



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

Recreation Commission

141 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601

RECREATION COMMISSION

June 1, 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, Tim Lus, Brendan Burke, and Christina Carrington
2. Commissioners Absent:
3. **Also Present:** John Gleason – Director of Recreation, Mark Boardley – Hyannis Youth and Community Center Manager

C. Act on Minutes

1. Motion made by Christina Carrington to approve the Minutes of the March 3, 2026 meeting; Seconded by Tony Lapolla: **VOTE-All in Favor**

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2026 Recreation Commissioner Officers

1. Tim Lus nominated Rene King for Chair
 - a. **VOTE – All in Favor**
2. Rene King nominated Tony Lapolla for Vice -Chair
 - a. **VOTE – All in Favor**

IV. NEW BUSINESS - None

V. STAFF REPORTS

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

1. General Programming or Administrative
 - a. Hosted Move United Education Conference Seminars on April 22, 2026, which included various seminars including Sled Hockey with US Women's Sled Hockey Team players, Boccia, Volt Hockey, Adaptive Field Hockey, Amputee soccer, and Blind Hockey
 - b. Hosted Barnstable County Sheriff's Department Youth Boot Camp over April Vacation and will continue to host during February Vacation, April Vacation and one week in summer
 - c. The Hyannis Youth and Community Center will have new summer hours for the public beginning June 27, 2026, with hours from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
2. Ice News
 - a. The Cape Cod Chowda Cup tournament will be June 26th through June 28th
 - b. Practice contracts and game blocks have been sent to our 3 largest user groups and next year's schedules for these groups are currently being finalized

- c. The repainting of the Butler rink surface has been completed, and the cleaning of the lower level will continue during the shoulder season
 - 3. Gym/Youth Center News
 - a. The High School Summer Volleyball League is filling fast with a last-minute push for any teams looking to play. Contact is Stephen Headley
 - b. Midnight Sun Father Daughter Dance will be held June 26th from 6:00 P.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 - c. The 3 League is back for the summer which is a Monday night youth basketball league for grades 4 – 12
- B. Barnstable Recreation – John Gleason, Director of Recreation
 - 1. Administration
 - a. Centerville Playground is near completion with opening anticipated in the next couple of weeks
 - b. The Community Services Budget Hearing is scheduled for the Town Council meeting on June 11th
 - c. John attended the Cape and Islands Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association meeting on May 7th
 - d. The Senior Tax Write Off program is being utilized with volunteers being used to greet customers and answer questions about Beach Parking Permits
 - e. Fox25 will be live at Craigville Beach on Friday, August 7th for their Zip Trip show
 - f. Barnstable Pickleball Group is hosting a member’s tournament to raise funds for the Barnstable Recreation Scholarship Fund
 - 2. Aquatics
 - a. 2026 Parking Permits are on sale through mail-in or online applications
 - b. All scheduled lifeguard tryouts have concluded but one more will be hosted for anyone who couldn’t make one previously
 - c. Verteran’s, Kalmus, Sea Street, Covell’s, Dowses, and Hathaway’s Pond beaches were opened on May 23rd for weekends and holidays through June 18th with everything being fully open and staffed on June 27th
 - d. Partnering with the Fire Departments to run through emergency rescues on Friday, June 26th at Craigville Beach
 - e. JFK Memorial Trust Fund Committee has provided funds to reduce the program fee by 50% for residents
 - f. Cape and Islands Beach Managers meeting was on Tuesday, May 20th in Wellfleet
 - 3. Recreation Programs
 - a. The Leisure Program is full with 276 participants
 - b. Summer program registration was held on May 6th for residents and May 29th for non-residents
 - c. The skate park was opened a week and a half earlier than usual this year
 - d. All spring programs are underway and going well

V. LIAISON’S REPORTS

- A. Community Preservation Committee – Tony Lapolla
 - 1. An application came through from the Department of Public Works for enhancements at the Osterville recreation site pertaining to restroom facilities, additional storage, improved parking, improved landscaping, and a new basketball/street hockey court that weren’t a part of the initial construction plan, but this was tabled for the time being
 - 2. Department of Public Works asked for additional funds to update the ball field at the Centerville Playground/Community Building/Field location that was not part of the original construction, and this was approved to be sent forward to the Town Council
- B. Sandy Neck Board – Christina Carrington
 - 1. Snack Shack is open, has a new vendor and is called the Curb Café which will also provide a separate mobile unit for coffees and smaller items

2. They are busy preparing for the off-road vehicle operation
3. She is working to get a memorial stone for a gentleman who had been with Sandy Neck for a long time
4. Discussions were had surrounding the water sampling that's been done
5. Beach clean-up has been done
6. Parking lot project is mostly completed

VI. MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR - None

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

VIII. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA ITEMS – Annual Staff Awards

Tony Lapolla made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Christina Carrington; Meeting adjourned at 6:32p.m.

NEXT MEETING July 13, 2026