



Town of Barnstable BARNSTABLE RECREATION

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RECREATION COMMISSION

September 8, 2025

I. PRELIMINARIES

A. **Call To Order** by Tony Lapolla, Vice- 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, Tony Lapolla, Tim Lus and Brendan Burke
2. **Also Present:** John Gleason- Director of Recreation, Mark Boardley- Hyannis Youth and Community Center Manager

C. **Act On Minutes**-Motion made by Brendan Burke to approve the Minutes of the July 7, 2025 meeting; seconded by Tim Lus; **Vote-All in favor**

II. OLD BUSINESS – None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Open Space – Tony Lapolla**

1. Planning and Development Committee updates their plan on the Town of Barnstable's open space every seven years
2. The plan sets community values and priorities gathered from surveys that were received from respondents
 - a. Top five activities are walking/hiking, swimming at the beaches, non-motorized boating, dog walking, community and recreation events
 - b. Top four unmet needs are nature trails, biking trails, indoor swimming, and playgrounds
 - c. Priorities of recreation spending from survey are expanded walking with network of walking and bicycle lanes, creating more and wider sidewalks that link open space areas together
3. Final draft presentation may be in December

IV. HYANNIS YOUTH AND COMMUNITY Center Staff Report – Mark Boardley – presented by John Gleason

A. Administration

1. Fall program registration begins on September 10, 2025
2. Staff is training for new program registration software to be implemented this winter

B. Ice News

1. Youth hockey season has begun with 3 largest organization having practices and full game schedules to start by weekend of the 20th
2. Learn To Skate programs had 50 children participating
3. The lower-level areas were painted and refreshed over the summer; office spaces, locker rooms, and common areas

C. Gym/Youth Center News

1. The 6th and 7th grade end of school dance had over 110 children participate
2. Summer high school junior varsity and varsity volleyball league had over 175 players with 19 teams from 13 cape schools
3. Cape Cod adult summer basketball league had 8 teams participating
4. High school volleyball season has begun with Sturgis East and West have started practices and games

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

A. Administration

1. New online software called MyRec is being built for implementation this winter
2. Kellie Crawley and Jack Kapanke are attending the National Park and Recreation Conference the week of September 16th
3. New tennis nets were installed at the Osterville tennis courts

B. Aquatics

1. Mobi mats were installed at Kalmus beach
2. Events that took place; 420 Nationals, Hyannis Yacht Club Regatta, Hyannis Yacht Club Youth Regatta, and Beach Soccer Tournament
3. Swim programs had 189 participants and concluded with the annual swim meet and swim carnivals
4. Sailing programs had 53 participants with the Leisure Program and JFK Memorial Trust Fund Scholarship helping to increase participation
5. Beach season ended on Labor Day with staffing at Veteran's, Kalmus, Craigville, Sea Street, Covell's, Dowses and Hathaway's Pond
6. Number of beach parking permits sold to date was 20,582

C. Recreation Programs

1. Leisure Program received great reviews with a talent show being held on August 15th
2. New summer programs introduced were Cape Cod Scenic Tours, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Crossman Speed Training, and Brazilian United Soccer Clinic
3. Fall program registration begins for residents on September 10th and for non-residents on September 17th

VI. LIAISON'S REPORT

A. Sandy Neck – Rene King

1. Annual Coast Sweep will be held September 14th from 9:00AM – 12:00PM



2. Hikes scheduled for the month of September are posted on the Sandy Neck website
- B. Osterville Playground – Tim Lus
 1. Community Preservation Committee has received a letter of intent from the Department of Public Works Department through the Town Manager's office
 - a. Additional funds in the amount of \$400,00 have been requested to cover projected costs which have increased
 2. Playground equipment has been selected and construction documents are being prepared for the bidding process
 3. The Department of Public Works requested more funds from the Community Preservation Committee to add bathrooms and basketball courts at this location

VII. MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR

- A. John Gleason - Centerville playground is under construction and the Department of Public Works has requested \$588,00 from the Community Preservation Committee to renovate the field
- B. Rene King – Town Council Sub-Committee is reviewing the town's commissions and committees and would like to talk to the Recreation Commission on September 17th at 4:00PM

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

X. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA ITEMS – Barnstable High School Varsity Football Coach Ross Jatkola

Tin Lus made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Tony Lapolla; meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

NEXT MEETING November 3, 2025

