



# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

## Recreation Commission

141 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601

### RECREATION COMMISSION

January 5, 2026

#### I. PRELIMINARIES

##### A. Call To Order by Rene King, 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, Brendan Burke, and Christina Carrington
2. Commissioners Absent: Tim Lus
3. **Also Present:** John Gleason- Director of Recreation, Mark Boardley, Hyannis Youth and Community Center, Manager

##### C. Act on Minutes

1. Christina Carrington made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 3, 2025 meeting; seconded by Tony Lapolla; **VOTE-All in favor**

#### II. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. Call for Recreation Commissions – Rene King

1. There are two open seats on the Commission that need to be filled

#### III. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Open Space and Recreation Update – Kyle Pedicini, Assistant Director/Planning & Development

1. The state wants these plans updated every seven years
  - a. They are in the third month of this project which started with an initial public outreach process to get the public's feedback
  - b. Based on the public's feedback, an initial draft was drawn up
  - c. The second phase of public outreach was initiated with a public meeting
  - d. The draft plan was sent to other entities including the Recreation Commission for feedback
  - e. Based on this feedback another round of revisions were made
  - f. The latest round of the action plan was provided to the Recreation Commissioners for this meeting
  - g. The action plan is designed to be a game plan for the Town Council and for the Community Preservation Committee in terms of how to direct funding priorities going forward
  - h. The action plan is designed to cover the next ten years
  - i. Tony Lapolla is the Recreation Commission's Liaison for this plan
  - j. The state requires the Planning & Development Division to get a letter of support from the Recreation Commission that states they had the opportunity to review and offer feedback on the plan

#### IV. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Hyannis Youth and Community Center - Mark Boardley, HYCC Manager

1. Administrative
  - a. Calendar Year Fees were approved by the Town Manager
  - b. Budget Narrative completed for Town Budget Book
2. Ice News
  - a. Barnstable High School and St. John Paul 2 High School Hockey has begun and is going great
  - b. Hosted hockey tournaments since Thanksgiving include the Warrior Cup, Cranberry Classic, and Silver and Goal Cup
  - c. New ice matting is being used for pre-game walk-ons such as anthems and color guard presentations
  - d. Actively booking summer camps and clinics
3. Gym/Youth Center News
  - a. Indoor Pickleball's second session has over 32 participants
  - b. Alateen meetings have begun and will be ongoing on Mondays from 7:00 – 8:00PM
  - c. Indoor Flying program has started and is on Sundays from 8:30 – 10:30AM
- B. Barnstable Recreation – John Gleason, Director of Recreation
  1. Administration
    - a. Calendar year fees were approved by the Town Manager
    - b. Budget Narrative completed for Town Budget Book
    - c. Youth Commission's Substance Abuse Forum was held on December 3rd
    - d. Years of Service ceremony was attended by Michelle Davies (25 years), George Noonan (20 years), and Kellie Crawley (5 years)
  2. Aquatics
    - a. 2026 parking permits are on sale with reminders being sent via email and social media
    - b. Summer job applications will be available starting on February 2, 2026
    - c. Working with Megan Savage, Town of Barnstable Safety Office to improve lifeguard trainings
    - d. 2026 mooring permits will be secured through Marine and Environmental Affairs
  3. Recreation Programs
    - a. 17 children were enrolled in the December Vacation program
    - b. Basketball programs for K-3 boys and girls have begun
    - c. Teams were formed for the 4&5 boys and girls basketball programs
    - d. A grade 6-8 boys 3v3 basketball program is being offered
    - e. The January 2<sup>nd</sup> full day of play program went to Urban Air in Bellingham
    - f. New programs being offered are Line Dancing, 3v3 Tournaments, Speed Puzzling
- C. Youth Commission Update – John Gleason
  1. Job Fair will be held on March 4th
    - a. A free event for students to meet with businesses to find a summer job

## **V. LIAISON'S REPORTS**

- A. Conservation Preservation Committee – Tony Lapolla
  1. His appointment on the committee is pending
- B. Sandy Neck – Rene King
  1. Park is under construction so parking lot is not temporarily closed with hiking and walking access available only via the marsh trail
  2. Off road vehicle beach will be open on weekends beginning January 10, 2026
    - a. Permit holders will be able to drive up Sandy Neck Road to access the trail

## **VI. MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR**

- A. Elections are coming up for the Recreation Commission Chair, Vice Chair

- B. There is a need for a commissioner to fill Rene King's position as the Sandy Neck Board Liaison
- C. John Gleason gave an update on the Centerville playground construction project
  - 1. Project should be completed this spring and the construction on the Osterville playground should begin around the same time
  - 2. Rene asked John to invite the Department of Public Works to the March meeting for an update

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**VIII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA ITEMS – To Be Determined**

Meeting adjourned at 6:15p.m.

**NEXT MEETING March 2, 2026**