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**RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**3 October 2011**

**Commission Members Present:** Joe O'Brien – Chairman, Clyde Takala – Vice Chairman, Kevin Turner, Renee King, and Richard Sawyer

**Commission Members Absent:** Kathy Pina

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM, roll call was taken. **Clyde Takala** made a motion to accept the September 12<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by **Kevin Turner**, all approved.

**Joe O'Brien** requested a moment of silence to recognize the passing of **James Dunn**, who had been a very active member of the Barnstable Recreation Department. The Commission shared their fond memories of **Mr. Dunn**.

**Joe O'Brien** and the Commission formally welcomed **Richard Sawyer** to the Commission. **Richard** thanked the Commission.

**Pubic Comment - None**

**Burgess Park** tabled till November 7<sup>th</sup> agenda, due to Cape Cod Disc Golf not being available.

**Best Buddies** tabled till **Bill Sykes** arrives.

**Dog Park** – **Barbara Cappellina**, **Joe O'Brien** read letter into the minutes from, Town Councilor **Ann Canedy** (see attached) regarding the dog park. **Barbara** introduced **Lisa Hendricks** and **Sheila Geiler** as her fellow site committee members. A short PowerPoint presentation was given detailing The Committee for Barnstable Dog Parks goals. A letter outlining the park sent to **John Klimm** was emailed to Recreation Commission per **Mr. Klimm's** request (see attached). **Richard Sawyer** asked who would be responsible for maintenance. **Barbara** responded it would be self-governed, modeled after other dog parks. Richard commented on who would pick up after the dogs. **Barbara** stated dog owners. **Renee King** commented several sites looked at, why pick Hathaway's? **Barbara** stated 6 sites looked at and that Hathaway's was the best due to abutters, curb cuts, water availability. **Kevin Turner** commented that **Ann Canedy's** letter stated 2 sites at Hathaway's. **Barbara** replied yes, but other site has no access to water. **Kevin** asked about dogs continuing to be allowed to walk legally on pathways as stated in **Ann's** letter. **Patti Machado** stated yes, this has been set up through Conservation and they go in through the conservation entrance. **Patti's** concern is that people will park in free lot, to avoid paying to use the beach. **Councilor Debra Dagwan** asked what water is needed for. **Barbara Cappellina** responded for clean up and to hydrate the

dogs. **Debra** stated that the opposition she has received has been from citizens who use Hathaway's regularly. **Joe O'Brien** stated that there is a dog ban on all beaches from May 15<sup>th</sup>-September 15<sup>th</sup>. **Joe** stated that he is concerned about how the two can co-exist. **Barbara Cappellina** commented that as **Ann Canedy's** letter stated people who use dog park are not the same people who walk around the pond. **Patti Machado** stated that the gatehouse does watch the park area along with the beach, dog people are very respectful. Only major concern is loss of revenue. **Renee King** stated supports a dog park but does not want to jeopardize a revenue source, beaches and ponds are very important to our tourists, might choose to not go to Hathaway's because of dog park. **Kevin Turner** stated that he as a resident might take the opposite view, go to Hathaway's because I can take my dog, while children can use the beach. Still have 7 other beaches to choose between. **Richard Sawyer** stated that as someone without a dog he would like to go somewhere that has a specific place for dogs. **Joe O'Brien** asked if Burgess Park was looked at. **Sheila Geiler** stated Burgess Park was looked at, Disc Golf is all ready there, a lot of children and there were other issues. **Sheila** stated just at the beginning stage, other departments in the town will need to get involved. **Patti Machado** commented noise from the dogs not an issue. **Joe O'Brien** stated that the Commission would feel more comfortable in making a decision with the issues of beach goers enjoyment not being interrupted by dog owners and the potential for loss of revenue from parking fees. **Kevin Turner** asked how much revenue is produced. **Patti Machado** responded \$500-\$600 on weekends. **Kevin** asked if the Commissions approval had any monetary value attached to it. **Sheila Geiler** stated they still have had no response from town, heard town manager on radio announced that a site had been selected. They are just looking for the Commission's blessing. **Renee King** stated can we vote to support the concept? **Joe O'Brien** stated that the Commission has a copy of the letter (see attached) sent to **John Klimm**. **Mr. Klimm** has asked Recreation Commission to start this process. **Jan Barton** responded to **Kevin's** question about funding, stating they are not asking for any money from the town, dog park will be self supporting. **Renee King** motioned that the Recreation Commission consider approval of the concept of a Dog Park at Hathaway's Pond or other suitable location with holding final approval of the details, until issues are addressed. Not limited to: distance between Hathaway's pond and dog park; potential impact on for fee parking; potential additional parking needs; opportunity to team with the town. **Richard Sawyer** seconded. **Joe O'Brien** requested an open mind be kept regarding other sites. **Jan Barton** stated that the Dog Park Committee is looking into having there own decals issued for parking purposes. **Joe O'Brien** stated these are the things we are looking for in a plan, come back to us with further details. Have motion on floor with open dialogue for concept of dog park, motion approved by all.

**Best Buddies** – **Bill Sykes** handed out pamphlet (see attached). This year will be pretty much the same as previous years, date is June 2<sup>nd</sup> first Saturday. Had issues with security this year, people trying to leave party tent with alcohol. **Renee King** stated this has never been a problem in the past. **Bill** responded no, new security company this year. Will be replaced with another security company. Goal is to get all equipment removed by Saturday night, Sunday morning at the latest. \$4.1 million was raised this year, most every raised, 100% on money raised goes to programs. Title sponsor still being worked on. Adding more police. Try to use local vendors. Off site parking, have shuttle system. Not changed much from year to year. **Joe O'Brien** asked about scholarship for Barnstable resident. **Mr. Sykes** replied he will look into it. **Joe** stated major concern is that Craigville parking lot must be cleared by Sunday AM. **Bill Sykes** replied the only real issue is the dumpsters being removed as the company will not come out until Monday. **Patti Machado** said the dumpsters are not a real problem and that we can work together. **Richard Sawyer** asked what is required as a sponsor. **Mr. Sykes** said he really did not know and could have someone get in touch with him. He believes Audi paid \$850,000, and that there are all different levels and some

companies supply services for free. **Renee King** stated we are always looking for great banners at our Youth Center. **Kevin Turner** suggested a banner with something stating “Town of Barnstable Home of Best Buddy Challenge”. **Patti Machado** replied that she would have **Amy Harwood** contact **Bill Sykes**. **Joe O’Brien** requested that when **Mr. Sykes** comes back before the Commission that the plan for breaking down Craigville parking lot is specific as to where everything will be placed and removed. **Bill** replied that he would. **Kevin Turner** made motion to support Best Buddies 2012, **Clyde Takala** seconded, all in favor.

**New Business** **Joe O’Brien** stated that Barnstable Recreation Commission does have an open seat. **Dan Proto’s** resignation was accepted. Please get in touch with HYCC at 508-790-6345 or **Barbara Ford** Acting Town Council Administrator at [Council@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:Council@town.barnstable.ma.us), if interested in joining the Recreation Commission.

**Old Business** **Clyde Takala** asked if there was any update on the General Manager position. **Joe O’Brien** responded no information but **Lynne Poyant** divulged soon.

**Election** **Kevin Turner** nominated **Joe O’Brien** for Chair and **Clyde Takala** as Vice Chair, **Renee King** seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

**Community Preservation Commission Liaison** **Kevin Turner** nominated **Richard Sawyer**, **Clyde Takala** seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

**Staff Report** **Patti Machado** gave her Staff Report, see attached. **Clyde Takala** asked if trees had been replanted at beach. **Patti** replied next week is cleaning, believes clean up is around \$3,000. Trees not planted until around spring. **Patti Machado** stated one of her big concerns is our fields. **Richard Sawyer** replied that is his agenda for CPC funds. **Councilor Debra Dagwan** suggested having our Civic Associations help out with upkeep on playgrounds and fields. The next meeting is schedule for November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 5:30 at Town Hall. November’s agenda items are as follows: Burgess Park, a representative from Barnstable Youth Hockey, Barnstable High School Athletic Director. Hurricanes in December, Cape Cod skating in January.

**Clyde Takala** made a motion to adjourn; seconded by **Renee King**. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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