



Town of Barnstable  
**BARNSTABLE RECREATION**

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**RECREATION COMMISSION**

**January 4, 2021**

**I. PRELIMINARIES**

A. **Call To Order** by Joseph O'Brien (Chairman) at 5:30 PM.

A moment of silence was called by Joseph O'Brien to reflect on the memory of those lost to Covid-19.

1. **Notice of Recording:** Please note that this meeting is being recorded and broadcast on Channel 18 and in accordance with MCL Chapter 30A20. The chair must inquire whether anyone is taping this meeting and to please make their presence known.

**B. Roll Call**

1. **Commissioners Present:**

- Joseph O'Brien (Chairman)
- James Tenaglia (Vice-Chairman)
- Rene King
- Renee Dowling
- Brendan Burke
- Tim Lus

2. **Also Present:** Patti Machado (Director of Recreation), Lily Beal (Youth Commission Liaison), George Bent (Recreation Commissioner Due To Be Sworn In)

C. **Act On Minutes** – Joseph O'Brien entertains a motion be made on the minutes from the December 7, 2020 meeting.

1. Renee King made a motion that the minutes from the December 7, 2020 meeting be accepted. James Tenaglia seconded motion.
2. **VOTE – All In Favor.**

**II. OLD BUSINESS** – None

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Kevin O'Neil of Barnstable Youth Lacrosse could not attend

B. Cape Cod Can – Malissa Kenney

1. Cape Cod Collaborative Arts Network was founded in 2011 in partnership with Cotuit Center for The Arts who is their fiscal agent

2. Signature programs include opportunities in the visual, performing, and literary arts for individuals of all abilities and learning styles
3. Description and results of the programs offered was given
4. Conversations with Michelle Davies started two years ago to discuss a partnership with Barnstable Recreation
  - i. Collaborated on Friday Night Social dance as well as a couple other activities but the main collaboration was on a teen and adult Saturday Art Class
  - ii. In October Cotuit Center For The Arts allowed in person classes again, so with safe protocols in place art classes were offered to grades 3 -5 which was very successful
  - iii. Recently received an Arts Foundation of Cape Cod grant specifically for working with youth through age 17
  - iv. Through the collaboration more people have learned about Cape Cod Can and Cape Cod Can has also brought individuals in to the Barnstable Recreation programs such as the Friday Night Social
  - v. Michelle Davies said the collaboration with Cape Cod Can has been fantastic. Cape Cod Can's connection to the art community makes it possible to provide inexpensive art programs with professional artists that include supplies. The programs are doing great because of how well they are run
5. Zoom art creation events have spread throughout Southeast Massachusetts
6. The social, emotional impact of the Covid pandemic has hit the community they serve very hard. They believe the arts will keep them moving, positive , and will help in their expressing of themselves

Rene Dowling said she would be happy to create a bridge with the town art teachers/art department

7. Malissa is concerned about Zoom fatigue

Rene King said the feedback they receive from children about what works for them in a Zoom capacity is that it needs to be interactive

#### C. Michelle Davies – Remote Learning Center

1. Licensing is required to run a center that takes students in during the school day when they're supposed to be in school. Governor Baker signed executive order #49 which gave a municipality the right to run a remote learning center as long as a licensure exemption was obtained from the Dept. of Early Education and Care, their protocols were followed, and the municipality provided oversight.
2. Grades 6&7 (BIS) and grades 4&5 (BUES) are being served
3. Between CDBG and HUD the program is offered at no cost
4. Currently 30 children are registered for this program
5. Drop off starts at 7:45AM and last pick up is at 2:45PM
6. BIS students are in the gymnasium and BUES students are in the game room
7. Student schedules are varied so extra staff are there to accommodate this as well as to help with any issues that may arise such as computer problems
8. During free time, a variety of activities are provided
9. Since this is run under the EEC, it is their rules and Covid protocols that are followed
10. Other towns are reaching out to Michelle for guidance on getting similar programs started

Rene Dowling asked if a health care professional is on site and also wanted to know if the superintendent was involved



11. There is no health care professional on site but they will use the Town of Barnstable if needed
  12. The superintendent has been involved and communication with the school is ongoing
- Joseph O'Brien congratulated Michelle for this trail blazing program she developed and thanked her and all involved

#### IV. STAFF REPORT – PATTI MACHADO (Handout A)

##### A. Administration

1. Employee Years of Service Awards
  - a. Michelle Davies – Therapeutic/Program Coordinator – 20 years
  - b. Mark Boardley – HYCC Youth Center Manager – 15 years
  - c. George Noonan – Program Coordinator – 15 years
2. Toys for Tots
  - a. 393 children were serviced in the Town of Barnstable

##### B. Aquatics

1. Beach Permits are available by mail - the application is available online
2. The online system Open-Gov will be used this year beginning in March

##### C. HYCC

1. Met with all user groups to go over operational plans for HYCC's use. (Handouts B & C)
2. Cape Cod Culinary Incubators is still serving meals (100-250 weekly) from the HYCC every Friday from 3-5PM.
3. Learn to Skate programs will be starting up again – date to be determined

##### D. Recreation Programs

1. Winter Programs are in full swing.
  - i. Collaborated with towns on the Cape who didn't offer programs to increase enrollment in our programs so as to be able to offer many of our programs
2. Remote Learning Center – Mickie Davies covered this
3. Therapeutic/Program Coordinator Michelle Davies put together a one night remote program for the Friday Night Social Program, Saturday Sunshine Program, and Day Rehab groups. She is going to put this together monthly moving forward.

##### E. Youth Commission – Lily Beal, Vice Chairman

1. Virtual Community Substance Abuse Prevention Forum (Handout D)
  - a. To be held January 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 PM
  - b. Speakers:
    - i. Cape Cod Health Care, Director of Mental Health - Dr. Deb Ciavola. Will help parents know how to start and continue the conversations with their children and when to start, so communication and planning takes place before faced with pressures.
    - ii. Barnstable Police Intermediate School Resource Officer - David Downs. Will discuss the consequences and concerns that parents may not be aware of if their child gets into substances.
    - iii. Barnstable Police High School Resource Officer – Dennis Stampfl. Will present the different substances that the BPD has found on our youth. Being familiar with what is in the hands of the children is so important to know.
  - c. Finishing with a Q & A.
2. Town Council's Strategic Plan.

- a. Reviewed the Strategic Plan and are working with a youth group that works with the Audubon Society on climate change concerns. They are hoping to put their plan into action as it concerns Barnstable
3. Comprehensive Wastewater Plan
  - a. Are looking at how they can bring awareness to the community on this issue, to help the community better understand it. They are focused on the education side of it.
4. They've had various working meetings in-between the twice a month scheduled meetings and they also presented to the Town Council on December 17<sup>th</sup>, mostly about the prevention forum

**V. LIAISON'S REPORTS**

**A. James Tenaglia – CPC**

1. Patti will attend the next CPC meeting to go over the facility tour report and the Recreation Commission's recommendations
2. Discussions will be held on how to use the money returned to the CPC from the canceled BWB playground project

**B. Renee Dowling – Barnstable Athletic Advisory Council**

1. Winter sports have been delayed due to school being held remotely

**C. Rene King – Pickleball**

1. Nothing to report

**D. Brendan Burke - Barnstable Little League**

1. Spoke to Mike Clark but there is nothing new to report

**D. Joseph O'Brien – Sandy Neck Board**

1. Discussions were about the off season activities

**VI. MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR - None**

**VII. NEXT MONTH'S NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Barnstable Youth Lacrosse
- B. More TBD

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

Joseph O'Brien entertained a motion be made to adjourn the meeting. Rene Dowling made a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Tenaglia seconded. **VOTE – All In Favor.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

**NEXT MEETING February 1, 2021**



			RECREATION COMMISSION			
Date Rec'd	Material Dated	Meet Date	From	To	Subject	Exhibit
1/4/2021	1/4/2021	1/4/2021	Patti Machado	RC	Staff Report	A
1/4/2021	1/4/2021	1/4/2021	Patti Machado	RC	HYCC Gym Protocols	B
1/4/2021	1/4/2021	1/4/2021	Patti Machado	RC	HYCC Ice Rink Protocols	C
1/4/2021	1/4/2021	1/4/2021	Patti Machado	RC	Prevention Forum Flyer	D

