard work and dedication we would be lost, we are very fortunate to have so many great people who work for us, I applaud them all. These are the standouts.

- **Beach Assistant of the year-Maddie Alper, Patti Machado** stated this has been **Maddie's** fourth summer at Dowe's where she does an outstanding job. The DPW has even commented on how great the bath house is kept and wanted to know who was keeping it up. She also works at our rinks and recreation programs.
- **Gate Attendant of the Year-Michael Ferreira, Patti** stated this year he is a Beach Supervisor, this is what happens if you are an outstanding employee, you move up the ranks. He has worked at many of our beaches. Two years in a row he won the award for catching the most illegal beach stickers in the town. He takes leadership very strongly. He is at Dowe's also.
- **Lifeguard of the Year-Larissa Brewster, Patti Machado** stated great motivator, wonderful swim instructor. This year oversees all swim programs for Barnstable. She is going to Suffolk for a law degree, we might get a few more years out of her. We have about 536 children in our swim program; we are up about 75 from last year.

Group picture was taken with recipients, Recreation Commission, **Patti Machado** and **John Gleason**. Congratulations offered to the award recipients from the Commission. A donation from Hi Line was given to the award recipients. **Rene King** stated that our door is always open; we always have time for public comment. **Kathy Pina** said pass the word around that this is a great program.

Joe O'Brien asked if **Patti** or **Joe Izzo** had anything to report. **Joe Izzo** responded not a formal report but there are a lot of exciting things going on at the HYCC. Great Zumba event beginning of June, thanks to **Rene**. **Rene King** stated she doesn't do it alone, a great community. Going to submit request for a Zumbathon out on the town green for August 26. **Joe O'Brien** stated he received emails from the thirteen instructors singing Rene's praises. All the Commissioners offered Rene their thanks. **Joe O'Brien** asked how the summer utilization of the ice is going, more than last year. **Joe Izzo** responded the summer ice use and numbers are up from last year. Dry ice trending a little better than last year, but nominal. We are working on programs spring and summer 2013. Wonderful motorcycle show, Bikes on Ice, which came in on Father's Day, was a great event for us. Saturday, July 28 we have flag football game for that evening, new opportunity. We hope to build on them. **Clyde Takala** asked how we are doing as an enterprise account. **Joe Izzo** responded we all ready have our 2013 budget in place and are confident we will not face the hurdles we had in 2012. **Clyde** stated we didn't make budget in 12. **Lynne Poyant** responded we finished in the black for 2012 by making a lot of cuts. **Kathy Pina** asked if anything has been done about the donor wall. **Joe Izzo** stated in our plans for 2013. **Kathy Pina** asked about skate board tournament. **Patti Machado** stated a survey just finished about the skate park, and that the skate park will now fall under Recreation Division. Someone is building a new ramp; I will bring the survey next month. **Joe O'Brien** asked if **Patti** had anything about the beaches. **Patti Machado** stated she brought **Joe Kelly's** email, read into the minutes, see attached. **Clyde Takala** asked if there has been any follow up to the letter. **Patti** stated they had to pay up front, three who wanted to take it couldn't, due to cost, others were in school, Sail Cape Cod said initially they would bring them to us to teach our instructors the week before we started our program, they were unable to follow through. **Joe O'Brien** read email from **Stacey Picasio**, see attached. Wants ball playing to be allowed on Dowe's beach. **Patti Machado** stated this policy has been in place for over 36 years. It is a safety issue. It also would have to cover all the beaches. The selectmen made the rule. **Richard Sawyer** stated we should look into this. Discussion followed. **Kathy Pina** stated any follow up on our discussion on maintaining these facilities after they are repaired. **Rene King** responded that has to be a strong statement in our proposal. We need to have a maintenance section in our report. **Patti** stated the word "sustainability" has to be in the report. **Joe O'Brien** stated that after the tours are done would like Barnstable Youth Soccer at our first meeting to get some answers about upkeep at McBarron. **Rene** stated need to have a quality grind showing which facility is hitting the mark

and which are not, to look at annually. We need to be real specific as to what we want. **Richard Sawyer** asked how we are putting this report together. **Joe O'Brien** stated that the Commission should have the proposal of findings completed by the end of September. All agreed to further discuss timeline on the tour. **Clyde Takala** asked any update on the Burgess Park "No Smoking". **Lynne Poyant** stated it is being reviewed. The Town Manager is working with Legal; it will not happen overnight. **Richard** asked if final approval was ever given for the Osterville School. **Lynne** stated that at last Town Council meeting they voted to have it moved into Recreation.

New Business – None

Old Business – None

Richard Sawyer made motion to adjourn; seconded by **Clyde Takala**, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:24PM.

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