



Town of Barnstable
BARNSTABLE RECREATION

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RECREATION COMMISSION

March 1, 2021

I. PRELIMINARIES

A. **Call To Order** by Joseph O'Brien (Chairman) at 5:35 PM.

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.

a. Sandra Merritt is recording for the purpose of writing the minutes.

B. **Roll Call**

1. **Commissioners Present:**

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

2. **Commissioners Absent:** Brendan Burke

3. **Also Present:** Patti Machado (Director of Recreation), Lily Beal (Youth Commission Liaison), Madeline Noonan (Community Services Director), and Nikolas Atsalis (Town Councilor Liaison)

C. **Act On Minutes** – Joseph O'Brien entertains a motion be made on the minutes from the February 1, 2021 meeting.

1. James Tenaglia made a motion that the minutes from the February 1, 2021 meeting be accepted. Rene King seconded the motion.

2. **VOTE – All In Favor** except Rene Dowling who abstained since she was not at the Feb. meeting

II. OLD BUSINESS – None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Stephen Macaleese – Barnstable Youth Lacrosse (**Handout A**)

1. Could not attend but forwarded items he was looking to discuss with the Commission - read out loud by Joseph O'Brien

a. Start date is March 23, 2021

- i. Practices Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:00PM at McBarron Field in Marstons Mills
 - ii. First game on April 10th with games concluding mid-June
 - b. Looking to grow the organization with programs for ages U-9 to U-15
 - c. Goal is to provide a solid understanding of the game to all their players by developing confidence, sportsmanship, and knowledge in all aspects of the game.
 - d. He established a relationship with Barnstable High School and Sturgis East knowing that BYL will be a feeder program to their lacrosse programs
- B. Bill Sykes – Best Buddies
 - 1. Patti Machado asked for a vote of support for the continuation of this event at Craigville Beach
 - 2. The Best Buddies Challenge Hyannisport is one of their largest fundraisers and brings in over 3 million dollars a year
 - a. Losing this event in 2020 due to Covid-19 put them behind in their fundraising efforts
 - 3. Founded by Anthony Kennedy Shriver
 - 4. Best Buddies is planning on holding the Best Buddies Challenge on October 2, 2021
 - a. The 100 mile ride starts in Boston, the 50 mile ride starts in Carver, and the 20 mile ride starts in Sandwich. There’s also a run/walk
 - b. It is their biggest ride with 1500 participants
 - 5. Rene King made a motion that the Recreation Commission continues their long-term relationship with Best Buddies and to shift the date to October as stated. Renee Dowling 2nd motion. **VOTE – All In Favor**
- C. George Bent – Recreation Commissioner
 - 1. He would be happy to take the lead on figuring out fundraising events the commission could run as a group to bring in money which would go towards paying program fees for participants
 - a. Some preliminary ideas he had are a road race, golf tournament, 3 on 3 basketball, merchandise sales, or wiffle ball tournament
 - b. Discussion followed around his ideas
 - c. A pickleball tournament was suggested by Rene King and was well received by all
 - d. The basketball 3 on 3 was regarded as another good option
 - e. Patti Machado suggested teaming up with the Cape Cod Baseball League for a wiffle ball tournament which was well received
 - f. Keeping everything outdoors would be easier to manage for Covid compliance

IV. STAFF REPORT – PATTI MACHADO (Handout B)

Patti started by acknowledging Barnstable Police Officer Brian Morrison who was honored by the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus as a Black Leader in Massachusetts during the 2021 Black Excellence on the Hill event. He is a leader paving the way and other towns on the Cape are now reaching out to him. They want to find out how they can get a resource officer who does what Brian does, working with the children in the community and not just in the schools.

A. Administration

- 1. Officer Morrison and Officer Ledger facilitated a training for the full time recreation staff called “Fair and Impartial Policing”
 - a. It was modified for the recreation staff



- b. It opened discussion on bias and how to recognize that everyone has bias
- c. Addressed how handling people needs to be impartial and without bias
- 2. John Gleason and Trisha Otto are working with IT to upgrade our RecTrac software system
 - a. The upgrade will make our program registration system more user friendly for the public
 - b. There's a lot of preparation for the upgrade which is tentatively scheduled for October

B. Aquatics

- 1. Parking Permits
 - a. Went live with the new online system
 - b. Rolled this out gradually as to not crash the system which is used for permitting by multiple Town of Barnstable departments
 - c. Permits are available by mail or online - over 2,800 resident/taxpayer permits had been sold up to that point
 - d. Will be hiring 4 temporary parking permit supervisors since volunteers are no longer utilized
- 2. Tim McGrath attended the National Aquatic Conference which was remote this year
 - a. Among the things learned were new lifeguard training activities
- 3. Lifeguard Training is available during April Vacation
 - a. Family members will be used as victims for training purposes since the pandemic prevents contact with other people
 - b. Have requested that lifeguards be designated as first responders so they can get vaccinated before the summer
- 4. Lifeguard Tryouts are both remote and in-person, must be certified to tryout

C. HYCC

- 1. Barnstable Recreation continues to collaborate with Cape Cod Culinary Incubators and numerous sponsors to provide meals every Friday from 3-5pm
 - a. Cape Cod Culinary Incubators is looking for the use of a commercial kitchen since the facility they have been using is opening for business – anyone who knows of one please contact them
- 2. High School season for Hockey and Basketball are done. Sturgis East & West started Volleyball
- 3. Lt. Michael Riley gave the De-Escalation training to full time and seasonal HYCC staff
 - a. Included were knowing how to stand, knowing what to say, and understanding what to do without getting confrontational and/or defensive if one is being given a hard time
- 4. Lobster Pot Event is coming
 - a. Approved by the Board of Health -Tom McKean
 - b. Permission was received to have the band on the mezzanine
 - c. Will be limited to the South Shore League

Nikolas Atsalis asked if home team fans are allowed to watch hockey games

- d. Patti's response: Currently only one family member can come in with a player - the high school team was allowed two but no visitors from the other team

Nikolas Atsalis mentioned this was different for basketball

- e. Patti's response: Spectators weren't allowed to watch basketball because of the space – on a basketball court only 25 people are allowed on a court. If the gym is split in half with a barrier between the two, 25 can be on each side



- f. Butler rink is smaller so in order to keep people six feet apart, only one person is allowed
- g. Kennedy is bigger so they could be spread out but then another person would have to be hired for cleaning or they'd have to cut down on how many could skate in a day
 - i. A conscious decision was made to get as many children on the ice as possible and as many youth as possible to participate in programs

D. Recreation Programs

1. Spring Program Brochure **(Handout C)**
 - a. Registration begins March 2nd
2. Art class was held via Zoom for participants from the Friday Night Social program, Saturday Sunshine program, and REC program
 - a. Mickie put together kits and mailed them out prior to the event on February 26th
3. Remote Learning Center
 - a. Continues to go well
 - b. A lot of positive responses were received from the seniors who received Valentines made by the students in the Remote Learning Center and the community
 - i. The valentines were given out with the brown bag lunches, given to Veteran Services for distribution, and with the Friday Collaborative meals

Rene King asked if the sign outside the HYCC is scheduled to be painted – Patti will let DPW know

E. Youth Commission – Lily Beal, Youth Commission Liaison

1. 7th Grade Youth Summit
 - a. A \$2400 grant was awarded to the Barnstable Youth Commission from the Barnstable County Substance Abuse Council for this year's event
 - b. Being held March 3rd
 - c. NFL Indianapolis Colts Super Bowl Champion Cliff Crosby will be speaking through the Caron Treatment Centers Inc. to help inform the students about substance abuse and how to handle themselves
 - d. It's usually a bigger event but due to Covid will be held through a webinar
 - e. Prizes include...Beat Head Phones, Bruins chair, Smoothie Café, Steve and Sue's Par Tee Freeze and a CCCC Sweat Shirt. **(Handout D)**
2. One Love Program
 - a. A program focused around healthy relationships – romantic, friends, any relationship that goes on in high school
 - i. Purpose is to ensure everyone in the community is informed and educated on where to go, what to do if they are in the position of an abusive relationship, and how to prevent those abusive relationships
 - b. A couple of the students were trained February 24th so they could lead these discussions in all the high schools – Barnstable, both Sturgis's, and St. John Paul
 - c. Program is called "Behind the Post"
3. Climate Control Sub Committee meeting
 - a. Working on a presentation for the Massachusetts Climate Change Summit in April



Patti Machado said she is working with Planning and Development to pull together the Job Fair. It will still be under the Youth Commission but will be online and will look very different. Amy Harwood is reaching out to businesses to see who is hiring youth between the ages of 14 and 18

V. LIAISON'S REPORTS

A. James Tenaglia – CPC

1. Last meeting was for Recreation
 - a. Moved to the application phase
 - i. New playground at Barnstable Hollow to complement the field that was redone
 - ii. Complete overhaul of the playground at the Centerville Community Building
 - iii. Little League for the snack bar/restroom facility so they can host regional tournaments
2. Ran through the priorities from the Facility Tour studies
 - a. Members of the CPC asked Jim to thank the Recreation Commissioners for all their efforts. All the work the Recreation Commissioners had put into it was clear. It was very helpful for them to see that the Recreation Commission had looked at everything and to know they are staying on top of it.
 - i. Patti Machado mentioned that the interior of the Centerville Recreation Building has been redone.
 - ii. Jim Tenaglia said Historic is looking into the painting.
3. Applications should flow through the next meeting if everything is submitted and will then go to Town Council

B. Renee Dowling – Barnstable Athletic Advisory Council

1. First meeting for the year will be held Wednesday
2. Fall II sports have begun which include football, cheer, volleyball, and winter track

George Bent asked if winter track will be competing and if so, since it is Fall II, will it be later in the fall?

- a. Renee will ask and provide an answer at the next Recreation Commission meeting

C. Rene King – Pickleball

1. Pickleball community is very pleased with the progress that is being made

D. Brendan Burke – Barnstable Little League – Not Present

1. Joseph O'Brien spoke for Brendan – A good step forward that the project for the concession and restroom facility is in the application stage with CPC

D. Joseph O'Brien – Sandy Neck Board

1. Town Council Liaison Chris Clark spoke to Town Council President Matt Levesque regarding recognizing Brendan Lowen for his work on the bird houses out on Sandy Neck
2. Nina Coleman
 - a. Gate house continues to be closed – waiting for guidance from Governor and Town Manager
 - b. Online permitting for off road vehicles is about to begin
 - c. Shellfish and mooring renewals are ready to kick off
 - d. Donna Bragg discussed the dune erosion
 - i. Nina Coleman addressed the Board about going before the Town Council to get emergency appropriations for this issue

- ii. Peter Sampou addressed the Board about guidance on drafted letters which are to be presented to the Town Council regarding coastal resiliency at Sandy Neck

VI. MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR - None

VII. NEXT MONTH’S NEW BUSINESS – To Be Determined

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Joseph O’Brien entertained a motion be made to adjourn the meeting. Renee Dowling made a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Tenaglia seconded. **VOTE – All In Favor.** Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

NEXT MEETING April 5, 2021

RECREATION COMMISSION						
Date Rec'd	Material Dated	Meet Date	From	To	Subject	Exhibit
3/1/2021	3/1/2021	3/1/2021	Stephen Macaleese	RC	Barnstable Youth Lacrosse	A
3/1/2021	3/1/2021	3/1/2021	Patti Machado	RC	Staff Report	B
3/1/2021	3/1/2021	3/1/2021	Patti Machado	RC	Spring Brochure	C
3/1/2021	3/1/2021	3/1/2021	Patti Machado	RC	Youth Commission 7th Grade Summit	D

