



# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

## Recreation Commission

141 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601

### RECREATION COMMISSION

September 14, 2026

#### I. PRELIMINARIES

##### A. Call To Order by Rene King, Chair, at 5:32 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
2. Commissioners Absent: Brendan Burke, Christina Carrington
3. **Also Present:** John Gleason – Director of Recreation, Mark Boardley – Hyannis Youth and Community Center Manager

##### C. Act on Minutes

1. Quorum not met; **NO VOTE** on July 13, 2026 minutes

#### II. OLD BUSINESS - None

#### III. NEW BUSINESS – STAFF REPORTS

##### A. Hyannis Youth and Community Center – Mark Boardley

#### IV. STAFF REPORTS

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

1. General Programming or Administrative
  - a. Proposed 2027 Calendar Year fee increases presented
    - i. Must be submitted to Town Manager by October 16, 2026
    - ii. To be submitted at Public Hearing November 12, 2026
  - b. Week-end hours went back to 8:00AM – 8:00PM on September 12, 2026
2. Ice News
  - a. Looking to hire Learn-To-Skate instructors
  - b. Youth hockey organizations are in full swing
    - i. Practices taking place on weekday nights
    - ii. Games will be starting on weekends by end of September
  - c. High School games and practices have been scheduled for both Barnstable High School and St. John Paul
3. Gym/Youth Center News
  - a. High School Volleyball Season has started
    - i. Sturgis East and West practices and games are daily Monday – Friday
  - b. Fall programming is ongoing
    - i. Programs offered beginning in September are S.O.A.R, Indoor Track, Talkin' Money, Color Guard
    - ii. Programs offered beginning in October are Toddler Open Play and Knee Hockey

- B. Youth Commission Report – John Gleason, Director of Recreation
  - 1. Looking for students to join the commission
    - a. Applications can be found online
- C. Barnstable Recreation – John Gleason, Director of Recreation
  - 1. Administration
    - a. Proposed 2027 Calendar Year fee increases presented
      - i. Must be submitted to Town Manager by October 16, 2026
      - ii. To be submitted at Public Hearing November 12, 2026
      - iii. Special Recreation Commission meeting will be held on October 5, 2026 to vote on proposed fee increases
    - b. Unity Day on August 7, 2026 was attended by John Gleason and Jack Kapanke
    - c. Construction on Osterville Playground is expected to be completed this fall
    - d. Conservation Commission meeting for the RDA's submitted for Craigville, Covell's, and Veteran's Beaches was attended by John Gleason
      - i. Approval was received for all three beaches
    - e. Met with stakeholders regarding Pickleball at West Villages Elementary School
      - i. Hours during school year
      - ii. Signage
      - iii. Planting of giant green arborvitaes
  - 2. Aquatics
    - a. New Mobi-Mats installed at Craigville Beach
    - b. Events held over summer included Hyannis Yacht Club Regatta and Youth Regatta, Beach Soccer Tournament
    - c. Swim program concluded with Annual Swim Meet and Swim Carnival
    - d. Sailing program had increased participation over last year
    - e. Beach season ended on Labor Day
      - i. Veteran's, Kalmus, Sea Street, Craigville, Covell's, Dowses, and Hathaway's Pond were staffed the entire season with supervisors and gate attendants
      - ii. Craigville Beach had lifeguards through Labor Day
    - f. Over 22,000 resident beach parking permits were sold
  - 3. Recreation Programs
    - a. Leisure Program
      - i. 271 children participated
      - ii. Talent show was held on August 6<sup>th</sup>
    - b. New summer programs
      - i. Movie Night, Foamball, HR Derby, Lego Masters
    - c. Fall program registration began September 9, 2026

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

- A. Community Preservation Committee – Tony Lapolla
  - 1. Conversation ongoing with Town Hall surrounding comprehensive bond for funding of current and future projects
- B. Sandy Neck – Rene King for Christana Carrington
  - 1. Fall migration hike to be held on September 16<sup>th</sup>
  - 2. Clam Crawl is scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup>
  - 3. West Barnstable Trunk or Treat on October 24<sup>th</sup>

## **VI. MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR - None**

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A. Ed Stanford – Idea for creating a Splash Park with splash pad at Ridgewood Park

1. Uniquely positioned as there is already water access as well as trees for shade
2. Splash parks don't have pools or standing water so are safe for children
3. Ridgewood Park is in a quiet area with low traffic
4. Costs have not been looked at yet
5. Chris Gonnella sits with the Planning and Development Division yearly to look at possible new projects
6. Commissioner Tony Lapolla will stay connected with Ed Stanford as talks go forward
7. Commissioners will go to park to do a walk around

**VIII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA ITEMS – Vote on proposed fee increases**

Meeting adjourned at 6:32p.m.

**NEXT MEETING October 5, 2026**