



Town of Barnstable  
**BARNSTABLE RECREATION**



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**RECREATION COMMISSION**

**April 1, 2024**

**I. PRELIMINARIES**

A. **Call To Order** by Renen King (Madam 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, Chair
- Tim Lus
- Sharon Brown
- Tony Lapolla
- James O'Leary
- Alyssa Chase
- Brendan Burke

2. **Also Present:** John Gleason, Director of Recreation Division, Jeffrey Mendes, Town Council Liaison

- C. **Act On Minutes** – Rene King entertained a motion be made on the minutes from March 4, 2024; Alyssa Chase made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2024 meeting; Tony Lapolla seconded; **VOTE-All in favor**

**II. OLD BUSINESS** – None

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

A. **BARNSTABLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, HENRY STEVENS**

1. Mission is to provide funding for athletic equipment and participation fees to students in need on the Cape and Islands ages 4 – 18 years

- a. Students are identified by a social service agent through a school or a community program
- b. The agent would complete an online form and email it to the Foundation
- c. They partner with Butler Sports and Hanlon Shoes; partnerships may expand as they grow bigger
  - i. They order the equipment directly from these retailers for the children
- d. If money is needed for fees, the money will be sent directly to the organization
- e. Looking to get the word out
- f. Tim Lus asked if there are any requirements to receive assistance
  - i. Currently there are none
- g. Alyssa Chase asked if they have reached out to local schools
  - i. They have and have received a couple of orders from this
  - ii. Pat Lentell said they've reached out to Barnstable Intermediate

**IV. RECREATION STAFF REPORT – JOHN GLEASON (See Handout A)**

- A. Youth Commission
  - 1. Job Fair to be held on March 6, 2024 from 2:30 – 4:30PM
- B. Recreation Programs
  - 1. February Vacation Program was held with 20 registrants
  - 2. Spread The Love Campaign completed the create a Valentine for senior citizens
  - 3. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball program championship game was a successful and fun time for all with John refereeing the game
  - 4. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball program will have their season finals game with John refereeing the game
  - 5. Half Day of Play program went to the Blake Planetarium in Plymouth
  - 6. Winter programs are finishing up
  - 7. Spring registration begins on March 6, 2024
  - 8. Summer Leisure Program registration begins on April 10, 2024
  - 9. New vendors have been awarded bid contracts for program tee shirt production
- C. Aquatics
  - 1. Parking Permit issuance is ongoing
  - 2. Lifeguard Tryouts are April 27<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> with applications online
  - 3. All summer positions are available and can be found online
  - 4. John had a meeting with Marine and Environmental Affairs and the Department of Public Works about dogs on the beaches and the raking of the beaches



- a. They are looking for other areas in town for dogs to be allowed so the inability to rake the beaches won't impact recreation or people swimming and/or walking on the beach
  - b. Nina Coleman is working with the state on regulations to hopefully be able to rake the beaches more
- D. Administrative
- 1. John presented at the Inside Town Government presentation
  - 2. Two new part time division assistants have been hired and started work
  - 3. Centerville Recreation Playground was closed due to issues with retaining walls
    - a. Chris Gonnella is working with the Town Manager's office to get a decision on whether or not to reopen it
    - b. The town is still seeking funds from the Community Preservation Committee for the ball field on this property
  - 4. The Osterville Playground Committee has received from the playground consultant a mockup of the first draft of what the playground would look like
    - a. Further discussions on what was presented were held and an updated version was provided based on these discussions
    - b. As this process progresses the town will hold a minimum of one meeting to hear what the community is planning for equipment and to offer their input

Rene King asked about the effort to hold a Certified Lifeguard Class at Barnstable High School – John will check to get updates on this

**VIII. LIAISONS REPORTS**

A. Sandy Neck – Rene King

- 1. The final review of the design of the Sandy Neck Beach Facility will be held on March 14, 2024 at town hall

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

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**A. NEXT MEETING'S NEW BUSINESS – Facility Site Tour**

Tony Lapolla made a motion to adjourn the meeting; **VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR**. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

**NEXT MEETING May 6, 2024**

