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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES 12 JULY 2010

Commission Members Present: Clyde Takala – Chairman, Joe O’Brien – Vice Chairman, Kathy Pina, Rene King, Kevin Turner, and Dan Proto

Commission Members Absent: Andy Gauthier

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm, roll call was taken. Joe O’Brien made a motion to accept June’s minutes, seconded by Kevin Turner, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously.

Employee of the Year Clyde Takala introduced Patti Machado, Assistant Recreation Director, who will be presenting the aquatic staff with plaques for employee of the year. **Patti Machado** said it is with great honor that she presents these awards. The aquatic staff is stellar. Sam Delong has been a Beach Aide for two years; Sam would pick up the parking lot, assist the Beach Supervisor, and clean the bathhouse. He is currently a Lifeguard Aide this year so he is moving up in the ranks. Patti presented him with a plaque and a gift certificate from Hy-Line Cruise, which is their sponsor this year. **Patti** introduced Paul Reardon with Gate Attendant of the Year. Paul is great in difficult situations and because of his ability to handle the public he is a Beach Supervisor at Craigville Beach this year. **Patti** presented Paul with a plaque and a gift certificate from Hy-Line Cruise. **Patti** then introduced Mark McLaughlin with Lifeguard of the Year award. Mark is a great motivator and is captain of the Comp Team. He is a great role model. He is a teacher at Barnstable High School and is currently recruiting good kids to join the Lifeguard Training program. He has been with the Recreation Division for 15 years; there can’t be enough good things said about him. **Patti** thanked each and every staff member for their hard work and dedication to the Town of Barnstable.

New Business **Recreation Commission Reorganization** – Officers Joe O’Brien said he wanted to make sure the Commission was doing what they should be doing. If other individuals want a chance at the Chair or Vice Chair, he would like to know and a vote used to be held annually. **Kevin** said that he had concerns when Clyde was out of town. He wanted to make sure that the meetings were covered. He asked Clyde how many meetings he would be absent from. **Clyde** said 4 meetings he is away during the winter months. **Joe** asked Clyde if he still wanted to be a member. **Clyde** said he still wanted to be a member, but asked at the May meeting if he should step down from Chair because he was gone for 4 months. **Kathy** said that it wasn’t a problem at the time. **Joe** said there usually is a formal vote and it is done annually. He asked that a vote be taken next meeting and put on next month’s agenda. **Lynne Poyant** said that because of the new open meeting laws, a vote will have to take place next month; it

should be on next month's agenda as a vote. **Dan Proto** asked if there was an open seat on the Recreation Commission. **Clyde** said no there wasn't. **Kevin** asked if there should be a chair in addition to Clyde. **Kathy** asked as in a co-chair. **Rene King** asked Kevin Turner if he wanted to be nominated for Chair. **Kevin** said no thank you; he nominates Joe O'Brien for Chair just so there is consistency throughout the year. **Joe** nominated Clyde for the position of Chair. **Rene** asked if they could include Clyde into the meeting virtually when he is away. **Lynne** said she wasn't sure how that applies with the new open meeting laws, especially if anything is up for deliberation. **Kevin** asked who would be Vice Chair. **Dan** asked if there was a nominee for Vice Chair. **Lynne** said she suggests the Recreation Commission keep the Chair and Vice Chair because the Vice Chair is a grooming position to succeed the Chair. Joe and Clyde were both nominated for Chair and Vice Chair. A vote at the August meeting will determine who is Chair and Vice Chair.

Old Business Best Buddies **Rene** said it was an excellent event concerning the entertainment and how the youth was involved. **Joe** said a letter was drafted a while ago asking Best Buddies for a student scholarship and wanted to know what the outcome of that request was. **Kevin Turner** said he would follow up tomorrow with Barnstable High School. **Lynne** said she had a concern for payment for loss of revenues during the event. She had asked the question previously and not gotten an answer. She said that money should be collected for the use of Craigville parking lot and a fee should be collected per participant. The Best Buddies event should be treated much like the Triathlon. **Patti** said a lot of people were turned away from Craigville because the tents were not down as they should have been and there was trash left in the lot. **Rene** asked if it was a problem years before. **Patti** said it wasn't because it was always before the season has started, but this year it was very costly to the Town. **Lynne** said they want to work with the Best Buddies event but have a tighter time frame for the setup and breakdown of the event in the future. She said that it was a beautiful spring and hot summer and the beaches are very busy. **Kathy** made a motion that a letter be drafted to Best Buddies stating their concerns regarding the past event, ask them to come to the next meeting to discuss next year's event and the problems that occurred before and after the event. **Lynne** said Best Buddies have been requesting the June 4th, 2011 date since this previous May. **Rene** feels that there are options and room to work with the Best Buddies and collect the appropriate fees for the revenue lost during the event. **Dan** asked how the Triathlon was set up. **Patti** said Rich Havens, who is in charge of the Triathlon, pays \$1,000 for the parking lot, pays \$3 per head, places dumpsters in the lot, dumps the trash, gets the port o johns, and sets up the tents. **Dan Proto** seconded the motion made by Kathy Pina. **Kevin** said the letter needs to be in a positive manner and address the issues concerning setup, breakdown, and clean up. **Patti** informed the Commission that David Curley has contacted Best Buddies numerous times regarding these issues. **Clyde** asked that David draft the letter and send it to the Recreation Commission prior to sending it out and they will vote on sending the letter in August and invite Best Buddies to the September/ October meeting. The Commission voted and the motion was passed unanimously to draft a letter to Best Buddies.

Centerville Field Project **Rene** said that she went door to door on Bay Lane to get input on the Centerville Field Project and said she had a nice talk with Lisa, who had a better feeling about the end result. Rene thinks the follow up helped. **Kevin** asked if the Town Manager has approved their recommendation for the updates on the field yet. **Lynne** said she would follow up on that. **Joe** said the Centerville Field Project is a step in the right direction and will help in the future for constructing a field complex for the Town of Barnstable. **Clyde** said during a meeting he had with the Town Manager, Mr. Klimm informed him Bay Lane is not a scenic road. **Kathy** asked if there is a Grandfather clause concerning Centerville Fields. **Lynne** said she would ask Legal and get back to the Commission. **Kathy**

asked if the land the field is on was given to the Town with specifications. **Joe** said according to his father, it was given to the youth of Centerville for them to have a place to play. **Kevin** asked if the Commission could be given a copy of the Field Assessment for the Town of Barnstable.

Barnstable High School Track **Lynne** informed the Commission the Town Council approved the project on June 17th and the High School is moving forward with that project.

Triathlon **Kevin** asked if there were any problems. **Patti** said no. They had started the event half hour later and it worked out better because it was light out; there were no problems with traffic or anything.

Kathy Pina said Hamblin's Pond is bad and needs to be addressed; the parking lot, weeds, and rocks need to be taking care of. She also said the two Gate Attendants were sitting in the sun. **Patti** said signs were stolen from the pond and she will address the two Gaties about sitting in the sun, there is a tree they are supposed to be setup under. **Clyde** said Rene accepted nomination to be on the Community Preservation Committee. **Rene** asked what to do to put items on the agenda for upcoming meetings. **Clyde** said to email him with the items and then inform Sam to put them on the agenda. He said the agenda had to be clocked in with the Town Clerk 48 hours in advance. The Recreation Commission's deadline is the Thursday before the meeting. **Rene** asked that recycled nearly new equipment be placed on next month's agenda. **Dan Proto** said on July 31st at the HYCC is the Youth Hockey Equipment Swap.

Kathy asked if it was appropriate to address the abutters of Bay Lane and say thank you for their input and their time. **Kevin** suggested a Letter to the Editor. **Kathy** suggested the Channel 18 scroll. **Lynne** said something can go into the Barnstable Bulletin. **Kevin** suggested that the Commission wait to see how the Town Manager acts on the recommendation. **Lynne** thought that was a good idea. **Clyde** said regarding the Bouse House at the Centerville Field, it was moved the very next day after Lisa Jones made her request.

Public Comment **None**

Director's Report **Patti Machado** informed the Commission Members there were 8 major emergencies at the Town Beaches this summer all pertaining to Heat Stroke or Heat Exhaustion. A few of the instances are listed below. In all instances a debriefing was held for the aquatic staff:

- A dead body was found at Hathaway's the first day by two 15 year old staff. The Head Guard had experience and the situation was dealt with. A debriefing was held for the staff.
- Two Jet Ski's smashed into each other at Kalmus resulting in a bad head injury.
- A young girl on July 6th passed out and smashed her head at Kalmus.
- At Kalmus Beach, there was an older woman on oxygen not breathing, CPR was administered. Once the Fire Department arrived, they took over the CPR from the aquatic staff, but the staff had done such a great job, the EMT's let the staff rotate back in and the EMT's could administer advanced care at that point. The woman eventually passed away. But the relative of the individual said Kalmus was her favorite place to frequent.
- Another person was found unconscious and three cycles of rescue breathing was performed.

Patti said the heat is no joke and the staff is making a number of announcements regarding the subject to remind individuals to drink plenty of water. **Rene** asked information be placed on the website. **Joe** said soda and caffeine are terrible to drink in this heat. **Lynne** said Rose at the Senior Center has prepared tips and has scheduled Beat the Heat activities as well. **Joe** asked Patti how they handle emergencies and the media. **Patti** said when Hyannis Fire Department showed up they were amazed at how well trained the staff was. She said they perform mock rescues and they go through every

procedure at every site. A lot of the staff said during debriefing that they went into mock mode during the emergencies and everything went well. **Lynne** said when the press do arrive the EMT's and Police are designees to speak to the press. **Patti** said the staff is informed to never talk to the press unless they have her consent. **Lynne** informed the Commission that she was invited by Patti to one of the debriefings and she was blown away by their team work. Patti's training and Lifeguard Orientation is outstanding. They really did a phenomenal job; very impressive. **Joe** said he wanted everyone to know! **Patti** informed him that Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 1pm Barnstable Today was going to do a piece on the staff. **Dan Proto** wanted to acknowledge Patti and her training that led the staff to successful rescues; he is very impressed. **Rene** asked if this training was transferred to the schools and the Leisure Program staff. **Patti** said in the 35 years that she has worked for the Town; she has never seen emergencies so condensed and extreme this early in the season. She said it is very busy at the beaches and she is very proud of all her staff. **Kevin** asked that Patti's staff be invited to the next meeting for commendations in the Hearing Room. **Patti** said the Hyannis Fire Department is submitting the 4 staff for the Red Cross Heroic Award. She said everyone is part of the team. The other staff really pulled together at the other sites to allow the 9 staff members who dealt with one emergency to go to the debriefing; it is a team effort. **Joe** suggested the meeting be held in the Town Council hearing room and invite everyone.

Rene informed the Commission there is a local art contest sponsored by Eastern Bank; deadline is Friday, August 6th, 2010. The Boundless Free Playground and the Wishing Well were asked to be put on next months agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 2nd, 2010 at 5:30 at Town Hall. **Joe** made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Kevin**, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously at 6:50 pm.

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