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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES 7 July 2014

Commission Members Present: Kevin Turner, Chairperson, Joe O'Brien, Vice-Chairperson, Richard Sawyer, Paul Demanche, and Kathy Pina

Also Present: Patti Machado, Director Leisure Services; Joe Izzo, General Manager, HYCC; Lynne Poyant, Director of Community Services

The meeting was called to order at 5:30, all commissioners present introduced themselves. Kevin Turner welcomed new commissioner Paul "Spanky" Demanche to the Commission. Motion made by Richard Sawyer to approve minutes of April 7, 2014, as submitted, Joe O'Brien second. **Vote** - all in favor.

Public Comment – NONE

2013 Employee of the Year Awards-Patti Machado stated this is our first year presenting an award for Leisure Program Counselor of the year. Michelle Davies, Program Coordinator present Haley Broberg with LP Counselor of the year award, and stated that this year Haley is a camp director. John Gleason, Program Coordinator, presented Jaime Corey with the 2013 Beach Aide award, and stated she is very reliable. John then presented Michael Demsky with the 2013 Gate Attendant, and stated he is a pleasure to work with. Patti Machado presented the 2013 Lifeguard award to Demi Miskiv, Patti stated Demi has trained a lot of our staff, just let her run the show, and she has done an outstanding job. Patti Machado stated once again like to thank the Scudder family for the Hyline Ferry passes for our 2013 Employee of the Year winners. Group photo taken and thanks of appreciation from the Commission given. Lynne Poyant stated ML Blanchard, Hyannis Whale Watcher Cruises, who is here for the next agenda item, wishes to offer the Award recipients whale watching passes.

Mural at Millway Bathhouse Presentation-Roberta Miller, Barnstable Village Cultural District and ML Blanchard, Hyannis Whale Watcher Cruises, handed out map of the walking route (**Exhibit A**). Roberta stated our goal is to bring people to the village of Barnstable. It has to be a walk able defined district and it has to bring arts and cultural activities into the area. It will benefit everyone in the town. We would like to place a map on the Millway Bathhouse showing people what is available in Barnstable. We will have a professional representation done. Kevin Turner stated attached or on the wall. Roberta stated attached. Mary Lou stated with Plexiglas over the mural. Richard Sawyer asked who the artist is. Roberta stated do not know yet. Patti Machado asked if the Village Association has been talked to about this. Roberta Miller stated I am a member and they are very excited about it. Patti stated something in writing will be needed stating you will be responsible for the mural's maintenance not the town. Joe O'Brien made a motion to recommend approval of the mural,

pending the vote of approval from the Civic Association; Richard Sawyer second, **VOTE-** all in favor.

HYCC Marketing Report, Amy Harwood, Marketing Manager – handed out some flyers (**Exhibit B**). Kevin Turner stated part of why we asked Amy to come is because of some dialogue going back and forth about the HYCC being used more by non town groups and is there enough time for residents to use the facility. Amy Harwood stated role as Marketing Manager has been awareness, publicity, managing the sale of the advertising for the rinks and the gym and trying to produce additional revenue over and above the user groups. We try to have something for everyone. Went over the flyers showing the different events and programs available. We try to check the balance so everyone has time. Richard Sawyer asked how do you think you do in that balance, we have had citizens come before us complaining the facility is not available to them; know it is and Enterprise Fund and that you have to make money to pay for yourselves. Amy stated given the circumstances and when the facility was built, we have done a phenomenal job, could do better job with the public awareness, time on channel 18, etc. Richard stated don't think the public is aware of how much open time is available at the facility, how are you going to get that out there. Amy stated the website, have been working at making it more user friendly. Richard Sawyer stated I think you are doing a great job. Joe O'Brien stated see a lot of growth this summer. Suggested contacting different off cape athletic directors about the HYCC, for summer hockey. Paul Demanche asked options for the second rink that has been melted. Amy Harwood stated lacrosse crossover camp is doing well, Cape Cod Roller Derby, and Cape Cod Roller Hockey is coming back. During hockey season it is great having the two rinks. It is trying to reach and maintain the balance we need to continue working on.

Staff Report, Joe Izzo – went over the following handouts (**Exhibit C**)

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

- US Figure Skating Adult Nationals (4/8 – 4/12)
- US Coast Guard Commandants Cup (5/2-5/3)
- 2nd Annual Cape Cod Science and Nature Expo (5/2 – 5/3)
- Mother / Son Social (5/9)

UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS

- Father Daughter Dance (6/13) *Joe stated almost 80 couples, George Noonan runs, did a great job. Article in the Cape Cod Times about the event.*
- Cape Cod Chowder Classic (6/20 – 6/22)
- Spring Figure Skating sessions are underway
- Summer Program Registration in full swing (started 5/20)
 - There are lots of new and returning programs planned for the summer months at the HYCC.

HYCC SUMMER OUTLOOK

- The summer lineup looks strong this year. The Butler Ice surface will be melted in Mid June. There is a full slate of activities planned:
- o Hockey Camps and Clinics
 - o High School Hockey Leagues
 - o Basketball Camps and Clinics *Richard Sawyer asked how far you are from breaking even. Lynne Poyant stated in the original business plan the break even mark is 2018, we are not close right now; however, we did exceed our projected revenue for FY14 by \$60,000. Richard stated usage was at 56%, do you know what it is now. Lynne stated it is month to month, we could*

update that information for you. Some gym time is open, as previously stated it is all about "balance", in all of Community Services. Richard Sawyer asked how maintenance and cleaning is. Joe Izzo stated another custodian has been added to our budget, their only function is to clean during the day. Money has also been allocated for annual maintenance window cleaning, floors, painting and refurbishing gym floor. Coming up on my third anniversary feel much better about the facility and where we are now and where we are heading. Kathy Pina asked is there anywhere the public can get information about the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority to transport them to the HYCC. Joe stated yes, on our website under helpful links, the Cape Cod RTA has been a great partner with us.

- o High School Basketball Leagues
- o Volleyball Camps and Clinics
- o End of Summer Vacation Program
- o Bruins Street Brigade

Joe O'Brien and Kevin Turner stated a heads up sooner rather than later on big events would be helpful for us when questioned by the public. Lynne Poyant replied working on better communication for all with bullet points for special events. Joe Izzo stated speaking of large events the Yarmouth Ice Club will be taking over the building for another world class event on June 18-21, 2015 for the US Theater on Ice Competition (it was held in 2012 at the HYCC). Will carve out a spot for beach stickers. Sixth major skating event at our facility, like to think our staff is doing something right to keep attracting these things. We will be celebrating our 5th anniversary in September, details to follow.

HYCC REQUEST

I would like to formally request that the Recreation Commission draft a letter of commendation to be presented to both the Yarmouth Ice Club and the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce. Those two organizations did a tremendous amount of work to bring the Adult Nationals to our facility (and to bring so many competitors, judges and fans to Cape Cod). I am extremely grateful for the support of these two organizations and would like to see them recognized for their hard work.

Staff Report, Patti Machado – Patti handed out May and July's staff reports, (**Exhibit D**) Patti stated Sally Ann Imes, Youth Services Coordinator retired, her position is now 16 hours instead of 32, it is more for the Youth Commission, five more students plan on joining and the Youth Commission will come before the Recreation Commission once or twice a year. Christian's Law- states you must be a level 3 swimmer, this means more children in life jackets. Anyone under Level 3 must have a life jacket. All children must be tested by trained staff. Kevin Turner asked who provides jackets. Patti stated we do. CIP approved letter of intent. \$5,500 raised by Viva Palooza, Emerald Physician's has selected Adam Prentice Scholarship Program as the recipient of money. Patti stated thank you commissioners for your help with the race. Patti Machado stated half of the aquatic staff is new this year, training as we are working. Best Buddies, perfect no complaints. All beaches have Smile Wheel Chairs. Joshua's Pond is being remodeled; DPW is doing a phenomenal job. Centerville Playground - we received \$10,000 to do the level one and two repairs, the most dangerous ones. Veteran's Park Beach, Growth Management received a \$200,000 grant, so the plan is to look at the playground, big time exciting. Looking for a liaison, Spanky was nominated (he agreed), has to be done by December 31, 2014. Lynne Poyant stated Growth Management will be holding one public

meeting to get all the players at the table. Patti Machado stated having real parking issues at Lopes field, fourth time the gate has been cut. People park illegally for the day and then there is no place to park when groups come to play ball. Hoping to put in a hard gate, working on funding, a lot of discussion is going on right now. Skate Park opening has been postponed. Free beach soccer is a great success once again, over 100 children. Richard Sawyer asked about the soccer group that came before the Commission. Patti stated they are scheduled for August 8, 9 and 10th, have not sat down with them to iron out the details. He has been pumping it up all over the nation, so people will be coming from everywhere. Patti Machado stated next month will be bringing a fee proposal before you. Kevin Turner stated a citizen told him about a rescue at Dowse's for two boys 5 and 7, how a chain of lifeguards and able bodied beach goers walked the beach and water, it was about 40 people. The lady was astounded by how well it was done. The boys were fine, they had wandered off.

Liaison's Reports – Richard Sawyer for CPC-request by Barnstable Little League for rejuvenation and building another field was approved for \$100,000 to move on to application with several conditions added. The request for \$45,000 by the Skate Park was also approved for application. Richard stated some concerns have been brought up about the basketball courts being too close to the little league fields, regarding big people, small people, how do you feel about that. Patti Machado stated the more people the better, positive for the people who live there, we all need to work together to help raise these children. The police have come in to talk to Joe and I and they will be beefing up their presence out in the parking lot. Richard Sawyer stated believe with all the improvements and police presence you will see that vandalism is reduced. Patti stated know they were concerned about the field fitting but it should fit OK. Joe O'Brien stated meet with Mike Clark and Ed Patchi, who is working with Barnstable Little League on the design of the new field, and we have looked at the possibility of moving the basketball courts to a wooded area, far side of the school, away from HYCC. Joe asked Patti if the new playground is going over in the same area. Patti stated yes, but problem with this idea is we can't control lights over there; the skate park controls the lights and supervises at the basketball court now. Joe O'Brien stated the thought process is it would be more visible from Bourse's Way especially with a playground going in. Joe stated Little League is not pushing the envelope on moving the basketball courts but would be willing to "help" if it could be done, they are not actively looking to move them. Lynne Poyant stated before you go too far, the BCHMCP School needs to be included in the conversation. Joe stated yes, very preliminary right now. Kathy Pina asked is this your concern or Barnstable Little League. Joe O'Brien stressed that the concern is his. Kevin Turner stated that the concern is that the basketball courts are close to third base and the language from the courts may be offensive to some of the parents, Joe talked to little league about the move, it is something they would like to see, but it isn't their push, it is Joe's idea. It is a good idea, if it can be done. Joe O'Brien stated it could be a win/win for everybody, new courts instead of improving old ones. Patti Machado stated there would be a big difference in price, not saying opposed. Joe stated this is just talk, don't want to bog down the process, just look at it.

Lynne Poyant stated a company has been selected to do an evaluation of the Osterville Bay Building and school, and then a determination will be made to keep or remove.

Board, Committee, or Commission Name		RECREATION COMMISSION				
Date Rec'd	Materials Dated	Meeting Date	From	To	Subject	Exhibit #
7/7/14	NA	7/7/14	Roberta Miller	Recreation	Map and photo	A
7/7/14	NA	7/7/14	Amy Harwood	Recreation	HYCC handouts	B
7/7/14	7/2/14	7/7/14	Joe Izzo	Recreation	Staff Report	C
7/7/14	5/5/14 & 7/7/14	7/7/14	Patti Machado	Recreation	Staff Report	D

Election of Officers – Richard Sawyer made motion to elect Kevin Turner for Chairperson and Joe O'Brien Vice Chairperson, Kathy Pina second; **Vote** – all in favor, both accepted.

Old Business – Kathy Pina stated the Kettlers use to come and give us a report, have not seen them in two years. Richard Sawyer will ask them to August meeting and Kevin will call the Harbor Hawks.

New Business – Drums Alive, Patti stated Rene is looking to do a fund raiser, she went to all the leisure camps with the drums and the staff loved it. Tabled Drums Alive to August.

Motion is made by Joe O'Brien to adjourn Kathy Pina second; **Vote** - all in favor.

Public files are available for viewing during normal business hours

**Further detail may be obtained by viewing the video via Channel 18 On-Demand at

<http://www.town.barnstable.ma.us>

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