



Town of Barnstable
BARNSTABLE RECREATION



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RECREATION COMMISSION

March 3, 2025

I. PRELIMINARIES

A. Call To Order by Rene 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
- Tim Lus
- Brendan Burke
- James O'Leary

2. **Commissioners Absent:** Tony Lapolla

3. **Also Present:** John Gleason- Director of Recreation, Mark Boardley- Hyannis Youth and Community Center Manager

C. Act On Minutes

1. Tim Lus made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2025 meeting; seconded by James O'Leary; **VOTE-All in favor**

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Nomination of the Recreation Commission Officers

1. Motion made by Brendan Burke to nominate Rene King for the position of Recreation Commission Chair; seconded by James O'Leary. **VOTE-All in favor**
2. Motion made by Rene King to nominate Tony Lapolla for the position of Recreation Commission Vice-Chair; seconded by Tony Lapolla. **VOTE-All in favor**

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Cape Cod Rotary Home Show** – Kevin Pepe and Rich Marvin

1. Home Garden and Lifestyle Show Saturday, April 5, 2025
2. Event is free due to sponsorship
3. More information can be found at hyannisrotary.org
4. Hyannis Youth and Community Center is available for groups to rent for events

IV. HYANNIS YOUTH AND COMMUNITY Center Staff Report – Mark Boardley (Handout A)

A. General and Administration

1. Request For Proposal (RFP) for the new registration and facility booking software is in the process of being reviewed
2. Construction continues for the new Security Office and the redesign of the Barnstable Public Schools Family Engagement Center at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center
3. Staff is in the process of getting or renewing their First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) with the help of the Hyannis Fire Department

B. Ice News

1. High School hockey season has officially ended
2. The Lobster Pot Tournament will be held March 14th – March 16th
3. The United States Coast Guard Commandants Cup Tournament will be held April 24th – April 26th
4. After the conclusion of the tournaments, the melting of one rink will be done

C. Gym/Youth Center News

1. Massachusetts State Police Unity Basketball League will begin on March 24th
 - a. A girl's division has been added so they will be playing two times a week for ten weeks at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center
2. Cape Cod Rugby is having Sunday morning practices at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center
3. Barnstable High School Varsity Basketball's Senior Night was held February 13th at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center

V. RECREATION STAFF REPORT – John Gleason (See Handout B)

A. Administration

1. Massachusetts Park and Recreation Association Conference will be attended March 19th – March 21st
2. Repairs and the installation of new equipment has been installed at Luke's Love Playground including the revitalizing of the surfacing
3. Construction is set to begin this spring on the Centerville Recreation Building Playground
4. Request For Proposal (RFP) for the registration and facility booking software
5. Community Services Director, Chris Gonnella, would like to know what types of recreation you would like to see at the Marstons Mills Elementary School Property
 - a. Questions from the chat include
 - i. Is the proposal for a baseball field being considered



- a. Chris Gonnella and John Gleason are looking to have more passive recreation at that location
 - b. The town currently has sufficient little league type fields
 - c. Passive recreation would include places for people to gather in open fields with no fencing, no formalized play, a gazebo for people with picnic tables and a playground
 - d. This has been passed on by Chis Gonnella to Planning and Development
- B. Aquatics
- 1. John will attend the March 5th JFK Memorial Trust Fund Committee meeting, seeking funds to support the Recreation Division's sailing program such as buying boats, life jackets, and boat maintenance
 - 2. 2025 Beach Parking Permits are on sale
 - 3. Lifeguard tryouts will be held April 26th, May 10th, and May 31st
 - 4. All summer jobs are posted on the town's website and interviews have begun
 - 5. Job descriptions have been updated and submitted to Human Resources
- C. Recreation Programs
- 1. Spring program registration begins March 5th
 - 2. Summer Leisure Program registration begins April 9th
 - 3. Met with Daniel Gracie Academy and partnered with them to offer Brazilian Jiu Jitsu classes
 - 4. Special Olympic State Games (bowling) will be attended by 3 or 4 of our adult participants
 - 5. Survival Day program is an all day program that will be held on April 18th
 - 6. Hoping to get girls involved in our Girls Softball Program to prepare them for playing at the high school level
 - a. This relies on parent volunteers to run
- D. Youth Commission
- 1. The Job Fair will be held on March 12th at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center
 - a. Busses will transport student from Barnstable High School to the Hyannis Youth and Community Center
 - 2. The Youth Summit will be held for 7th graders at Cape Cod Community College on March 12th
 - a. Covered topics to include peer influence and what to expect upon entering high school

VI. LIAISONS REPORTS

- A. Sandy Neck – Rene King
 - 1. Spring clean up day is April 15th from 9:00AM – 12:00PM
 - 2. Lecture Series to be held April 24th

VIII. MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR - None



IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Eric stated there was money spent by the town to come up with a plan to put a ballfield on the Marston's Mills Elementary School location but the plan was drawn up without consulting the public. He would like to know where the recommendation to have passive recreation on the location came from. He would like the ball field option to be considered. Additionally, if a playground is built, he would like to have a natural look to it.
1. John's response was that if a playground is planned, the town will hire a playground consultant, they would consult the Town Councilors who represent that area and most likely put together a group which would include stakeholders from Marstons Mills recommended by the Town Councilors. The town is open to any and all suggestions.
 2. Tim Lus stated that if a baseball field were to be built, the numbers would need to support it. Tim seemed to think that the property is large enough to accommodate all that has been brought up.
 3. James O'Leary stated it seems we need to get more feedback from the community
 4. April, a resident of Marston's Mills who has attended many meetings offered by the town regarding this project. April says the general consensus of the Marstons Mills residents would like to see the property used for passive recreation with no housing element. They want it to maintain the feel of the village and bring back the village green which was the hub of the village historically. There are 4 petitions out that are for recreational use only. They have not been hearing this from people on committees and from town councilors in great numbers. This is very important to the village residents and they feel strongly their voices and input needs to be heard.
 5. Rene asked John to ask about these types of spaces from other towns that he will be at the Massachusetts Park and Recreation Association Conference

X. NEXT MEETING'S NEW BUSINESS

- A. Vote On Nominated Recreation Commission Officers
- B. John will bring someone in who can speak to "Why Be A Lifeguard"
- C. More to be determined

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by James O'Leary. Seconded by Tim Lus

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

NEXT MEETING May 5, 2025

