



# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE BARNSTABLE RECREATION DIVISION

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## RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES 2 FEBRUARY 2009

**Commission Members Present:** Joe O'Brien – Vice Chairman, Rene King, Andy Gauthier, Kathy, Pina, Kevin Turner and Dan Proto

**Commission Members Absent:** Clyde Takala – Chairman,

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m., roll call was taken. Kevin Turner made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting, seconded by Andy Gauthier, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None

**New Business:** **Kevin Turner** asked if our meetings were to be televised. **David Curley** said that they would be in the future. **Andy Gauthier** said he wanted to discuss a way to honor Caroline Fries in the new rink. David said there was talk about raising money for a locker room to be named in her honor, discussion of planting a tree or a garden. He said he would get back to the commission members regarding this issue. Andy asked about a score board, **Kathy Pina** mentioned a sign; she said that a garden for Caroline would be very nice, something outside the building. Kevin asked if there was a policy on naming facilities. **Joe O'Brien** said he would talk to Wes Fries and see what the family would like to see, he wants the family to know that something will be done in Caroline's name and Joe wants the Fries' input on the decision.

**Brad Pfeifer** of the Hyannis Mets Athletic Association informed the commission that a feasibility study was conducted on McKeon Park for the possibility of turfing that field turning it into a multi-purpose field. This field would be able to house football, baseball, soccer and lacrosse. Brad said that the project would only require new fencing, maybe moving one new light post and bringing in clean fill to raise the height of the whole field. The mound would be portable. Brad said that the field would be able to be used 24 hours a day, 7 days a week if the field is turfed. **Andy** asked about the life expectancy of the field. Brad said it lasts ten years with minimal maintenance; it is better than a natural field because it does not have to be fertilized. **Kevin** made a motion to support the Hyannis Mets Athletic Association in their pursuit of turning McKeon Park into a multi-purpose field, seconded by **Dan Proto**, the commission voted and it was passed unanimously.

**Steve Devlin** of Barnstable Youth Hockey Association was in attendance to discuss the program. **Joe O'Brien** asked if there were any issues or concerns the Recreation Commission

should be aware of and Steve informed him that things were running smoothly. He informed the Commission that BYHA was going to be taking 80-90% of their ice time at the new rink. Also, the Lobster Pot Tournament is scheduled for the weekend of March 20-22<sup>nd</sup>. **Steve** said that he would rent the ice up to 2 pm and have Barnstable teams play on the last day if it worked out with the Recreation Division. Also, he said BYHA had to discipline a coach and would mean his dismissal the next day. **David** said that BHYA had a large commitment in the new rink and that they would be able to expand their program. **Steve** said they were trying a new program where BYHA would purchase equipment and let participants try Farm before they make any big purchases. David said that the new rink would draw from other Cape rink facilities. Steve informed David that Tony Kent Ice Arena has never had any marketing strategies; they have only done the minimal.

**Old Business: David** started a discussion regarding the speakers for the End of the Rink Event. The Commission decided on Reverend, Dr. John Terry, Senior Minister from the Federated Church of Hyannis, for the blessing, John Klimm, Town Manager, Jack Alymer, John Drew, and Joe O'Brien for possible speakers. David said that he would put an ad in the newspaper advertising the Rink event and there would be an open free skate after a brief 15 minute ceremony.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Director's Report: David Curley** presented his Director's Report (see attached).

The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2009. **Dan Proto** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **Andy Gauthier**; the motion was passed at 6:50pm.

**For Harold:**

Respectfully submitted by Samantha Garfield, Principal Division Assistant, Recreation Division