



**TOWN OF BARNSTABLE  
BARNSTABLE RECREATION DIVISION**

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**RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

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Scrivener's note: The following minutes are general in nature. For those wanting specific detail on matters heard on this agenda, additional resources are available to you: video-on-demand (free on the Town website at town.barnstable.ma.us, on the Recreation Commission's web page).

**Commission Members Present: Joe O'Brien, Chair, James Tenaglia, Vice-Chair, Renée Dowling, Rene King and Brendan Burke**

**Absent: Kathy Pina and Tanya Dawson**

**Also Present: Patti Machado, Director of Recreation**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30, all commissioners present introduced themselves. Motion made by Renée Dowling to accept the minutes for January's meeting as submitted, seconded by Rene King. **VOTE – All in Favor, except Rene King who abstained as she was absent from the meeting.**

**James Tenaglia** made a motion to appoint Renée Dowling as the Recreation Commission Liaison to the Barnstable High School Athletics Program; Rene King seconded. **VOTE – All in favor.**

**Harbor Hawks – Brad Pfeifer**

- New field is 90% completed. The plan for the dugouts will be finalized within the next 2 weeks. They will be obtaining the building permit for the dugouts. Approval from the conservation department has been obtained. A new scoreboard will be ordered next week and it will be the 1<sup>st</sup> message board in the Cape League.
- The full team is assigned.
- There have also been a lot of improvements done around the park to go along with the on-field improvements.
- The bill for the improvements was \$980,000. They received \$700,000 from DPC. They've raised almost the rest of the difference.
- They are doing a small fundraiser at Cape Cod Beer where the 2018 World Series Trophy will be brought in the first public Cape Cod Appearance.
- Rene King asked if there are ways people can help them and was told they are always looking for volunteers and places for the players to stay.
- Joe O'Brien asked who uses the field outside of the Harbor Hawks. Brad Pfeifer said this includes Wooden Bat Leagues, the American Legion, Cape Cod Babe Ruth, and schools such as St. John Paul. Patti Machado said that the Recreation Division will be laying out guidelines and rules to the users outside of the Harbor Hawks as to how much time they will be allowed to use the field so it stays in

good condition. Also, users will be required to attend training on the appropriate use of the field. There will be supervision to make sure the field is cared for appropriately and the DPW will be going out to the field so users will be held accountable for any maintenance that may be required. This will be much different for the users from how it has been handled in the past.

- Joe O'Brien acknowledged that the Harbor Hawks are the keeper of this town owned property and commended them for the great job they do keeping up with this undertaking. Patti Machado commended them for the youth program they run in the summer.

## **Staff Report – Patti Machado (Handout Exhibit A)**

### **A. Administration**

- a. Lombard Facilities – There are some issues with the field drainage. This is being worked on but the work on the playground had to stop while this is being addressed. So Luke's Love isn't quite done. The field won't be accepted until it is wanted.
- b. Osterville Bay – They have not met again since the last meeting. A committee has been put together by the Osterville Village Association. The committee has put together a group of people to work on the playground but the building must be in before the playground can be built. The hope is this will get done sooner rather than later and that they will be able to raise the money needed for this.
- c. Summer Employment - Applications started being accepted February 1<sup>st</sup> and this is all being done online. Rene King asked what the youngest age is that can be hired. Patti said the youngest age is 14 but they only hire six or seven 14 year olds as beach aids who have usually volunteered first so they have become known and shown they are capable to handle the responsibility. A 14 year old can be a volunteer.
- d. MRPA (Massachusetts Recreation & Parks Association) Conference will be attended at Seacrest in Falmouth. Patti will be presenting a session on aquatics management on how to set up manuals and orientation.

### **B. Special Events**

- a. Skate for Love – will be held on Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Food donations will be accepted to help the food pantries.

### **C. Winter Programs**

- a. Friday Night Social – This is our adult special needs adult program and they will be attending Tim Tebo's Night To Shine Prom on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Tim Tebo donates to make this all possible. Michelle Davies has gone above and beyond to get 50 people from our program to help.
- b. Saturday Sunshine – Special Olympics was last week. There were twelve participants and eight of them won silver/gold/bronze medals and are eligible to be in the state competition in Springfield.

### **D. Spring Programs**

- a. Registration is February 26<sup>th</sup>. The brochure is on line and will go to schools before school vacation.

### **E. HYCC**

- a. A donation was received from The First Baptist Church of Hyannis in the amount of \$4,000 to pay for food to feed our young people.
- b. The After School Program (ASP) is going very well. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades have been added to the program so there are now 4 grades in the program. A grant for \$25,000 was received which allowed this to happen. The grant has an educational requirement which is already being done so this doesn't change how we were operating.
  - i. Marine and Environmental Affairs came in with all the taxidermy so the children were able to see what is here on the Cape.
  - ii. D.A. Diversion Program and the Barnstable Police Department will be putting on a cyber bullying class next week. There are real serious issues going on with the phone that the children don't understand how this will affect them. Rene King wanted to know if this is

open to the public and Patti replied that this is only available for the students in the after school program.

- iii. The JFK Museum will come to educate the children on who John F. Kennedy was and what he was all about. Emily Mezzetti comes in every Monday to do this education. This week the children will be following the Mass Maritime ship, The Kennedy, online, and will go around to the different Kennedy locations and take pictures as they learn more about who he was.
- c. Public Skating this time of year is packed. The ponds, lakes, and bogs are not safe to skate on so we encourage you to come to the rink to skate and be safe.
- d. Learn to Skate program had their Skating with Heroes event. The Barnstable Police Department and Barnstable Fire Department dressed up as super heroes and skated with the children.
- e. BHS – Hockey
  - i. Girl’s Senior Night is February 9<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Boy’s Senior Night is February 16<sup>th</sup>
  - iii. Melchiano Tournament is February 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

## **F. Aquatics**

- a. Lifeguard Training classes are being held this spring.
  - i. Joseph O’Brien wants to know if it is hard to find qualified lifeguards. Patti believes the way we recruit helps us. She and Tim McGrath go to Sandwich and Barnstable swim teams to talk with them. More classes than ever are being presented. Our standards are higher than the Red Cross standards. We have made great progress in manning all our beaches with lifeguards. 105 lifeguards are needed this season.

## **G. Youth Commission** – Ethan Sirhal was not able to be at the meeting so Patti presented.

- a. One Love
  - i. Barnstable High School Juniors will be April 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Sturgis East & West will be May 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii. St. John Paul II date is still to be announced.
  - iv. There is a certification available if any of the commissioners are interested and have the time to get involved. The training for the certification will be March 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 at the Barnstable High School. Once certified you’ll be able to help out on one of the dates above.
- b. Job Fair – March 6<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who is looking for young people under 18 to work, please contact Patti Machado at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center as there is still a need for businesses.
- c. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Summit
  - i. Scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Kevin Stevens of the Pittsburgh Penguins will be there to share his story of addiction. It is an honor that he would take his time to be there.
  - iii. Kevin Rosario has been there every year and has an amazing story to share. He does a fantastic job connecting with the young people.
  - iv. Dynamic Influence is a magician/hypnotist who talks to the young people about making good choices in the midst of peers.
  - v. Barnstable High School Peer Leaders, who are certified to be peer leaders, will run a class.
  - vi. The Youth Commission has been doing a lot of fund raising for the summit. They attended the Aquanis meeting, who donated \$1,000.00. They also attended the JFK Trust Memorial who donated \$3,500.00. Their goal is to raise \$8,500.00.
  - vii. Renée Dowling asked about attendance and Patti said the attendance has been very low and they have had difficulty getting people to attend. Rene King suggested the

possibility of young people who are interested in production get involved to help get the word out.

- viii. Joseph O'Brien requested we ask the Barnstable Police Department to come speak to the commission. Patti will ask Officer Morrison to come to the March meeting.
- d. The Suicide Prevention Coalition attended the last Youth Commission Meeting. They voted unanimously to support us having a Town of Barnstable Task Force which would certify young people in the schools to know how to handle things they hear are going on with their peers.
- e. Barnstable County received a state grant around \$250,000 to address homelessness on Cape Cod. The Youth Commission spent a lot of time over the past 5 years, going all around town with surveys, and putting together data which documented the homelessness. Without the work these ambassadors did this very likely wouldn't have happened so this is something the Youth Commission can be very proud of.

### **Liaison's Reports**

- a. Renée Dowling, Barnstable High School Athletics liaison. She was not able to attend the last meeting but her husband who represents the Barnstable Silver Bullets and the Barnstable Quarterback Club was there and provided her the notes from the meeting.
  - i. The Barnstable High School Athletic Advisory Council's objectives read: To support the enhancement of interscholastic athletics while promoting a culture of Barnstable High School's athletes, coaches, and parents that will represent and enhance the core values of our school community. The council will be composed of student athletes, coaches, teachers, parents and administrators. This group has been assembled to provide insight on the student athlete experience and also to offer feedback on the rules, regulations, and policies that affect our athletes and teachers.
  - ii. A big issue is transportation home for student athletes that stay after school. They will look at this and do their best to work on solving this issue.
  - iii. Attendance at programs such as basketball games is very low and a problem.
  - iv. They will work on increasing the participation of youth from all backgrounds in athletics.
  - v. The Center For The Study Of Sport In Society at Northeastern University along with the College Of Education and Allied Studies at Bridgewater State University came and did interviews of faculty, students and parents. There were focus groups that met with individuals from Northeastern University. They were asked about their experience at events related to coaching, team camaraderie, availability, transportation, etc. There will be a survey for the public to take on the Barnstable High School website for the more feedback. The goal is to understand and improve the quality of a student's experience at Barnstable High School as it relates to athletics. The results will be coming out and be available on the Barnstable High School website.
- b. James Tenaglia, CPC liaison – Nothing new to report this month.
- c. Joseph O'Brien – Little League
  - i. They are starting the initial groundwork for getting the facilities for the bathrooms and snack bar.

**Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated By The Chair.** – Nothing to report.

### **NEW BUSINESS-Next Month's Agenda Items**

1. Total Athletics
2. Barnstable Police Department - Officer Morrison
3. Cotuit Kettleers
4. Joe will look into having a representative from the field study to provide an update

**Public Comment – NONE**

James Tenaglia motioned to adjourn, Renée Dowling seconded. **VOTE – All in Favor**

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Respectfully submitted by **Sandra Merritt**, Recreation Division

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