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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

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Commission Members Present: Joe O'Brien – Chairman, Clyde Takala – Vice Chairman
Andy Gauthier, Rene King, and Kathy Pina

Commission Members Absent: Kevin Turner, and Dan Proto

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm, roll call was taken. Clyde Takala made a motion to accept the minutes from August, seconded by Andy Gauthier, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously.

New Business **Summary of Chair Members of the Boards and Committees**
Joe O'Brien gave a brief summary of the changes to the open meeting laws that went into effect July 1, 2010. He touched upon the new definition of “deliberate” and “meeting”. Posting of meetings are required 48 hours in advanced; weekends and holidays are not included in that time frame anymore.

Bill Sykes, Promoter Line Coordinator of Best Buddies was in attendance to address a few issues from the last event held in June. **Joe O'Brien** thanked him for coming and said he was pleased with Best Buddies, Bill does a great job and Joe is happy to be able to be apart of it and attend the event. **Bill Sykes** gave a brief rundown of the event and said that he was planning next year's event now and would like to get the permitting done now. There are 1500 people that need hotels, their bikes picked up and transported to and from the event. The participants raise a lot of money; this is a major fundraising program. They raised 4 million dollars this past event. **Bill** said there were a couple of problems that he is working on and going to address for next year; one being the trash. He said that he would do a better job on the trash and that was a vendor issue. AWIN donated the trash pick up for the event and it was difficult for them to pick up on Sunday. **Kathy Pina** informed Bill that AWIN picks up trash seven days a week and it is good advertisement; sight on site. **Joe O'Brien** said that there are a few things to iron out but he is happy with Best Buddies. **Clyde Takala** asked about the scholarship from Best Buddies. **Joe** said a letter was sent requesting a scholarship for a Barnstable High School student. **Bill** said he will follow up on that and get it done. **Clyde** asked about getting additional revenue on Sunday for revenue lost. **Bill** said that it is not an issue to have a lot fee; he will present it to Best Buddies. **Clyde** said for Bill to communicate with Mr. Curley on that matter. **Bill** said that if they know about a lot fee it isn't an issue, they will put it into the budget for next year. **Joe** asked when it would be a good time for Bill to come back before the Recreation Commission. **Joe** asked for Bill Sykes to be invited to the November 1st meeting. **Rene** suggested that if Bill needed help with clean-up to call a Recreation Commission member. **Bill** said that

they implemented a recycling program this year and it worked well. He also said that they can do a better job at consolidating the event into a smaller area on Saturday. **Bill** said he was trying to plan the next event for June 4th 2011. **Clyde** thanked **Bill** for coming and made a motion to accept **Bill**'s presentation, seconded by **Rene**, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously.

New Business **Rene** said that she would like to plan the fundraiser for the Wishing Well fund. She thought a Saturday or Sunday before Thanksgiving would be best. She is hoping to hold a Zumba dance, which is a fun dance for all ages and fitness levels. She thought having a two hour limit would be plenty and would like to hold it in the full gym at the HYCC. She asked if simple or light refreshments would be all right. **David** thought refreshments would be fine, but did say Saturday was better than Sunday. November 20th from 2-4 pm is a tentative date. This topic will be placed on the October agenda for discussion and vote.

Old Business Wishing Well **Kathy Pina** informed the Commission that she read in the minutes concerns about the wishing well and possible conflict of interest. She said that the donation of the wishing well was done legalistically and she wants that to reflect in the minutes; the proper channels were traversed in this matter. **David** said the he would like to echo Commission Member **Pina**; there were no issues regarding the wishing well donation and everything went before the Legal Department and the Town Manager. It worked out well.

Recycled Sports Equipment **Clyde** asked **Rene** for an update on her suggestion on using recycled sports equipment. **Rene** said that she would like to put this issue on the October agenda.

Clyde asked **David** for an over view on how the 2010 Summer Programs went revenue wise. **David** said that he would go over that in his Director's Report.

Joe said that he and **Kevin** were on a sub committee for the Barnstable Little League and the future expansion in a five year plan. He said it would be good to come up with a Little League Complex. **Andy Gauthier** asked if the study for the use of the land off exit 6 and the Hyannis Golf Course was still on going. **David** said that it was still ongoing and the survey team was finalizing the cost.

Mike LeBlanc, Barnstable Little League President, was in attendance to discuss the **Centerville Field Project**. **Mike** informed the Commission that he met with the Town Manager and Town Attorney and they are in the opening stages of receiving funds and taking bids for excavation and irrigation. **Kathy Pina** asked if there were going to be port o potties. **Mike LeBlanc** said yes because they could not do sewerage. **David Curley** said that they were in fundraiser mode and there wouldn't be any renovations until next year. **Steve Mele** said they would get through the year and starting next September, they would be ready for phase 1. Phase 1 consists of the excavation of the smaller field and creating the new field. Phase 2 would consist of finishing the snack bar and the playground with a completion date of 2012/2013. **Mike** said that they want to establish the grass right away and the irrigation is the key focus. **David** asked Barnstable Little League on their number of participants. **Mike** said that they range from 600 to 750 any given year. This year they have 680 children. **Clyde** asked if there were any additional traffic or parking problems. **Steve Mele** said they did what was asked of them and they put cones out on the side of the street for no parking and he thought they were over the parking issue. **Rene** said that she stopped by the neighborhood and talked to a few neighbors and the issues they had were addressed. The potty was moved, the cones were placed on the side of the road, and the trash has been picked up. **Clyde** asked that if down the road will other user groups still be able to use the fields. **Mike** said absolutely. They use the field and maintain it and have a great working relationship with the Recreation Division. Anyone can permit that

field. **Kathy Pina** asked if renovating the field would hinder parking. **Steve Mele** said all the dirt will be piled on the field and no parking spots will be affected. **Clyde** asked if the Town Manager has approved the Bay Lane project. **Joe O'Brien** said he had. **Steve Mele** said that he would love to donate his time to volunteer on the sub committee with Joe and Kevin. **Clyde** asked if there was an answer to the question about a grandfather clause at Centerville Fields on Bay Lane. **David** said he would look into it. **Clyde** also said that when the Town Manager approved the Bay Lane project a thank you note was going to be sent to the abutters for their feedback. **Joe O'Brien** said that thank you letter can be read into the minutes at the October meeting.

Joe designated the following items for the next few months. BYHA is scheduled for the October agenda. A representative from the Cape Cod Cubs would be placed on the November agenda. Representatives from the Hyannis Harbor Hawks and the Cotuit Kettleer's will be invited to the December meeting.

Public Comment **None**

Director's Report **David Curley** gave his Director's Report. See Attached.
The next meeting is scheduled for October 4th, 2010 at 5:30 at Town Hall. **Kathy Pina** made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Clyde**, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously at 7:10 pm.

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