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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES 1 FEBRUARY 2010

Commission Members Present: Joe O'Brien – Vice Chairman, Dan Proto, Kevin Turner, Rene King, Kathy Pina

Commission Members Absent: Clyde Takala – Chairman, Andy Gauthier

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm, roll call was taken. Kevin Turner made a motion to accept the January 4th minutes, seconded by Dan Proto, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously.

Public Comment **Suspended**
Guest Steve Devlin **Suspended**

Old Business **Joe** asked that the issue of the wishing well be discussed. **Kathy** handed out a packet on the wishing well and asked the Commission members to look it over and she made a motion to table the discussion until the March meeting. **David** said that in talking to the legal department, finance department and the Town Manager, the wishing well program can function as a revolving activity. **Joe** asked that Kathy's motion about tabling the wishing well issue be seconded and voted on. **Rene** seconded the motion, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously to be tabled until the March meeting. Concerning Mark Buckley, **Joe** gave a recap on last month's meeting about Lowell Park; Bruce Murphy gave an update on the field and field usage. **David** said that everything was fine; Mr. Buckley had no issues. **Kevin** said that if the side gates were open there were no issues. **Kevin** asked about the schedule for the next few meetings. Hyannis Mets will be asked to come to March's meeting, Patti Machado for April, and Mark Boardley for May. **Joe** asked who is responsible for getting the beaches ready and can they come to that April meeting. **David** said that Patti and the DPW is responsible for the beaches maintenance program. **Kevin** informed the Commission that the first Saturday in June is the Best Buddies Event and the second Saturday in June is the Sprint Triathlon; he suggested informing the public on these two events concerning parking. **Kevin** also asked if there was a response to the letter that was sent regarding the scholarship request for Best Buddies. **David** said that he had not heard anything. **Kathy** asked if there was any information about Nate Nickerson's plaque. **David** said the Town has not developed a policy regarding naming rights.

New Business **None**

Director's Report See attached. **Rene** asked David when the HYCC memberships needed to be renewed if the members were notified. **David** said that the software keeps track of that information and

they needed to be renewed every year. **Kathy** asked if the Recreation Division could make announcements to not smoke at their events. **David** said he work on that. **Joe** asked if the ice surface on Kennedy Rink was fine. **David** said they haven't had any other issues but they will be working on the system in April to work out all the kinks. **Kathy** asked if the ice fees were going to increase. **David** said no, there were no new ice fee increases for the year. **Joe** asked if there were any issues concerning any of the hockey games at the rink. **David** said no, the games are well attended and the police presence is enough. **Rene** asked if the Recreation Division would hire more youth in the up coming year. **David** said that they are maintaining their staff, they will hire staff for the Summer Leisure Program and the Aquatic Programs, but at the moment, no more staff is needed at HYCC.

Public Comment **Rich Petze and Steve Mele** of Barnstable Little League presented the Commission with a proposal to fit two additional fields in Centerville at the Centerville Ball fields on Bay Lane. They gave a brief description on how the fields would be laid out. The entire layout would consist of the current Little League regulation field, a field for six and seven year olds measuring 140', and a field for eight year olds measuring 180'. **Dan** asked if there were bathrooms in the plan. **Rich** said they were in the plan and it may be port-o-potties, environmental facilities, or water and septic bathrooms but they haven't decided yet. **Rich** went on to say that Lorusso Field is a great field but the vandalism has been such a problem there, the facility will always be used but the three field complex in Centerville will be perfect for the Barnstable Little League. The Little League has steadily grown each year; the 9-11 year olds is the largest team and it really needs two fields, it has just been done on one. The new field plan does not infringe on any wetlands. Little League is really creating one new field and they have received a small grant to help move forward with the project. **Kevin** asked where the spectators would view the field from. **Rich** said that they will be on the sides and in the outfield. **Kathy** asked where the bathrooms would go and if they would use the facilities year round. **Rich** said the bathrooms would go by the snack bar or anywhere they want to put them and they use the fields just in the summer. **Steve** said they weren't sure if they wanted to go with a septic system or not. They were trying to plan on what makes the most sense for the league. **Rene** asked David to give the bathroom study that was conducted for Hathaway's Pond to Barnstable Little League for use of the Centerville Fields. **David** said that he would get that information to Rich and Steve. **Kevin** asked if they were planning on installing lights. **Rich** said that wasn't in the plans, but in ten years that may be possible. He said that there is a company that makes lights that would shine on the field and not disrupt any surrounding buildings or homes. **Steve** said that they use Lorusso field quite a bit and the new fields would help with the stress on the field. **Kathy** asked how many parking spaces were at the Centerville fields. **David** said about 30-40 spaces. **Rich** said that they would put over flow parking into the Centerville Elementary School lot; cars are not allowed to park in the street. He also said that they may be looking at turf for the infield. **Kevin** said that he would ask the Principal of Centerville Elementary School to come to the next meeting and he asked if the Centerville Civic Association could be invited to the meeting as well. **Rene** said that the fields are still in a blue print so it would be easy to discuss and include all that they talked about regarding lights, parking lot spaces, bathrooms, etc. **David** said that he would send a letter out to the abutters of the field inviting them to the next meeting. **Kathy** made a motion to invite the abutters, the Village Civic Association, and the Principal to the next meeting, seconded by **Kevin**, the commission voted and it was passed unanimously.

Steve Devlin and George Soares of Barnstable Youth Hockey Association were in attendance for the meeting. **Steve Devlin** said that the Youth Hockey program was running very smoothly this year. Everyone is so happy with the new facility; they are proud to call HYCC home. The program has grown considerably. There are 400 players and 120 are girls. There are 28 teams. All home games are played at

HYCC. **George Soares** is the girl's hockey coach has fully integrated the girls into Barnstable Youth Hockey. They have created a Barnstable/Falmouth elite team and it is fun to see the rivals become friends. They are looking to have more teams and more games. **Steve** said that their farm league has doubled in size and they get 1-2 new players each week. He went on to say that he ran the Lobster Pot last year at the Kennedy Rink and helped close the rink with the tournament. There were 42 teams and 600 kids last year. This year they all read have 50 teams and over 750 kids signed up for the tournament. They are booking rooms with the local hotels through the Chamber of Commerce. The Lobster Pot is going to be held March 18, 19, 20, and 21. There will be some over flow into Tony Kent Arena but they will fill HYCC first. **Rene** asked if there were any safety measures in place. **Steve** said that they practice "Heads up Hockey" and they teach the kids how to check and use the boards safely. They are not at a high school speed so they don't see those high speed injuries. **Kevin** asked if they go through a lot of coaches and what are their policies when they hear complaints about the coaches. **Steve** said that they have a code of conduct for the coaches and the parents. The coaches have mandatory meetings 2-3 times a year, they have a discipline committee and they have dismissed coaches before for misconduct. They are very pro-active when it comes to this. **Joe** asked if they were getting all the ice time they needed. **Steve** said that they have a big ice contract and they will need more because the program is growing considerably. He said that he will be in contact with George Noonan to get working on the schedule for next year.

Kathy asked David since the new rink was a dream so many years ago and now a reality how many goals have we met? **David** said that we have exceeded many of our goals. **Rene** said that others may come to look at us to develop their own Youth and Community Centers. **Kathy** asked if they can contact local hotels and put packages together. **David** said that the Chamber of Commerce does that for us. **David** said that public skating is coming back strong and is making about \$1100 per hour for weekend sessions.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 1st, 2010 at 5:30 at Town Hall. Kathy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rene, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Samantha Garfield, Principal Division Assistant, Recreation Division.