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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

9 September 2013

Commission Members Present: Kevin Turner, Chairperson, Joe O'Brien Vice-Chairperson, Steve Mele, Richard Sawyer, Bill Dado, and Rene King

Commission Members Absent: Kathy Pina

Also Present: Patti Machado, Director Leisure Services; Joe Izzo, General Manager, HYCC; Lynne Poyant, Director of Community Services.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM, roll call was taken. Motion made by **Richard Sawyer** to approve minutes of August 12, 2013, as submitted, **Joe O'Brien** second, all in favor.

Public Comment – NONE

Osterville Bay Proposal, VHB, Inc – **Jeff Fasser** and **Kathleen Ogden** presented a slide show showing two potential options for the location (complete presentation on Ch 18). They stated that Osterville will have the same presentation later this evening. Stated the steering committee is a great asset and have had wonderful community input, active engagement and well attended. Two conceptual ideas are being presented tonight. Third meeting will be voting and additional input. Then a final vote. **Kathleen** then asked any questions. **Richard Sawyer** stated have a couple areas of concern, second presentation parking is very limited. What were the arguments for and against and is this being presented as an Osterville only park or as a recreational park. Where are people suppose to park? **Jeff Vasser** stated church parking lot was suggested; still open for discussion, didn't get any clear direction on whether it should be a park people only walk to and or drive to. Discussion followed on the pros and cons of keeping or removing the building. **Richard Sawyer** asked if there had been any discussion on maintenance, cost of remodeling, where funds would be coming from. **Kathleen Ogden** stated that **Lynne Poyant** would be presenting this information at tonight's meeting. We didn't have this information at previous meetings. **Richard** stated final question is, do we have input after your final presentation. **Lynne Poyant** stated would like to respond to first part of your question CIP funds of \$200,000 were set aside specifically for improvements to the Osterville building. The intent was to get it to be safe. **Lynne** stated this is not the final meeting, getting further information. Then back to the steering committee which **Kathy Pina** is the liaison for the Recreation Commission and she has been a valuable asset. Discussion followed as to what is in the building. **Richard Sawyer** asked what the percentage of usage for the building is and if remodeled is there a projection on what the utilization would be. **Lynne Poyant** stated three groups on a weekly basis, a number of folks who rent it for a variety of reasons; it is used twelve months a year. Do not have percentages. What we did hear is that they would like the building staffed, asked what kind of hours they are looking for so we could place a cost on the staffing. Discussion followed.

Children's Cove, Beth Brio – **Kevin Turner** stated invited **Beth** here because she as done a lot of work with the school systems in training and reporting pertaining to some horrible situations that have happened in athletic areas. Since we have a lot of young people involved in our programs thought it would be a good idea to have **Beth** tell us what Children's Cove could provide for training and assistance with our recreation staff. **Beth Brio** stated we are a child advocacy group that works very closely with different agencies and the law. Our primary function is to assist in child sex abuse cases. We have a huge training and outreach program on how to respond to the unfortunate incident of child sex abuse. Being a coach myself, about two years ago I started to realize that this training was not getting to the coaches. Started doing work with the athletic directors just to get coaches to understand what the kids might be going home to. We are able to offer a lot of things to different groups. Mandated reporting things, how to recognize the signs and symptoms, and what to do with the information. **Kevin Turner** asked would your organization be comfortable in training lifeguards and other recreation staff. **Beth** stated absolutely because the reality is that when a child discloses sexual abuse it is not to mom, dad but to a coach or teacher, someone like that. Very valuable for people to know they are mandated to report these incidents. We can definitely provide the training. **Rene King** stated we are doing a fund raiser for Independence House, Together We Can End Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and asked how you are funded. **Beth Brio** stated state, county and a great deal of fund raising. We have a golf tournament on September 23. **Rene** stated we will promote you and will share with you what we are doing, we try to support as many causes as we can through dance fitness as we can, and Woman's Workout is co sponsoring our event. **Kevin** asked **Patti** what training we offer our staff and coaches. **Patti Machado** stated we spend about two minutes on mandated reporting and that it is usually a gut feeling and then they report it to us. **Kevin Turner** asked could we make it a ten minute. **Patti** stated yes we can always add to it, no problem. Discussion followed.

Staff Report, Joe Izzo - We had a wonderful summer at the HYCC. Some highlights:

- US Figure Skating National Showcase (hosted by Bourne Skating Club)
- Cape Cod Summer Hockeyfest: High school hockey leagues (boys & girls)
- High school basketball leagues (boys & girls) 9th year, ran very well.
- High school volleyball league (girls)
- Hockey camps, no issues, ran great.
- Basketball camps
- NEW PROGRAMS
 - Baking Class
 - Chess
 - HYCC Vacation Program, two week program, dovetailed with Leisure Program ending. Staff did a great job this summer. First two months of the FY year strong.
- Lots of open gym and lots of public skate.

HYCC 4th Annual Open House

Come join us and see all that the HYCC has to offer. The HYCC will host an open house on Saturday, September 21st starting at 11am. Activities include:

Touch-a-Truck, Public Skating, face painting. Casual Gourmet will be open serving delicious treats. Ice Skating will be discounted, Grand Opening in the Scudder Family Café, Cape Cod Islanders game. *Excited about Rene's Zumbathon in a couple of weeks.*

BACK TO SCHOOL SOCIAL Friday, September 27th 7-9pm in the gym. A chance for kids in grades 4-7 to come out to the HYCC for a fun night of dancing, playing games and winning cool back to school prizes. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. *Staff will supervise.*

FALL PROGRAMS

Registration for fall programs starts Tuesday, September 10th. The HYCC Skating School offers a full schedule of skating classes and we have a number of new programs for the fall (Couch to 5k, Street Hockey, T-Ball and Flag Football to name a few). There is also open gym time during the week and public skating nearly every day. Complete information on all of the programs is available online as well as in the fall brochure.

LOOKING FORWARD

Both youth hockey programs that call the HYCC home are up and running for the 2013/2014 season. We are thrilled to be the home rink for both Barnstable Youth Hockey and Top Shelf Hockey. High School Volleyball has started and we will be the home court for Sturgis East, Sturgis West. Pope John Paul will also play their home games at the HYCC.

MEMBERSHIPS

We are continuing to highlight the benefits of Membership to the HYCC. We will be reaching out to members who have let their membership lapse to let them know about all the great things happening at the HYCC and how much we want them back. *Rene and Richard suggested implementing a program to build a database of where HYCC users reside.*

Recreation/HYCC Award Process – Rene King

We've discussed in the past the opportunity to more broadly recognize our employed youth by extending the outstanding Aquatics Rec/HYCC Award Process to both the HYCC Summer Camp and HYCC Summer Recreation programs. *Patti stated you made a directive a while ago and have all ready implemented it. Rene stated she would like the youth to come before us for their recognition. Patti Machado stated they will at the end of year as has been done in the past. Discussion followed.*

While the Aquatics team can be called upon to save a life, all our programs are working both to build tomorrow's leaders (i.e. those we employ) and positively impact the youth of our community. This recommendation is simply to "Reuse" the Aquatics Rec/HYCC Award Process across all of our summer programs such that Joe mirrors Patti's proven process.

HYCC Hall of Fame

Request to form a sub committee lead by the Recreation Commission and other appropriate town groups to leverage HYCC Facility to "Showcase" our Youth in the Community on an annual basis. Recommendation/Report due in March 2014 to include funding needs and resources. Target Kickoff Fall 2014.

Categories to include but not be limited to:

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| 1. Sports | 6. Humanitarian |
| 2. Literature | 7. Film |
| 3. Art including photography | 8. Environment |
| 4. Music | 9. History |
| 5. Science | 10. Other |

Kevin Turner asked how we would run it. **Rene** stated find resident experts in the areas listed to identify the talent. If the Recreation Commission would spearhead, I would identify the experts and give a report in March and then we could move forward.

CPC Report, Richard Sawyer – Handed out Community Preservation Fund Schedule of Unreserved Fund Balances by Program, (see attached). Quickly went over. **Richard** stated CPC funds can be used to purchase recreational land, want to stress that there is a good amount of money available for land to be used for recreational purposes. **Richard Sawyer** stated looking for this Commission to emphasis purchasing a piece of property for Little League use to make this a priority, there are funds available. **Rene King** stated we still have a subcommittee looking into fields for Little League, would say go to it. **Kevin Turner** stated the biggest move we have made is to have Little League get in touch with the Town Manager their selves. There is a Barnstable Little League meeting tonight at seven; we need to encourage them to start to act towards getting money for fields. **Steve Mele** asked if Marstons Mills Elementary be available for CPC funds for Little League to use. **Richard** stated not sure what is up with Marstons Mills Elementary but yes, they could use funds to purchase from town. Discussion followed. **Kevin Turner** asked if Little League makes the request for funds or do we do it through the Commission. **Richard Sawyer** stated through the Commission. **Joe O'Brien** stated Little League is looking at Bay Lane, again. Discussion followed.

Old Business – Recreation Fees, Kevin Turner stated vote for fee structure that Patti presented at the last meeting. Richard asked is there a projection of revenue from these increases. Patti stated still getting data in. Barnstable is the lowest paid. **Rene King** motioned to accept the increases as presented by Patti, **Joe O'Brien** second, motion passed with one opposed.

New Business – Kevin Turner stated **Patti Machado** will present her September information at October's meeting. **Rene King** stated Zumbathon September 22, at the HYCC \$10 in advance.

Steve Mele made motion to adjourn **Rene King** second, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:50PM.

Public files are available for viewing during normal business hours

**Further detail may be obtained by viewing the video via Channel 18 On-Demand at

<http://www.town.barnstable.ma.us>

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

OPEN MEETING LAW MATERIAL TRACKING FORM

Board, Committee, or Commission Name		RECREATION COMMISSION				
Date Rec'd	Materials Dated	Meeting Date	From	To	Subject	Exhibit #
9/9/13	9/9/13	9/9/13	Joe Izzo	Recreation	Staff Report	1
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