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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES 4 APRIL 2010

Commission Members Present: Joe O'Brien – Vice Chairman, Kevin Turner, Rene King, and Andy Gauthier

Commission Members Absent: Clyde Takala – Chairman, Dan Proto, Kathy Pina

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm, roll call was taken. Kevin Turner made a motion to accept the minutes from March 1st, seconded by Rene King, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously.

Public Comment Suspended

Patti Machado, Asst. Director of Recreation, spoke to the Recreation Commission regarding the Town's Sailing Program. She said the program ran for six weeks and they have received new boats. The JFK Memorial Trust Fund pays for two participants per year. The Belzikian Foundation recently purchased life jackets for the participants. The sailing program has adopted the Hyannis Yacht Club's emergency action plan. This program is for ages 10-13. There is an instructor in every boat; however, there is no instructor in the boat in the advanced class. They have purchased 3 racing boats for the competitive sailing team. She said that there are no more moorings available at Veteran's Beach so the program can't get bigger. The program is reasonably priced at \$75 for the six weeks. There were 125 participants this past year. On Tuesday evenings, there is a novice class for ages 14+. Patti said that the Hyannis Yacht Club offers scholarships, which allows three students to participate in the program. **Rene King** asked if the students become the instructors. **Patti** said that they do and all the instructors right now have gone thru the program. **Kevin Turner** asked Patti about the anticipation of the beaches opening. **Patti** said that they open the beaches on weekends starting Memorial Day weekend through to June 26th. Then they have full staff after June 26th. She went on to say that last summer was a great summer and there isn't a lot of extra money available in the budget for the start of this summer. **Patti** said that Covell's and Craigville will be open collecting money and checking for stickers; Lifeguards will be available only on weekends. Veteran's Beach will be opening May 1st. **Kevin Turner** asked if all the lakes would be staffed this year. **Patti** said that Lovell's and Hamblin's will not be fully staffed. There will be two gate attendants at Hamblin's and Hathaway's; financially the Town cannot support these sites. She also said the Town doesn't have a tier pay program and that hurts us in the long run. **Patti** also said that the lifeguards do not rake; the beach rake is scheduled twice a week to rake the beaches. **Kevin** asked if the Town website could post "no lifeguard on duty". **Joe O'Brien** asked if the Town was not getting the applicants for these

lifeguard positions. **Patti** said that she had turned 15 away last year and helped them find employment in other towns.

Jo Anne Buntich, Growth Management Director, asked the Commission Members to review the 5 year action plan for the Recreation Division's open space. Goal #7 is mainly focused on Recreation and Jo Anne wants to know if it is still relevant. The Recreation Commission Members said that they would work closely with the Recreation Division and David Curley to see what objectives are still relevant. **Jo Anne** said that Growth Management was looking for input regardless of implementation. She wants to know if the goals and objectives need to be changed, deleted, or added. They are working very hard on this project. **Jo Anne** said currently the action plan is done every 5 years; they may change to a plan that gets looked at each year. **Rene King** said that they will look at all the items and evaluate and prioritize each one. **Jo Anne** asked to be placed on the May agenda. **Jo Anne** gave a brief follow up to Ridgewood Park. She said minimal upgrades will take place. The inhabitants of the neighborhood want to keep the grass area the same and the playground equipment will be replaced. She said that the area was awarded an Urban Self Help Grant.

New Business **Rene King** suggested a fundraiser for the Recreation Division in the form of a Zumba dance event. She said it would be 2 hours to get some money started for the wishing well. **Kevin** asked where she wanted to hold the event. **Rene** said that she hoped to have it in the HYCC gym. There wouldn't be any limitations; all ages could participate, all physical abilities. **Lynne Poyant, Director of Community Services**, said that the Town Council is going to vote on the wishing well May 5th. **Kevin** said that we should look at dates for the fundraiser after May 6th. The fundraiser will be tabled until the June meeting. **Beach survey results** will be tabled until the May meeting. **Andy Gauthier** said that the first weekend in April was a mob scene and asked who is responsible for promoting the events at the HYCC. **Lynne** said that Amy Harwood is responsible and has been working really hard. The local businesses were amazed at how busy it was; they all commented that it was like a day in the middle of summer. **Rene** suggested those events would be a perfect opportunity for youth reporting.

Old Business **Joe O'Brien** read into the minutes, letters regarding the Barnstable Little League upgrades to the Centerville Ball fields.

Public Comment **Lisa Jones** brought forth to the Commission a petition with 30 signatures, all abutters, to stop the Recreation Division for approving the upgrades to the Centerville Bay Lane Fields. She said that there was a letter sent home from the Centerville Elementary School stating the fields would be fixed up. She asked if the Hyannis West area could be looked at for field upgrades for the Little League. **Rene** asked when the window of usage was again for the Little League season. **Kevin** said that it was April to mid June. He said that it is appealing to have upgrades done to the fields and have someone else pay for it. **Lisa Jones** said that parking will be a huge issue. **Rene King** asked if the priority of concern was parking, noise, and lights. **Kevin** said that parking was the biggest issue because they really don't need lights or were pushing for lights; he said they needed an area they can get everything. **Joe** said that Hyannis West may be an option. **Andy Gauthier** asked if the fields between the High School and BIS would work, there are lights there already. **Lisa** asked about the Cape Cod Community College. **Lynne Poyant** said that David Anthony needs to be informed. There is a process to go through and he needs to be included.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 3rd, 2010 at 5:30 at Town Hall. Kevin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andy, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously at 7:00pm.

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