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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
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Commission Members Present: **Joe O'Brien – Chairman, Kathy Pina, Kevin Turner, Andy Gauthier, and Clyde Takala**

Commission Members Absent: **Rene King and Dan Proto**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM, roll call was taken. **Andy Gauthier** requested that June 6th minutes be updated with **Dan Proto** as absent. **Lynne Poyant** said we would make the change. **Clyde Takala** made a motion to accept the minutes from June 6th, all accepted minutes as amended.

Joe O'Brien stated that the Aquatics Awards are very enjoyable for all the Commission members in being able to give some praise to our employees. **Patti Machado**, Assistant Director of Recreation, presented the 2010 Aquatic Employees of the Year awards. **Patti** started out by saying last year was one of the most challenging of years - many rescues and a lot of first aid. It was really a team effort. So with last year being difficult, it is very special to be recognized for 2010.

First up **Beach Aide/Assistant of the Year**, this is her third summer at Veteran's Beach, which is very challenging to keep clean. She is also very active in the community. It is a great pleasure to introduce , **Rose Silva**.

Next is **Gate Attendant of the Year**, with us since 2004, started out very shy, and is now a gift to the town, makes people feel good about our town with her smile. She is tied for getting the most illegal beach stickers. Goes above and beyond for our beaches. It is a great pleasure to introduce **Shannon Murphy**.

Next our **Lifeguard of the Year**, he started with us in 2007, he really took charge of Hathaway's Pond and made it very family oriented. The divers miss him and they ask for **Michael**. He has since moved to Sandy Neck, which is very challenging to run. It is much more interactive than most of our sites. Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, begged for him to come back. Staff really enjoys working with him and really respects him. He knows the leadership role. Patti was proud he came in his Massachusetts Maritime Academy uniform - **Michael O'Connell**.

All three received a round of applause then a group picture was taken with the Commission.

Patti thanked the parents. **Joe O'Brien** commented last year was very difficult with lots of rescues, heat issues, and keeping hydrated and that we ask young people to sometimes mature quickly and step up. The Commission does not take you for granted. From the bottom of his heart as Chairman, Thank You. **Kevin Turner** said the same and that they should be very proud. **Andy Gauthier** stated that he has lifeguarded at Covell's and it is good to know we still have young people stepping up, Thank You. **Kathy Pina** stated

thanks for the safety you give the town, thank you very much. **Clyde Takala**-thank you for your contribution to our Town, we wouldn't be where we are without you.

Lynne Poyant stated Patti deserves credit for the training they are put through. **Joe O'Brien** stated our staff headed by **Patti** does a wonderful job with the aquatics program. Our beaches are what our town is about for a lot of our visitors. Thank you very much, we really appreciate you.

Lance Panigutti-Without Limits Production-Triathlons **Tony** Panigutti wishes he could be here, but his flight was late. **Lance** thanked the Commission for the opportunity to run the Triathlons. For 27 years **Rich Havens** ran a great race. It was their goal not to change the race, just to fine-tune it. From venue point he feels it went smoothly. **Patti** stated more rescues, hypothermia. **Lance** felt it was based on the conditions with the water warm and the air cold. No crashes on the bikes, run course was smooth, moving forward for September 10th event with zero changes needed. **Andy Gauthier** asked how the numbers were compared to last year. **Lance** said they were the same this year and the numbers are right on track for September. **Lance** stated everything was great. It was wonderful to work with the Town and the support they give. **Kevin Turner** asked if they needed anything else from the Town. **Lance** stated the credit is to all of you for the wonderful support they received. **Joe O'Brien** stated events like this are a help to our economy. We want to roll out the red carpet and offer our help in any way. Thanks all around.

Jim Crocker is seeking support for his proposal (letter and map handed out to Commission members) to the Community Preservation Committee. He said that it is an unusual opportunity for a public piece of land, Bay School Recreation Area to stay a public use property. **Mr. Crocker** put map up showing layout of the 4.6 acres. Went over the different buildings, stated really no use for the school building. 30 spaces of parking would be increased to 60 after razing abandoned brick structure. The structure was reviewed by Osterville Library architects and structural people, report showed the school building to be unsuitable due to hazardous materials, serious maintenance issues, under ground oil tanks, and the split level design. Recreation may have use of the building for storage purposes. **Warren Hansen** saved the old Community Center. The two ball fields, swing sets and teeters in really sad shape, tennis court, parking poor, public parks on the side of roads. There is no municipal parking; this project would create parking that could be patch worked for the library and historical society when needed. The proposal would have the deed restriction changed for recreational use over entire property. Osterville has never requested CPC funds. Community Center could be used for voting, Osterville residents no longer vote in the village and there are no public rest rooms in village. **Mr. Crocker** feels this is a project the Recreation Commission can embrace. **Kathy Pina** asked if this would be for year around use. **Mr. Crocker** said yes. Cafeteria in school gutted, but copper piping still there, Community building's septic is tied into School building. **Andy Gauthier** asked about field on left for parking, **Mr. Crocker** said no. Parking across from church not public parking, church in past has let town use, but that could change at anytime. Question was asked if he is looking for funds to update fields? Yes. **Kevin Turner** asked if the basketball courts moved? Yes. **Kathy Pina** ask in the people in the village in favor? **Mr. Crocker** said no. People want the building but for private use. **Kathy Pina** before we can make a decision a letter needs to be sent to the abutters. **Mr. Crocker** stated that Recreation all ready runs the property but it is not deeded for that use. No decision on support until the abutters speak. **Kathy Pina** thinks it is a great idea for public use, but need to know how the village feels about it first. **Mr. Crocker** stated it would enhance the infrastructure that is already there especially with the deed restriction. **Joe O'Brien** stated that in full disclosure attorney **Mike Ford** contacted him about another proposal for the building that was in response to the Town's Request for Proposals for the property. **Kathy Pina** stated need to get **Mr. Crocker** rolling as he has already come

before the Recreation Commission, and to have the other person present at next meeting. Decision was made to let everyone know about the proposal and invite them so they can speak in August. **Mr. Crocker** said only fair to hear from all concerned and thanked the Commission for their time.

Mike LeBlanc of Little League was not present. **Joe O'Brien** stated that we would hear from **Al Baker about Burgess Park** and if **Mike** shows we could hear him then.

Al Baker for Burgess Park to request some needed repairs, need a new light, hedge cut back on both sides. Sign needs to be replaced (stolen). **Mr. Baker** stated he will need more time to bring Lynne Poyant up-to-date on what is needed. Most work now is being done by the DPW and the Cape Cod Disc Golf Club. 16-32 guys play Disc golf on Tuesdays and/or Wednesday they have done a lot of work. **Mr. Baker** has been doing work at Burgess for a number of years. Worked out with DPW to get rid of a 6 yard container, public was using for household items, best solution was to remove it. **Kathy Pina** asked about putting a key on the dumpster and giving it to someone. Hasn't worked in the past, even with containers, household stuff still being dumped. **Mr. Baker** does daily trash pick ups and recycles about 90% of the trash. When talking with **Mark Ells**, he mentioned to **Mr. Baker** about making the park a "trash in, trash out" destination – as in the trash you carry in, you carry out. This would also be hard to enforce. **Mr. Baker** would like to see the park as a smoke free place. **Lynne Poyant** stated that was one of the reasons **Mr. Baker** wanted to be here to see if the Commission would consider a ban like the one in place at the beaches. Good thing to think about this year and put in place for next spring. **Kevin Turner** said good plan for any recreational property. **Kathy Pina** asked if the people that play "Frisbee golf" were the culprits or is it everybody who uses the place. **Mr. Baker** said not the disc golf players; it is other people who use the park. **Mr. Baker** said the guys from Disc Golf do a lot of work, spent their own money on a chipper. **Lynne Poyant** introduced **Greenleaf Garrison, President of Cape Cod Disc Golf Club**. An email they sent to the Assistant Town manager was forwarded to **Lynne** to say they would be present since Burgess Park was on the agenda. They would like to get on a future Commission agenda to talk about a memorandum of agreement. When **Lynne** went around with **Mr. Baker** she saw they had done a ton of work, took about 30-40 pictures, and would be glad to give the Commission copies to see all the work. **Greenleaf Garrison** stated they have 30 dues paying members and all the money goes back to benefit Burgess Park, not just to improve the golf area but the overall appearance of Burgess. As a nonprofit they are willing to do the work. **Lynne Poyant** stated she is in the process of getting prices on the stone dust requested by the club. **Greenleaf** stated **Mr. Baker** does a ton of work, and he guides them as to what the park needs. **Mr. Baker** stated he has asked the police to come in at dusk to make sure everyone is leaving and then back at dark to make sure they have. **Kathy** asked if someone was in the building to monitor what is going on. **Lynne Poyant** stated shrubs are very tall, hard to see house at all, almost like a maze. **Andy Gauthier** asked if the building was manned at all. **Lynne** stated no, the building is sometimes used for meetings. **Andy** asked if police patrol regularly. **Mr. Baker** said no, police do not monitor at all. **Drew McManus**, Cape Cod Disc Golf Operation Director, is trying to set up a meeting with the Police Department. **Patti Machado** said when Town first took over the park it was manned, but with budget cuts around 1989 it stopped. **Andy Gauthier** stated the park is not getting much Town attention. **Lynne Poyant** stated she did get the volleyball net and gave to Cape Cod Disc Golf Club (at meeting) and they would put it up. She is also working on getting horse shoe equipment. **Kathy Pina** motioned that the Commission look into **Mr. Baker's** requests and do what they could to rectify them. **Kevin Turner** asked which requests? **Kathy** stated the sign, stone dust, ban on smoking, the police, the swings and lights. **Andy Gauthier** and **Kevin Turner**, seconded motion. **Joe O'Brien** asked do these things go through

DPW. Lynne Poyant stated some things yes and some things no. She is working on getting prices. **Andy Gauthier** asked Cape Cod Disc Golf Club what they are looking for permission to do. **Greenleaf Garrison** stated fix horse pits; kick in towards new Burgess Sign, whatever they can and whatever is needed. **Joe O'Brien** stated that Cape Cod Disc Golf Club would like to get on August agenda for a formal presentation. They will coordinate with **Lynne Poyant**. **Joe O'Brien** asked all in favor, Commission voted yes.

Joe O'Brien stated that if **Mr. LeBlanc** shows up, they can hear him then. **Kathy Pina** stated that a decision was made at an earlier meeting not to hear a person if they did not appear on time. All had approved.

New Business

Joe O'Brien stated he did not know if this came under new or old business, but would like an update on the General Manager position for HYCC. **Lynne Poyant** stated she had that under the Director's report.

Kevin Turner stated he really likes the sun screens over the lifeguard stands and asked **Patti** if all beaches had them. **Patti Machado** stated no, only six have them, that they cost about \$2,000 a piece and must be made individually. **Lynne Poyant** stated they had been donated by the **Glenna Kohl Fund**. **Mrs. Kohl** is working with **Patti**. She only had money for six but working on getting money for two more, doing our beaches and then opening it up to other Cape Cod beaches. **Kevin Turner** asked if is there was a way for people to donate. **Patti Machado** said yes, the Glenna Kohl for Hope website or Rec Center, **Lynne** or **Patti** can direct people. **Patti Machado** stated one was stolen from Dowes' beach and an organization is stepping up to replace it. A presentation is done each season showing where **Glenna** was and then ended up after melanoma, very effective in showing benefits of sunscreen and visits to dermatologists. **Lynne Poyant** stated that the last two July Barnstable Bulletins have a piece about Sun Safety done in **Glenna's** memory, . **Patti Machado** stated **Glenna** was second Recreation staff with melanoma and we now have a third person going through it and that it has been very devastating.

Old Business

Lynne Poyant stated the Zumbathon organized by Rene King was awesome, lots of instructors for every fitness level. It was a great success and very alive. Not sure the final amount on donations, about \$1,000, some came through HYCC, not sure if **Rene** responds or **Lynne**. **Joe O'Brien** stated he believe Rene was handling everything; **Lynne** stated she would email **Rene**.

Kathy Pina stated not sure if the Town or Recreation Division would be paying for the **Nate Nickerson** sign, still waiting to hear from the family on what should be placed on the sign. The date is August 20th and it is a secure date. **Lynne Poyant** asked if sign would be metal or wood. **Kathy** stated something weatherproof, something special to go on the side of the building. **Kathy** believes the Town should pay for the sign as they are recognizing him, not just the Recreation Division. **Lynne** stated a wooden sign could take up to 6 weeks, but she would look into it.

Patti Machado's Report-Busier than ever, no accidents so far. June not so busy, but this past weekend we really packed them in. It was great, real positive, busiest she has seen. On July 1st DPW started locking

beaches at 9 pm. Staff is good, only four new lifeguards, not a lot of new staff, ten new gate attendants and they are being trained side by side with old help. Half the beach aides are new, but they usually grow through the system, work their way up to other positions. Revenue up for July 4th weekend but prior to that, no. Swim lessons are going well, added night lessons at Dowses', have one hour at every level. Great for parents who work. No town funding, it is a revolving account. She is working with Bourne to set them up, did offer swim lessons to Bourne; Sandwich and Yarmouth do take lessons with us. This is Swim Safety week (handed out schedules). Drills every morning, invite everyone to come down and see. Search and rescue, teach skills she thinks are necessary, over and above what is required. It is all good. Veteran's Beach, 6AM Boot Camp 30-40 people, everyday, instructor does a fabulous job. 7-8AM for Yoga. Sandy Neck Junior Ranger program is only running one class this year and it is full. Unfortunately, we turned away a lot of kids. Sailing is packed, but we still have room. Using the new boat the Yacht Club gave us for the advanced class, hoping to put them in a race.

Public Comment **None**

Director's Report **Presented by Lynne Poyant. Community Services Director**

Lynne Poyant provided a handout. She commented that registration was held on June 18th and it was her first one ever. First time held at HYCC, didn't have to pay overtime for a custodian and nice not to have to pack up everything for a different location. Used a numbering system, people commented this is new, most liked the new system, you could get your number, leave and come back, as we were able to give them an estimated time to come back. Used the gym and turned the bleachers around to use as tables. Postmortem with the staff; change the flow of people next year and maybe add some kid activities. **Lynne** listed the committee for the General Manger search. 44 applications received. **Joe O'Brien** thanked **Kevin Turner** for stepping in to be on the committee. **Clyde Takala** asked what the job description is. **Lynne** stated the one sent on the disc is wrong. She will get most current job description, which is 2 plus pages, to the Commission. It lists things that are specific to the facility, administration of the physical plant. Legal contracts, issues with people booking time and not showing, working on new contracts. Butler ice has been melted, have had meetings, birthday parties, roller hockey, tot program, **Miss Lori** loves the space. Skate Park used it on a rainy day. **Andy Gauthier** asked when melted? **Lynne** stated April 18, **Andy** commented that a tot program could be set up there during registration. **Lynne** said, yes. Marketing going well, with the economy harder to get bigger businesses to sign on. **Kevin** asked if the commitment for the Butler Rink is on track. **Lynne** stated no, the Butler Family has donated \$30,000 through the Patrick M. Butler Charitable Foundation of the Cape Cod Foundation. **Kathy Pina** asked how much do they owe. **Lynne** stated she would look into, Commission wants to be kept apprised. **Andy** asked about the naming of the Pro Shop. Like Scudder Family Café operated by Ardeo's. **Lynne** commented that **Patti Machado** is doing a great job each week representing us on Barnstable This Morning. **Kathy** commented on the High School going healthier and removing soda from the building, maybe the Rec should consider doing the same. **Lynne** stated we would have to wait until Ardeo's contract is up (around 2013), as the machines are theirs and part of their contract. Youth Center does offer healthy choices, water, Gatorade, etc. If instituted have to be across the board, beaches along with Youth Center. **Kathy Pina** brought healthier choices up as she was approached by a citizen about it. **Clyde** stated it would also affect the golf courses, anything that is our property.

Joe O'Brien commented on the August 1st agenda, Bay School with **Mr. Crocker** and **Mike Ford's client**, Cape Cod Disc Golf members for Burgess Park, and Little League. Joe will coordinate the times

with **Lynne**. **Kathy Pina** commented on specifying the time they should appear. **Kevin Turner** stated that he will be in Baltimore next meeting, **Joe** asked him to coordinate with **Mr. Leblanc** as to why he missed tonight's meeting and would he be present at next meeting. **Andy Gauthier** stated that as this is his last meeting he would like to thank the Commission and Town for having him and that it has been rewarding. **Joe O'Brien** said he spoke for all of them when saying thank you and we will miss your keen insight.

Andy Gauthier made a motion to adjourn; seconded by **Kathy Pina**. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

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