



**TOWN OF BARNSTABLE**  
**BARNSTABLE RECREATION DIVISION**

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**RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**1 October 2012**

**Commission Members Present:** Joe O'Brien, Chairperson, Clyde Takala, Co-Chairperson, Rene King, Richard Sawyer, Kathy Pina, and Kevin Turner

**Commission Members Absent:** Steve Mele

The meeting was called to order at 5:35PM, roll call was taken. **Clyde Takala** made a motion to accept the September 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> minutes, second by **Richard Sawyer**, all in favor.

**Pubic Comment – None**

**Staff Report – Joe Izzo** handout given (see attached). **Joe Izzo** stated the HYCC third Birthday party was a great success. Thanked Causal Gourmet for cake, hotdogs and hamburgers. October is ticking up, hosting volleyball for Sturgis East and West, and Pope Paul. Hockey is in full swing with Barnstable Youth Hockey. Top Shelf has a tournament this weekend. Very busy at the HYCC. **Joe O'Brien** stated third birthday celebration great day, lots of smiling faces. How is the winter season looking? **Joe Izzo** stated tracking well, confident in generating revenue. **Joe O'Brien** asked if both rinks are booked out for most of the weekends. **Joe Izzo** stated yes, and will provide a report at the end of the season. **Joe O'Brien** asked about upcoming events, college hockey? **Joe Izzo** stated yes, Division One hockey Colgate vs Quinnipiac October 27, tickets are on sale now. **Joe O'Brien** asked if the women's hockey would be back this year. **Joe Izzo** stated very close to signing contract, can not comment officially yet. **Lynne Poyant** stated work very closely with the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee and **Patti Lloyd** has been a great cheer leader for the HYCC, she is at every event that has been booked at the HYCC providing information, in November we have another figure skating exhibition with the Yarmouth Ice Club. **Richard Sawyer** stated he was happy to hear the great advertising the Casual Gourmet was doing in partnership with the HYCC.

**Staff Report – Lynne Poyant** reviewed **Patti Machado's** packet information, programs, summer and fall; aquatics; DPW maintenance over the winter; Best Buddies; 2012 first aid and incident report; fields and facilities (see attached). **Lynne** reviewed the fee increases John Gleason submitted for field use. **Rene King** stated she would have a full report in November on the Zumba Dance Party. **Joe O'Brien** asked if the date may be changed to sometime in the summer for next year, and make it a bigger fund raiser event. **Rene** replied yes. **Kevin Turner** asked if DCF protocol is in place for reporting incidents. **Lynne Poyant** stated yes, **Patti** has it all under control.

**Committee for the Barnstable Dog Parks, Barbara Cappelina, President and Barb Chester, Secretary**

**Barbara Cappelina** stated we are here with a complete proposal concerning the Hathaway's Pond property for our dog park and are hoping for approval from the Commission. **Joe O'Brien** stated this has been approved by the Town Manager. **Lynne Poyant** replied after the Recreation Commission approval; then he would sign off on it. Copies of the Dog Park Proposal were handed out, see attached. **Barb Chester** gave a brief review. Organized in February of 2011, doing very well with fundraisers, not going after large corporations until we get our site approved. We do have our 5013C. Some of the concerns were parking, we know to keep the parking separate and will be doing this with a steward program, we will teach volunteers and assign people in July and August to make sure people pay their fee for beach parking. We are modeling it on the Falmouth dog park, people are trained to check on trash, parking and that the rules are followed. We have public support. **Lynne Poyant** suggested Commission look at page 17, has schematic, keeping everything flowing in this site. **Councilor Debra Dagwan** asked what the capacity for dogs is, is it even an issue, and how will you deal with violators. **Barb** stated self policing, signage. People who tend to let their dogs run loose will not be the ones using a structured dog park. **Barbara Cappelina** stated as far as capacity Falmouth gets about 50 dogs a day, we figure we will have about the same. **Richard Sawyer** asked what specific action you are looking for from us tonight. **Lynne** stated she believes they are looking for approval of the plan as it stands now, before it was just a concept, a vote to move forward. **Richard** stated he would like to review the plan before voting on it, pretty much in favor. **Kathy Pina** stated the Town Manager has read this report and is in favor. **Barbara** stated yes. **Kathy** stated don't feel we have to wait to make a decision. **Clyde Takala** agreed with **Kathy**. **Rene King** stated on the tours, perpetual funds were in place to take care of the ongoing maintenance, which is really important to us. Any idea on how the dog park will handle ongoing maintenance. **Barbara Cappelina** stated we will continue ongoing maintenance and pay for it with continued fundraising, also with membership fees. **Joe O'Brien** stated he has not read the report but has had discussions with **Tom Lynch**. **Kevin Turner** moved to approve support of the proposal to build a dog park at Hathaway's Pond. **Clyde Takala** seconded. **Rene King** stated approve but would like a member of the Commission to be at the meeting the dog park committee is having with the village, to have a report on what the feedback is. **Kathy Pina** stated she would be at St. Mary's, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 7PM for the meeting. All in favor of the motion, **Richard Sawyer** abstain.

**Barnstable Little League, Matt Levesque, President and Mike Clark, Liaison to the Recreation Commission** – **Joe O'Brien** stated they are here to give an update. **Matt** stated at the start of the season \$3,000-\$4,000 was in our account with a \$28,000 CD. Now we have about \$30,000 in our account with the \$28,000 CD. We were able to offer tryouts for the majors for free this fall and we had 50 plus come out, which was more than expected. We expect to do the same type of fund raising. The league is in pretty good shape with players. **Joe Scott** has done a great job in rebuilding our farm program. **Joe O'Brien** stated that on the facilities tour BLL facilities were in great shape. This leads into next issue with the subcommittee that consists of me, Kevin Turner and Steve Mele, which has been working with BLL, we have been looking at possible sites to expand LL, with building a complex in the near future. We had been focusing on the Childs property until Coastal Engineering did a schematic showing that two fields will not fit comfortably. Too close to the abutters. Now looking at the old Marstons Mills elementary school, everyone seemed enthusiastic about this site. Property is surplus. Discussed very preliminarily with **Tom Lynch**, he seems to think it is a doable project. We have plot and site plan, Coastal is going to get back to us with schematic on the property with two fields and the demo of the building. There is water and sewer all ready there, and the property is very flat. **Mike Clark**, Chairman of the BLL building committee, stated he looks forward to building a field everyone can be proud of. **Richard Sawyer** asked what is LL looking for, one or two fields and how it would benefit the LL. **Matt Levesque** stated the idea of two fields are important, in order to call it a complex and having a snack bar to create revenue. Other towns are charge \$400-\$700 a team to take

part. Everything is generated and surrounds the snack bar; teams are asked to eat their, in much smaller towns. Thinks Barnstable could go further, into late June and July even with the high tourist season; this could increase revenue, people who come for the games would say lets stay the week since we are all ready down here. We all ready have the infrastructure in place. Discussion followed. **Richard Sawyer** stated BLL is paying for the Coastal Engineering report. **Matt** replied voted to put \$5,000 towards it at this point, but that was directed more towards the Childs property, don't know what the cost will be at this point. **Rene King** asked if feasible some aspect of multiple uses with this property like walking paths, will that be looked at. **Joe O'Brien** stated that if this site is going to work, it will have to be done with the village's support, and to come with a plan with walking paths, or use of the building. There are all kinds of possibilities. **Kevin Turner** asked any difficulties in transferring the property. **Lynne Poyant** replied it is town property; don't know if it is under Recreation. **Joe** stated all ready talked to **Tom** and started the ball rolling to get it transferred. **Kevin** asked who will be responsible for the cost of demolishing the building. **Joe O'Brien** stated that is something that would have to be worked out. **Kevin Turner** stated need to hear from the Marstons Mills Civic Association, get their input before doing all this work. **Kevin** also concerned about contraction with Little League. **Matt Levesque** stated believes a new complex would create new excitement and increase interest in Little League. Discussion followed. **Joe** stated that **Kevin** is correct we want this go before the Marstons Mills Civic Association before we invest any more time and money; we need to get some feedback. Get schematic back, if it looks good, Little League should set up a meeting with the Marstons Mills Civic Association. **Kevin Turner** suggested Councilor Dagwan ask Marstons Mills councilor to be at that meeting. **Rene King** suggested the subcommittee go to the meeting also.

**Osterville Village Association, Mark Germani and Russell Jacobson** – we are part of the committee that has been assigned to work with the Recreation Commission for the new fields, we want to let you know that you have the full support of OVA and offer what we would like to see happen. Know we need to work together before going to the CPC. **Mark Germani** stated we would like feedback from the Commission on how we should compile this final schismatic to present to CPC. **Russell Jacobson** stated that there is a signed letter from the Town Manager that states he backs the CPC funding of \$47,000 to start this process, it was signed on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011. We would like to see a combined softball, baseball, little league field. Also a multi use field for lacrosse, soccer, etc. Needs a new playground, tennis courts need help, like to move the basketball courts. **Richard Sawyer** stated that the figure of \$47,000 is a bone of contention with the CPC; no one seems to know where that figure came from or what it is to be used for. Have you asked any engineering companies to give you a price on a report? The Osterville Bay project is one of the CPC's priorities, looking for matching funds and maintenance. Discussion followed. **Joe O'Brien** stated first step have a schematic done; tell them what you have in mind, what you have told us tonight. Gentleman at Coastal has been very helpful with Little League; he has done a couple of schematics free of charge, with the idea that we would use them down the line. This will give an idea as to where or if these fields can fit on property. **Richard Sawyer** stated ask what the cost will be. Discussion followed. **Kathy Pina** stated not their responsibility; they are here just to state what their wish list is for the property. **Lynne Poyant** stated that the letter before the CPC is from the Recreation Division, things put on hold, waiting for the report. The property has been put in the Recreation's name. **Russell** stated wants to be involved in giving input to get the best plan put together. **Mark** stated going to fields with OBA subcommittee, Joe O'Brien and Coastal for a preliminary schematic a good idea. **Rene King** stated our subcommittee really wants to work with OBA; this is top on our list. We are happy to hear your active participation tonight, which is one of the criteria we use to prioritize. **Kathy Pina** requested they send their wish list to **Joe O'Brien** to add to the subcommittees report. Discussion followed. **Lynne Poyant** stated just ask Lindsay Council to have the letter of intent for Osterville put back on CPC agenda.

**Recreation Division Fees – Lynne Poyant** request for fees increases come from John Gleason, he deals with the fields. His request is: 2013, \$40 for one time use; \$400 for ten or more uses; McKeon/Lowell \$75 for one time use. 2014, \$50 for one time use \$500 for ten or more uses; McKeon/Lowell \$100 for one time use. **Lynne** suggested tabling fees until November since John is not present. **Kevin Turner** requested John submit fees from other towns. **Richard Sawyer** made motion to table Recreation fee discussion until November meeting, Kevin Turner seconded, all in favor.

**CPC Report, Richard Sawyer** – meet for only twelve minutes, no report.

**New Business – None**

**Old Business – Recreation Facilities Tour Agenda - Rene King** stated this is just an overview and would like to start of by reading the Mission Statement for the Commission:

The Town of Barnstable Recreation Commission’s mission is an advisory board to the Recreation Division and Hyannis Youth and Community Center, which provides a variety of opportunities and choices for Barnstable citizens and visitors to achieve their human potential while preserving and protecting the integrity of the natural environment that will enhance the quality of life for the individuals, families and the community at large within the Town.

With this in mind we decided to take a road trip and visited over 80 facilities. Based on criteria identifying the facilities we felt were in most need of the CPC funds. **Lynne Poyant** stated part of this came about because the Town Manager was at a March meeting and suggested he might be willing to look at bonding, where you borrow the money up front to address different things, and pay down over a number of years. **Rene King** stated the criteria used:

The Recreation Road Trip sub committee defined to following Selection Criteria:

- 1 - Safety including staff/customers and limited/no usage due to current safety issues
- 2 – Usage: including active community usage; involvement of both local/other organization support
- 3 - Diverse populations including age, gender, race, disability other
- 4 – Shared responsibilities fully or partially funded and/or maintained
- 5 - Village Equity across all seven villages including: Barnstable; Centerville; Cotuit; Hyannis; Marstons Mills; Osterville; West Barnstable
- 6 – Growth potential including increased usage, community satisfaction and/or revenue

	Recommended Capital Project (Village)	Justification Categories					
		Safety 4 all	Usage Counts	Diverse Population	Shared Responsibility	Village Equity	Growth Potential
1	Craigsville Beach House (Centerville)	x	x	x	x	x	x
2	Lombard Field (West Barnstable)	x	x	x	x	x	x
3	OB Fields, playground Tennis (Osterville)	x	NA	x	NA	x	x
4	Skate Park (Hyannis)	x	x	x	x	x	x
5	Lopes Field (Hyannis)	x	x	x	x	x	x

6	Marstons Mills Elementary Rte 28(Marstons Mills)	x	x	x	x	x	x
7	Veteran Beach Park Playground & Other (Hyannis)	x	x	x	x	x	x
8	Barnstable Tennis Courts (Barnstable Village)	x	Not applicable: Facility not in usable condition			x	x
9	Tennis Courts (Cotuit)	x	Not applicable: Facility not in usable condition			x	x

**Richard Sawyer** stated this is a very comprehensive report. Every town was addressed. Very proud of our work. **Rene** stated would like the Commission to review and send their feedback on the report. **Joe O'Brien** stated the intention was to vote tonight but some amendments and editing needs to be done first. Recommend tabling and have a special meeting. **Lynne Poyant** stated it can not be released in current form. Special meeting set for October 11, 5PM at the HYCC to vote on updated Recreation Facilities Tour Report. **Joe O'Brien** stated just a reminder October 17<sup>th</sup>, 6-8PM Open Meeting Law workshop will be held at the Barnstable High School.

**Clyde Takala** made motion to adjourn **Rene King** second all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:27PM.

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