TOWN OF BARNSTABLE
Recreation Commission

141 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601

RECREATION COMMISSION
November 2, 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: https://streaming85.townofbarnstable.us/CablecastPublicSite/show/10851?channel=1

B. **Roll Call**
   1. Commissioners Present: Rene King, Tony Lapolla, Tim Lus, Christina Carrington, Mary-Jo Pierpont
   2. Commissioners Absent: Brendan Burke
   3. **Also Present:** John Gleason – Director of Recreation, Mark Boardley – Hyannis Youth and Community Center Manager

C. **Act on Minutes**
   1. Motion made by Tony Lapolla to accept the minutes from the October 5, 2026 meeting; seconded by Tim Lus; **VOTE – All In Favor – Motion Passed**

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Call To Action – Why Become a Recreation Commissioner
   1. Commissioners gave their reasons for serving on the Recreation Commission
   2. Rene announced that this would be her last meeting

B. Welcome to new Recreation Commissioner Mary-Jo Pierpont

C. 2027 Recreation Nominations and Vote
   1. Chair - Rene King nominated Tony Lapolla for the position of Chair of the Commission; Tim Lus seconded; **VOTE – All In Favor – Nomination Passed**
   2. Vice Chair – Decision was made to postpone this nomination until the January 11, 2027 meeting

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Splash Pad Update – Tony Lapolla and Tim Lus
   1. Tony has spoken with Ed – a site review and more discussions are needed

B. Barnstable Youth Commission Update – Amelia Stoots, Vice Chair and Julia Nunes
   1. Substance Abuse Forum has been rebranded as Real Life-Real Talk
      a. It will be held at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center at the same time as a hockey game to increase adult/parent exposure to event
   2. The Job Fair event is well attended and will be held in March
   3. The Youth Summit is for 7th graders to introduce them to life in high school
      a. Event will be held at Cape Cod Community College
   4. The Food Drive is being worked on with the help of Sarah O'Reillly
   5. Commissioner Leo Wang has created a new Sustainability event to bring awareness to youth
   6. Julia went to the Barnstable Club Fair to promote commission membership

C. Barnstable Recreation Staff Report – John Gleason
    1. Administration
        a. Winter Registration begins November 5th
        b. Barnstable Recreation hosted the Cape and islands Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association group on September 24th
        c. John met with DPW, CSD and a vendor about a sound study to be performed at the Marstons Mills pickleball courts
        d. Tennis/Pickleball courts may be closed this winter from December 15th - March 15th
    2. Aquatics
        a. John met with Marine Environmental Affairs about swim areas for next summer
        b. Thank-you letters and gifts were sent to all of last summer's aquatic staff
        c. Bathhouses were cleaned and shut down until next year
        d. John F Kennedy Memorial staff finished their season on October 12th
        e. 2027 Parking Permits will be on sale in December with no fee increases
        f. George Noonan met with the Cape and Islands Beach Managers on October 15th
    3. Recreation Programs
        a. Barnstable Recreation will be running the Learn To Skate program
        b. DPW helped take down the street soccer cage for the season
        c. The Halloween Monster Mash, held at the HYCC, was a great success
        d. Upcoming Events: Fall Dodgeball and the Turkey Shoot
        e. Fall programs are winding down
D. Hyannus Youth and Community Center Report – Mark Boardley, HYCC Manager
    1. General Programming or Administrative
        a. Proposed calendar year fee increases are scheduled for Public Hearing November 12, 2026
        b. Rink Board Ads are currently being updated prior to the start of the season for a fresh look
        c. Installation of new security cameras is finished while new security keypad installation is still in progress
    2. Ice News
        a. All youth hockey organization's practices and game schedules are in full swing
        b. Upcoming tournaments-Warrior Cup November 13-14; Cranberry Waves Girls Hockey Tourney November 27-29
        c. Training of new rink employees on Sparx Skate Sharpeners went well
    3. Gym/Youth Center News
        a. Fall programming
            i. SOAR session 1 is ongoing
            ii. Talkin Money went great with 12 participants
            iii. Indoor Track has 10 participants ending with a December 20th meet at Reggie Lewis Center
            iv. Indoor Pickleball is full with 30 participants in each session
        b. Sturgis East and West basketball practice and game schedules have been finalized for winter 2026-2027
        c. Training of new employees on scoreboard system went well
E. Liaison's Reports
    1. Community Preservation Committee – Tony Lapolla
        a. The town has been trying to champion a bond issue to fund parks and construction of areas like that but because the budget is robust, the town

has asked them to go back and look to see if initially some of the projects can be funded from the money already there

i. Rene suggested a category of underserved areas be put forth
ii. Funding for maintenance cannot come from the Community Preservation Committee
iii. Ongoing maintenance costs need to be looked at when considering new projects

2. Sandy Neck – Christina Carrington – Update will be presented at next meeting

V. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

VI. MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR – NONE

VII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA ITEMS

Motion made by Christina Carrington to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mary-Jo Pierpontp; All in Favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:45p.m.

NEXT MEETING January 11, 2027