



Town of Barnstable
BARNSTABLE RECREATION



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RECREATION COMMISSION

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I. PRELIMINARIES

A. Call To Order by Renen King (Madam Chair) at 5:30 PM

1. **Notice of Recording:** Please note that this meeting is being recorded and will be replayed via Xfinity Channel 8 or high-definition Channel 1072. It may also be accessed via the Government Access Channel live video on demand archives on the Town of Barnstable's website:

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B. Roll Call

1. Commissioners Present:

- Rene King
- Tim Lus
- Brendan Burke
- James O'Leary
- Tony Lapolla

2. **Also Present:** John Gleason- Director of Recreation, Mark Boardley- Hyannis Youth and Community Center Manager, Jayden Jeffries-Youth Commission Liaison

C. Act On Minutes

1. James O'Leary made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2024 meeting; seconded by Tony Lapolla; **VOTE-All in favor**

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recreation Commission Openings

1. Rene King gave an overview of the influence the Recreation Commission can have

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sandy Neck Update – Nina Coleman

1. Nina shared information of the Sandy Neck Coastal Resiliency Project
 - i. The biggest issue is the sea level rise due to climate change

- ii. The project goals are set up to deal with how to address the issues of infrastructure damage resulting from the flooding and tide events – parking lot, access trail, gate house
- iii. The funding of the grant requires the improvements to be sustainable for 50 years
- iv. The four areas to be addressed are the parking lot, the access trail, the area of the existing gate house, and the area where the plan puts the gate house
- v. Nina shared a slide show of the design plans they are proposing
- vi. Funding has been secured from the Coastal Resiliency Grant, a match from the enterprise account, and an MVP Action Grant from the state
- vii. Permits will be completed by the end of this winter and it will then go out to bid
- viii. Construction would begin in October of 2025
- ix. Construction will need to be completed by the spring of 2026
- x. Nina reviewed what is being done to satisfy the community outreach and engagement requirements

B. Cordial Eye Mural At Hyannis Youth And Community Center – Mark Boardley

- 1. Cordial Eye is a group that amplifies people of color and the arts and justice collective of Cape Cod
- 2. Looking to put up a mural
 - i. A rendering of the mural they would like to put up was shown
 - ii. It has elements of different cultural aspects
 - iii. They want to share the artwork with the community
 - iv. The Hyannis Youth and Community Center has a wall facing the street it could go on
 - v. They have a lead artist but it is a collective project
 - vi. The next step is to give them the approval
 - vii. Mark will send a copy of the rendering to the commissioners

IV. YOUTH COMMISSION LIAISON REPORT – Jayden Jeffries

- 1. They are working on finding dates for their yearly events
- 2. Their first event for this year will be the Substance Abuse Forum
- 3. They will be holding a food drive again this year on Super Bowl Sunday

V. RECREATION STAFF REPORT – John Gleason (See Handout A)

A. Administration

- 1. At the meeting with Barnstable Pickleball discussion was held on how they can be supported during the summer months when residents and non-residents play at the courts in Marstons Mills
- 2. John spoke to the Barnstable Disability Commission about the Mobi Mats that were purchased for Sea Street beach



- i. They wanted to discuss the possibility of buying a motorized wheelchair
 - ii. John thought it would be best if they first helped the Recreation Division buy more Mobi Mats first and gain more access to beaches
- 3. Met with Row to Recovery Club that wants to gain access to some equipment to row at Wequaquet Lake
- 4. Met with users of the West Barnstable Community Building to get items stored in the building reduced and organized
- 5. Replacement equipment was ordered for Luke's Love Playground after the evaluation was done which will hopefully be installed during nice weather in the winter
- 6. The Cotuit Athletic Association's user agreement of Lowell Park will be ending on November 30th
 - i. Met to discuss how things are going
 - ii. New agreement with them will be ready in the near future
- 7. Met with Nina Coleman to talk about to discuss lifeguards Sandy Neck
- 8. Winter program registration begins on November 6th
- B. Aquatics
 - 1. First round of emails went out to notify residents that 2025 Beach Parking Permits are available for purchase
 - 2. Job descriptions for aquatic staff have not been updated in some time so these are being reviewed to modernize those to current operations
 - 3. Aquatic manuals will be updated so staff fully understand their roles and responsibilities
 - 4. Looking to give raises to seasonal employees so this is being reviewed
- C. Recreation Programs
 - 1. Approximately 180 people attended the annual Halloween event
 - i. The event was changed up to include a dance
 - 2. Recreation Volleyball Night had a great turnout
 - 3. Toys for Tots box was created with the children in Mickie Davies program
 - i. The box is at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center for toy drop off
 - 4. As fall programs wind down, they are gearing up for winter programs with registration and the of hiring staff and coaches

V. HYCC YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF REPORT—Mark Boardley (See Handout B)

- A. Administrative
 - 1. Reviewed proposed calendar year fee increases for ice
 - 2. People can register for the Coats for Comfort Winter Coat Giveaway for children up to 18 years of age
 - i. This will be held in the Shepley room on November 9th
- B. Ice News
 - 1. Two youth hockey tournaments to be held in the month of November
 - i. Warrior Cup of Cape Cod on November 9th and 10th



- ii. Cranberry Classic Cape Cod Waves on November 29th, 30th & December 1st
- 2. Mid Cape 50's Adult Hockey League is back for the 2nd year
 - i. Mark worked with them diligently over the past couple of years to get the new team they now have reinstated
 - ii. They do all the management of it which includes a website and registrations
 - iii. The 2nd set of games was held and the games will run through March on Sunday nights

C. Gym/Youth Center News

- 1. A new event to come to the Hyannis Youth and Community Center will be the Trout Unlimited Cape Cod Fly Fishing Clinic in February
- 2. Both current indoor pickleball sessions are filled
- 3. There were past problems with the shot clocks in the gym but the receivers have been updated so both shot clocks are fully operational

VI. LIAISONS REPORTS

- A. Sandy Neck – Rene King – No report

VIII. MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR - None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

X. NEXT MEETING'S NEW BUSINESS

- A. Indoor Pickleball Facility – William Russell

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tony Lapolla. Seconded by Tim Lus
The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

NEXT MEETING December 2, 2024

