

Report of Recreation Commission Recreation Facility Tour Evaluation

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The Town of Barnstable Recreation Commission advises and otherwise assists the Town Manager in the establishment of rules and regulations concerning the use of all playground and athletic fields, including those under the jurisdiction of the School Committee except during the regular school year or at other times when such facilities are reserved for use for Town of Barnstable school activities and the municipal ice rinks. The Recreation Commission is an advisory board to the Town.

The Recreation Division and the Hyannis Youth and Community Center provide a variety of opportunities and choices for Barnstable residents and visitors to achieve their human potential while preserving and protecting the integrity of the natural environment that will enhance the quality of life for individuals, families and the community at large within the Town. The 2019 Recreation Commission members are: Joe O'Brien, Chairperson; James Tenaglia, Vice Chairperson; Rene King; Brendan Burke; Reneé Dowling; Tanya Duffy; and Kathleen Pina. Dr. Debra Dagwan serves as our Town Council Liaison and Patti Machado, Director of Recreation, serves as the Staff Liaison.

During the 2019 Recreation Commission (Commission) winter meetings, the Commission voted unanimously to move outside the boundaries of our monthly meetings and physically visit each facility that falls either entirely and/or partially under Recreation in the Town of Barnstable Charter.

The Commission kicked off the road trip in May 2019 and completed the tour in September 2019. The Recreation Commission visited all seven villages in the Town of Barnstable, MA and over 80 Recreation facilities, including school fields and playgrounds that fall under Recreation under the Town Charter after 3:00 PM and when school is not in session. The facilities we examined included, but are not limited to beaches, playgrounds, handicap-accessible playgrounds, several buildings that houses numerous recreation activities, bathhouses, soccer fields, baseball fields, lacrosse fields, field hockey fields, basketball courts, the skate park, community gardens, multi-purpose fields, tennis courts, the disc golf course, picnic grounds, blacktop game areas, a horse farm, various walking trails and more. In addition to the Recreation Commission and Staff, we were joined on some of our tours by Town Council President James Crocker, Town Councilor Jessica Rapp-Grassetti, Town Councilor Matthew Levesques, and Town Councilor Paula Schnepf, Representatives of the Cotuit Civic Association, Cotuit Athletic Association (a.k.a. Cotuit Kettleers), Marstons Mills Village Association, Cape Cod Disc Association, Friends of the Barnstable Dog Park Committee, Hyannis Athletic Association (a.k.a. Hyannis Harbor Hawks) and a large group of parents interested in building a new playground at Barnstable-West Barnstable Elementary School.

We observed facilities that since the 2012 Recreation Commission Facility Tour have improved. All of the facilities that were identified as priorities in our 2012 Report have been addressed and have had major improvements made which resulted in greater use by the community. Some sites were still works in progress and others had been still in need of maintenance. This report includes the following information:

1. Prioritized list of recommendations;
2. Brief description of each Recreation location we visited with rating scores at the end of each description with some pictures.

- a. Those sites highlighted in Blue are have been updated since the 2012 Recreation Commission Facility Tour.
- b. Those sites highlighted in Red are the identified as top priorities by the 2019 Recreation Commission Facility Tour.

Appendix: Detailed Scorecard Example:
 Scores are 0-5 (un-useable to perfect)

Location	Score	Notes
1. Collaborative School - Osterville		
Fields		
Playground		
Parking Lot		

2. Joshua's Pond - Osterville		
Entrance		
Parking Lot		
Picnic Area		
Bath House		
Bath rooms		
Staffing area		
Walking path to beach		
Wall		
Beach		

The Commission's objectives were to:

1. Define the selection criteria for our recommendation;
2. Prioritize the top 10 initiatives including our justification;
3. Develop the draft report that will be reviewed and signed off by the Recreation Commission; and
4. Present findings/recommendations of the 2019 Recreation Commission Road Trip.

The Recreation Road Trip defined the following Selection Criteria:

1. **Safety:** including both staff/customers and limited/no usage due to current safety issues
2. **Usage:** including active community usage; involvement of both local/other organization support
3. **Diverse populations:** including age, gender, race, disability other
4. **Shared responsibilities:** fully or partially funded and/or maintained
5. **Village Equity:** across all seven villages including: Barnstable; Centerville; Cotuit; Hyannis; Marstons Mills; Osterville; West Barnstable
6. **Growth potential:** including increased usage, community satisfaction and/or revenue

COTUIT



1. **LOWELL PARK:** Elizabeth Lowell Park is home to the Cape Cod Baseball League's Cotuit Kettleers. Since 2004, the Cotuit Athletic Association has invested in a new press Box building, a new infield, new first base bleachers, new backstop and fencing, and a new scoreboard with some help from the Yawkey Foundation. As funds allow, expansion of parking, new third-base grandstands, construction of new restrooms, and a new Outfield. New 1st base bleachers to mirror the 3rd base bleachers are in the works. <http://www.kettleers.org/lowell-park/> (4.3)



Lowell Park Club House



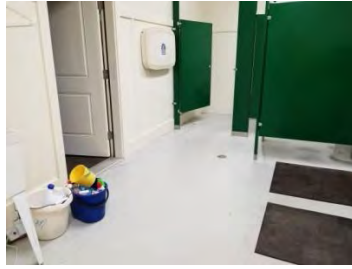
Lowell Park Parking Lot



Lowell Park Area



Lowell Park Batting Cages



Lowell Park Mens Room



Lowell Park Field



Lowell Park Ladies Room



Lowell Park Outfield

2. COTUIT TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURTS: These courts have been redone since the 2012 tour as one of the priorities and are in pristine condition. Looks to still have issues with street hockey using the courts even though signs are posted. Courts are a real asset to the village. **(4.3)**

3. COTUIT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BASEBALL, MULTI-USE FIELDS, AND PLAYGROUNDS. These items are in need of **maintenance and attention**. Field turf has little grass turf, infield needs to be addressed. [This recently was transferred from School Property to Town Property and all structures impeding safe play have been removed and the overgrown brush has been cleared, all done by the Town's Department of Public Works. The Commission left this site with serious concerns and they have been addressed. Now we have a blank slate to move forward. See attached before and after pictures.](#) **(0) Playground & Grounds (1) Baseball Field**



Cotuit Elm. School Field

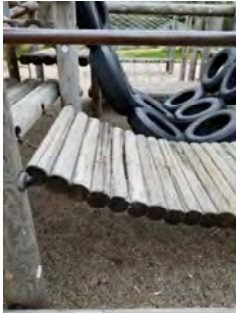


Cotuit Elm. School Field



Cotuit Elm. School Field

Before removal



After removal



After removal



Cotuit Elm Playground Decaying & Spikes all the way around Before Clean up



Before Clean up by DPW in Sept.



Cotuit Elm. Ball Field



4. ROPES BEACH: Doubles as a local neighborhood dinghy and boat launch. The Mosquito Yacht Club's Kayaking Crew club program operates off this property. It is adjacent to the Mosquito Yacht Club, an association established in 1950. No Lifeguard or staff provided at this site. **(Maintenance) (3)**



Cotuit Ropes Beach



Cotuit Ropes Beach



Cotuit Ropes Beach



Cotuit Ropes Beach Wall



5. LOOP BEACH: Parking Permits are required. Lifeguards are available from the last Saturday in June to mid-August, with a swim program of over 100 participants enrolled. The beach is handicap accessible, the bathhouse and outdoor shower are not? The Barnstable Disability Commission provides a portable accessible toilet from the last Saturday in June To Labor Day. This bathhouse is not adequate for the number of patrons it serves. This site features one jetty and point-style breakwater. The tides cause dangerous currents. Small parking lot, restrooms and a bathhouse on-site. Popular night fishing spot. **(Maintenance) (CIP for a new bathhouse) (3)**



Loop Parking Lot



Storage Shed



Bath House



Loop Handicap ramp

6. PLAYGROUND BEHIND THE COTUIT LIBRARY ON THE COTUIT VILLAGE GREEN. This was the first time that it was brought to our attention that this was put in on Town Property as a request came to the Town for a new upgraded playground. This playground was put in by the Federated Church and a private child care. Being maintained by this group according to signs. (3.7)

- Any property that would become available with water access would greatly impact this village with such limited waterfront access for currently.



Playground behind Cotuit Library



Playground behind Cotuit Library



7.LOVELL'S POND: This site has not been open in the summer for at least 10 years when pond consistently stopped meeting requirements to be open for water quality issues. This site over a 3 year period only had an average of 1 person a day visiting. When budgets were cut staff was cut. Bath house & grounds need substantial amount of maintenance to operate again.



Bath house



Posted Sign



Beach Needs Maintenance

MARSTONS MILLS



8. MARSTONS MILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIELDS AND PLAYGROUND: The playground for the most part was in good condition, but the location up against the building and the surface was nonexistent. The first field was in playable condition, but needed a bit of work with it being uneven and the outfield having a lot of runts. The benches needed to be replaced, moved out of the field of play, and protective fencing put in front of benches for safety. This field is used by Little League and some softball. The multipurpose fields are used by Sturgis for Soccer in the fall. The second baseball field is no longer playable and is overgrown. **(Fields – 2.3)**



Marstons Mill 28 Ball Field # 1



Marstons Mills Ball Field #2 (not playable)



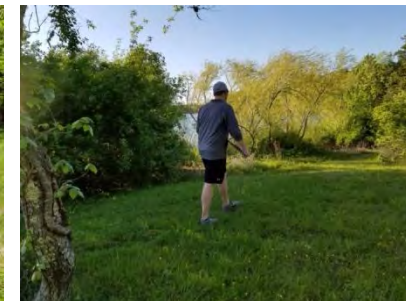
Marstons Mills Multipurpose Field



8. HAMBLIN'S POND: Resident only beach. This site could use some care. Lifeguard and Gate staff is present from the last Saturday in June to mid-August. The bathrooms are handicap Accessible with a handicap wheelchair available. A portable trailer is brought in while staff is present to provide shelter, storage, and emergency care. The grounds have received a great deal of maintenance, but are in need of more work and the swim area and beach are being taken over by invasive plants. The parking lot is dirt and stone dust and has large low areas which hold standing water for long periods of time and the road washes down to the pond through the beach site. This site with the addition of picnic tables and some work could be a real gem for the village of Marstons Mills. **(CIP) (2.4)** Adjacent to Burgess Park. Many enjoy fishing at this site. **(CIP)**



Hamblin's Beach and Bath House



Hamblin's Pond picnic area & trail to Burgess Park



Hamblin's Pond Parking Area (drainage and run off issues)



9. BURGESS PARK: Was purchased by the Town in 1989 for its historic and scenic values. It Has proven to be a very popular park for many different activities, most notably disc golf. The village survey revealed that this property is favored second only to the pond beaches And is also identified as one of the valued scenic views. Concern was expressed however, For the incompatible nature and location of play equipment which is in major need have Replacement. Disc golf is very popular and with some collaboration with the disc golf users Burgess Park will become the most popular disc golf site in New England. The Cape Cod Disc Golf Club and the Marstons Mills Civic Association have taken on Maintaining the property and building. CPC has been a major financial support to the building and grounds. This Disc Golf has been improved since the 2012 Tour with new disc baskets, new tee boxes provided by the Cape Cod Disc Association and the removal of the dangerous equipment. The Department of Public Works since our 2012 Tour has taken on the maintenance of the property and has greatly improved the entire facility. This needs a vision plan developed in the future. Parking lot is in need of some help. Portable toilets and trash removal (Disc Golf – 4) (House -3.9) (Garage -4) (Grounds-4) (Parking lot -3)



Burgess Parking Lot



Cape Cod Disc Golf Assoc.



Disc Golf T-Markers



Burgess Volleyball Area



**Burgess Barn/Town Council
& MM Civic Association**



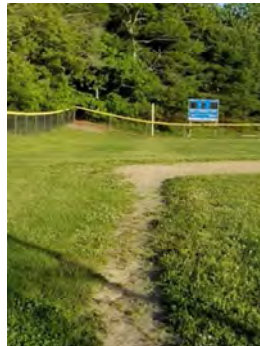
**Burgess House
Has Received CPC Funding**



10. WEST VILLAGES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Behind the school is a ball field that is used and maintained by Barnstable Little League. A shed is on site to provide storage for this operation. Field is in good condition and used for Little League’s minor league program. Since our 2012 Tour the Big Toy Playground has been removed and the PTO raised funds and put in a nice playground and outdoor fitness center. Next to that playground the PTO for the Grade 4.5 put in an older kids new playground. In good shape, poison ivy and surfacing needed work. The black top games are in need of some minor repairs. **(Baseball Field -3)
(Playground-2.9)**



**West Village Field
Pitching Mound**



**West Villages
Third Base Line**



West Villages Scorers Box



**West Villages Stairs
to Playground**



West Villages Playground



**West Villages Fitness
Playground**



West Villages Hard top Play area



11. WEST VILLAGES TENNIS COURTS: Gates are locked due because the courts are not safe. The Town currently has a CIP and plans are going out for an RFP currently. Hope that we have at least 8 dedicated Pickleball courts and two tennis courts with 6- 8 pickleball courts overlaid on the tennis courts by the end of the summer of 2020. **(Maintenance) (0)**



West Villages Tennis Courts slated for removal and replaced with 8-12 Pickleball Courts and 2 Tennis Courts

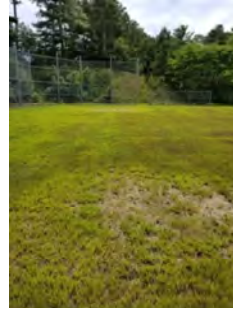


12. BARNSTABLE UNITED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (BUES) FIELDS: There is lots of field space in front of the school and behind the school, along with an outdoor track. This site is heavily used for Barnstable Recreation's After School programs and weekend programs. With flag football, field hockey, lacrosse, summer leisure program site. All filled to capacity. The **baseball field** is maintained by the Barnstable Babe Ruth Program and the Sturgis Public with mowing being provided by the Barnstable Schools. It is in pretty good shape and has a functioning irrigation

system. The rest of this field is mostly weeds and goose poop and the irrigation system are not functioning on the rest of the property. The **softball field** is no longer usable. Football Field is not level, slope and in terrible condition, dry...needs water. **(Baseball Field 3.3) (Softball Field-**



BUES Baseball Field



BUES Softball Field

13. BUES PLAYGROUND: Since the Recreation Commission's last tour in 2012 the PAC at BUES and the Schools have added a new playground that is great for after school programs and recess. In the summer Barnstable Recreation offers a Leisure Program at this school which uses the playground daily. The playground needs more ground covering needs to have more added to meet code. **(4.8)**



BUES Playground



BUES Playground

14. BUES FOOTBALL FIELD AND TRACK: This field is just weeds with ruts, major slope, very dry and needs major overhaul. The track is a walk about as it does not meet any standards for offering a competitive track program, and is in need of some upkeep and the fence is a mess. There are multiple cracks though out the track that can be tripping hazards. Currently we have no rentals or users in this facility. This is a perfect multipurpose field. **(Track-1.9) (Football-2)**



BUES Track



BUES Football Field



10). ELLEN MCBARRON PARK: Ellen McBarron was involved in many activities in Barnstable. She fought relentlessly for the underprivileged and to keep our program Opportunities free or as low cost as possible. She raised money to make sure NO child Was ever turned away from a program in which they wanted to participate. Ellen passed away on March 9, 2002. The site was visited after vandals had torched the portable toilet And caused damage to the electrical box and as a result to the irrigation system. The Barnstable Youth Soccer Program was up until 2019 paying for all maintenance costs for this site. It currently is being taken care of by the Barnstable Lacrosse Association because the BYS was no longer able to financially maintain it. Collaboration is a wonderful thing. The Department of Public works maintains the Ellen’s ¼ mile walk way around the property, trash removal, and support as needed. **(Fields-4) (Shed 4 (outside only)) (Trail-4.2) (Parking lot – 4.5) (Picnic Tables 3 need more)**

<http://www.capecodonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20020312/OBITS/303129971&cid=sitesearch>



McBarron Field



McBarron Fields



McBarron Storage Shed



Ellen Trail



Ellen's Trail



- 5. **HORSE FARM ON RACE LANE:** The Barn, riding stalls and field are leased currently to C.J. Ranch and the House is housing to AmeriCorps. Site was closed when we arrived, but everything looked to be in good shape. The Department of Public works had some some work on the riding stall since our 2012 Tour. (4.2).



Horse Stalls Barn



Riding Barn

BARNSTABLE

1. **BARNSTABLE HOLLOW:** There is a small playground that was donated with a perpetual Fund to provide ongoing maintenance. It cost the Town nothing to build and maintain. Of it. The field, on the other hand, is a youth only field as it is too small for others. The field is over grown and barely recognizable as one. There is little grass, it is Mainly weeds. The Structures and Grounds Division with funds from the CPC are in the process of a complete upgrade to the entire facility to be completed by end of spring 2020 The

Barnstable Civic Association has its annual Fourth of July event here and it is a highlight for this village in the summer. Electricity and water is available by the Town on this site. (CPC & DPW)



Barnstable Hollow Field



Barnstable Hollow Fields and Wall



Barnstable Hollow Trail up to Church



Barnstable Hollow Playground



Barnstable Hollow upgrade since we were there



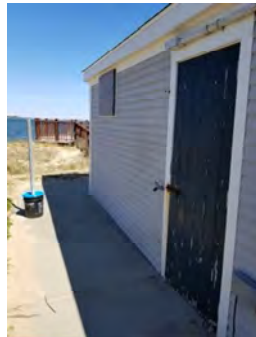
2. MILLWAY BEACH: Resident only beach. Lifeguards are available from the last Saturday in June to mid-August. This site has very little water when the tide goes out and the tides produce a dangerous current during immediate changes. The bathhouse is Nice with one stall in each bathroom and a urinal in the men's room. Millway has a Separate handicap bathroom available. **The outdoor shower is located behind the Bathhouse and is a major concern as it is obviously used as a restroom when the facilities are not open...** The views are spectacular and the handicap accessible deck really enhances the property. The very limited parking is available at this site and issues with boat Owners and whale watch participants taking spaces really limits the use of the beach. **(Beach 3.2)**



Millway Beach Bath House & Observation Deck



Millway Beach at High Tide



Millway Beach Shower

WEST BARNSTABLE



1. BARNSTABLE WEST BARNSTABLE Elementary School PLAYGROUNDS: The playground At this school is in good condition but could use enhancements. There are some barriers that are made of telephone poles and metal flexible thick wire that is rusted out broken and a bit dangerous. A fundraising effort is underway to replace the old Community Playground that was located behind the building. The Town CPC has pledged money as well as the school budget, but the cost is high for what the group is working towards. (2.6)



BWB Playground



BWB Playground



BWB Playground Fundraiser



WB Field



BWB Walkway to Playground

2. BARNSTABLE WEST BARNSTABLE TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURTS: These courts were replaced at the same time as the Cotuit Tennis Courts with the same design and company. These courts

were moved to make them handicap accessible. Pickleball was being played while observing the facility. (5)



BWB Tennis/Pickleball Courts



Handicap Access to Courts

3. BARNSTABLE WEST BARNSTABLE FIELDS: The fields are grass but have not been kept to the level of our 2012 tour. There is need of some turf management with little actual grass on the fields. There are two baseball diamonds in very rough shape, need some work. Disappointed seeing this going in the wrong (Fields 1.6)



Main Ball Field Thirdbase line



Main Field In Field



4. LUKE'S LOVE BOUNDLESS PLAYGROUND: This is a completely handicap accessible Playground founded in 2010, but was in need of resurfacing as poured in place life expectancy is 8-10 years. Fortunately this move was included in the CIP/CPC Project that was completed May 2019. Recreation provides a portable handicap toilet. This move and the oversight of the move have given the Town a completely accessible facility that is open 7 days a week 365 days a year... **(Maintenance – handled by DPW) (5)**



Lukes Love Updated Playground



Lukes Love Playground



5. LOMBARD FIELD: Community softball was completely redone and is a level 5 field now and is booked with resting times included and regular maintenance by DPW and users. Completely H/C accessible. In 2020 the score board will have the capabilities for all users to use through their phone. The Lighting system upgrades have down lighting and are controlled by the Recreation Division so play is over at 10pm unless a tournament is being played. (5)



Lombard Score Board



Lombard Field



Lombard Press Box



Lombard Clay Field



Lombard Clay Field



Lombard Field Fencing



Lombard Field Parking Lot



Field and Building Entrance



Field & Building Parking Lot



6. WEST BARNSTABLE COMMUNITY BUILDING: The DPW has done an amazing job Renovating and maintaining this facility. It has a wonderful character for the village of West Barnstable. The user groups have contributed greatly by providing tables and chairs. The

basement provides storage for West Barnstable Civic Association and bathrooms that can be used separately for ball field users if needed. The main floor is handicap accessible with a unisex bathroom. This facility is the most rented Recreation building for private, business, and public use. Replacement windows are a CIP project coming soon. **(4.9 – replace windows)**



West Barnstable Community Building



Room inside WB Community Building

7. **NEW PARKING LOT** The entrance and design is so much safer and provided more parking having designated spots as well as ability to snow plow and having designated sidewalks and walking paths for safety.(4.7 –pavement I soft in areas and chairs have sunk into pavement)

OSTERVILLE



1.OSTERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/ CAPE COD COLLABORATIVE The outside facilities are mowed by the School Department, but Cape Cod Collaborative with the Cape Cod Challengers Club have done a lot of work to maintain the fields and grounds. The Recreation Division does have Little League using the fields when the Challengers Club and Collaborative are not on the field, but that is the only group getting a permit for this facility. **This site had a playground that was completely surrounded by caution tape and since our visit the playground was removed by the Department of Public Works.** (1.5)



Osterville Elm School Playground



Playground was removed by DPW



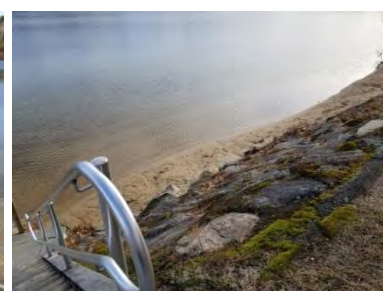
2. JOSHUA'S POND: Resident parking permit is required. Restrooms and parking on-site. This site is not handicap accessible to the water due to the steep hill to the water and the amount of space required to provide access. The bathhouse and grounds have received CIP and CPC fund and have been upgraded with handicap access, picnic tables, as safer parking lot, better filtration of runoff water, and a safer parking lot. The Department of Public Works through CIP funds improved the operations by putting an area for storage, emergency needs, and staff facilities that were needed. This site has lifeguards and gate staff in late June until mid- August. . There is a mobile food/drink vendor, Shower is on the outside of the bath house This site has a successful swim program that starts at 6 months through Level 5 Red Cross Learn to Swim. **The stairs Going down to the beach are beautiful and bring character to the site. Unfortunately the water levels have risen and currently there is not beach and the bottom steps and lifeguard chair or in the water. The concern is that the retaining wall is being compromised, so work needs to be address.** This is a very popular site. It fills after Dowses fills on weekends. **(4.5 No Beach and Stone retaining wall falling down)**



Joshua's Ppond Staircase



Joshua's Pond Wall



Joshua's Wall Falling Apart



Joshua's Pond Parking Lot



Joshua's Pond Bath House



3. DOWSES BEACH: Resident beach sticker required. This site is the first to fill most weekends and some weekdays. Lifeguards provided from Memorial Day Weekend (weekends only) until last Saturday in June and then daily until Labor Day (when able). This site offers the largest Red Cross Swim Program with over 150 participants. **The bathhouse is not handicap accessible. The Department of Public Works provides a portable toilet from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day. Bath house has some serious issues with the bathrooms being so old.** There is a handicap ramp that was provided by the Osterville Rotary Club. There is a Handicap wheelchair and about ten years ago a handicap shower was built on the beach by DPW. There is a mobile food/drink vendor. The Osterville Rotary replaced the Flag Pole that came down in a lightning storm and continues to provide the Dowses Staff with flowers for window boxes and garden in front of the bath house. The views from the area in front of the bath house are second to none. The bathhouse provides restrooms with an outdoor shower. This Facility has the charm that the Commission would like to see at its other beach sites. The DPW brought real character in the renovations provided to this bathhouse. The fishing Pier located at the end of the parking lot on the jetty provides all the opportunity to enjoy fishing, but soon will be in need of replacement of some of the pier. Discussion about moving the H/C parking to the side on the right, by pushing the lot back as it was before resurfacing was done. This will give about 10 more spots which are desperately needed and get the H/C signs out of the way for beach access. (3.7)



Urinals are the originals



Dowses Beach Bath House



Dowses Beach Storage



Dowsey Beach Bathhouse



Dowsey Walkway



Dowsey Beach Parking Lot



Dowsey Beach Parking Lot



Dowsey Beach Fishing Pier



Dowsey Beach

4. OSTERVILLE BAY OUTDOOR FACILITIES: There is currently a CIP & CPC field project under way. The playground from Marstons Mills was moved for a temporary playground until the entire project is able to provide a new playground on this site. (1.5)



Osterville Bay Temp. Playground



Osterville Bay Ball Field

5. OSTERVILLE BAY TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURTS: These were completed spring of 2019 and are in constant use. The old courts are temporarily still up and being used for street hockey and winter dog walking. These courts are done with the new updated surface that should give us more than 10 years of life. (5)



Osterville Bay Multi- Use Field



Osterville Bay Field & Lot



Osterville Bay Ball Field



Osterville Bay Tennis Courts



Osterville Bay Parking Lot

6. OSTERVILLE RECREATION BUILDING: This facility is lacking appropriate ventilation and Natural light. It is a concrete building with very little character. The village of Osterville Needs a facility and the Town needs gymnasium, location for west villagers Summer Leisure Program, and Friday Night Social Space. Many Commissioners continue to be concerned for their health in being in the building. Money is available to remove the building, but without money for a new building there is concern for displacing the groups currently using the building. (1)

CENTERVILLE

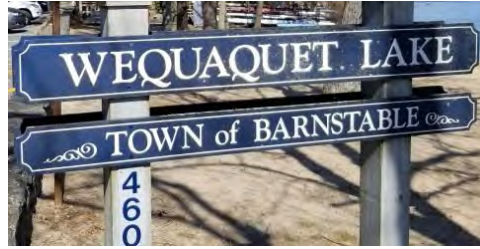
1. SAMUEL'S PROPERTY: Located on Old Stage Road, this is a beautiful piece of property with some pretty sites for an area close to a busy roadway. There is a meadow and walking trails through out a wooded area overlooking a stream and an old bog. Many in our community do not know about this property. It has some deed restriction, so not sure how Recreation can use this property other than for walking the trails. Real use for the property? (3)



Samuel's Property Parking Area



Samuel's Property Trail



2. WEQUAQUET LAKE: Resident only site with very little parking and on a very busy road. This site provides tree coverage for patrons at the beach. Found to be an ideal setting for Young children. Sand needs to be replaced.

There is a handicap ramp leading to the beach from the parking lot and The bathrooms are handicap accessible with a handicap wheel chair available. There is a mobile food/drink vendor, restrooms and showers on premises. Lifeguards are available From the last Saturday in June to mid-August, with a large swim program. The parking and beach size is this facility's problem. The Cape Cod Youth Rowing Club and Cape Cod Rowing Club also work out of this site as a temporary site. This site is overburdened and messy. Trash needs to be contained it blows out of barrels and it is easy for people to drive in any hour to dump household trash. Shoot Flying Hill Road is very busy and the boat ramp location makes this a very congested area. The bathhouse facilities and site are well maintained by DPW. (3)



New Stairs & Handicap Ramp



Handicap Ramp & Beach w/Boom



Cape Cod Rowing & Cape Cod Youth Rowing



Parking Lot/Wall/ Boat Ramp

CENTERVILLE RECREATION - PLAYGROUND: This playground is our busiest playground and is centrally located in our community. There are a whole host of problems with this facility. Location in a gully being one. The trees over great shade, but one by one have been rotting out. The playground is built for the most part out of pressure treated wood that is rotting and the surface makes this facility none handicap accessible. The Centerville Civic Association did some upgrades, but this needs more than a lay person can address. This is the #1 priority of the Recreation Commission for future projects. (2)



Playground Slide Remove



Tripping Hazard



Steps need repair



Missing Slide



Playground



Playground



Broken Tires



Non-Compliant H/C Ramp



Tripping Hazard

4. FIELD OF DREAMS: Located behind the building is a small field space that has improved as far as playing ability. The Field study has this becoming a multipurpose field which works as we only have little league using it for practice sporadically. This field has been a problem with dogs digging holes and defecating all over it. The summer leisure program is held here and uses the entire property daily and the Centerville Civic Association uses the property for special events. (Future CIP/CPC) (2.5)



Field of Dreams behind the Community Building

5. CENTERVILLE RECREATION BUILDING: Has three rooms on the main floor, which are Handicap accessible through a lift from the rear and a ramp from the front parking lot. This floor has handicap accessible bathrooms. This facility is rented by various groups And organizations and houses one of our Summer Leisure Programs. The Mommy Mixer is held here along with Friday Night Social and Saturday Sunshine on various times. . **The basement has been completely redone since the commission toured it, with new bath rooms and sealed the walls so they no longer leak. There is a room upstairs that has a beautiful Vernon Coleman Mural that needs to be addressed before it is completely destroyed.(1)** DPW has done substantial amount of work and has money to continue interior work that is needed. (1)



Community Building



Kitchen Room



Downstairs Bathroom



Ventilation discharge



Vernon Coleman Mural



Basement Walls



6. CRAIGVILLE BEACH: One of the most popular warm water beaches on Nantucket Sound. Parking available to out-of-town residents for a daily fee. Handicap accessible bathhouse and a ramp provided to the Town by a local boy scout with two handicap wheelchairs Available daily free of charge. There is ample parking space with three lots available Which are in need of some repairs. The Best Buddies lot set up with the entrance and exit of vehicles as well as pedestrian traffic all in the same location is an accident waiting to Happen. The West Gate Lot entrance is also a dangerous intersection with three traffic flows entering the same area. There are two restaurants directly across the street. Lifeguards provided from Memorial Day Weekend (weekends only) until last Saturday in June and then daily until Labor Day. Lifeguard and Jr. Lifeguard Training programs are Instructed at this site during the week. The fence between the Craigville Beach Association and the Town beach is a safety concern and needs to be addressed. The Bathhouse is equipped with ample bathrooms, changing rooms and outdoor showers. The site has a handicap entrance from the front, but no beachside entrance. It does not meet the standards required. There are nocturnal animals living under the floorboards. The bathroom stalls are falling apart. This entire site is functioning in spite of its condition. The Recreation Commission believes the overall condition of this facility is deplorable as this is a destination for many of the community’s visitors. **(CIP – entire site project) (3.8 with much work bath house completion, grounds, and parking lot still being updated)**



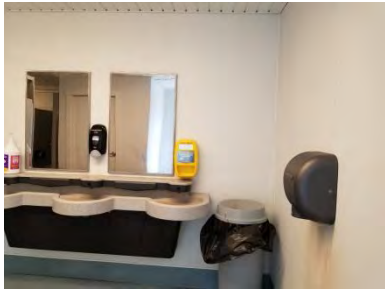
Craigville Bike Racks



Men’s Room



Ladies Room



Bathroom Sinks



Entrance to Bathrooms



Lifeguard Break Room



Shower Tower



First Aid Room



Changing Rooms



Equipment Storage Room



Craigville Parking Lot



7. COVELL'S BEACH: Beach sticker required. Handicap parking available, but the bathrooms and showers on premises are not accessible. The Barnstable Disability Commission provides the beach with a portable accessible toilet. Also the restroom facilities are not sufficient for the number of patrons serviced daily. We have one toilet and a urinal that is so high off the ground that no one is able to utilize it on the men's room side and two in the ladies room... There are no changing facilities, which is our biggest complaint due to a population that thinks nothing of changing in public on the

beach. Lifeguards provided from Memorial Day Weekend (weekends only) until last Saturday in June and then daily until Labor Day... A new volleyball net is available. The handicap ramp was donated by the Osterville Village Association with a bench on the end provided by a local resident and the ramp is being done in house by DPW with funds from the disability commission. This site has a mobile food/drink vendor. **The parking lot does fill many weekend days. The lot could use some work. The exterior fence is in disrepair. The Vineyard Wind Project will replace parking lot and give financial support for a new bath house after the project comes completely ashore.**



Covell's Bath House



Covell's Beach



Covell's Parking Lot



8. CENTERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Serves as a site for another Leisure Program in the summer. With facilities outside that include two playgrounds and a walking track with some field play area included. The playgrounds are new and in great shape. (Playground-5) (Walking area-4.5) (Free Play Area-4.5)



Centerville Playground



Centerville Playground



9. LEO A. CHILDS MEMORIAL PARK - CENTERVILLE RECREATION BAY LANE PROPERTY -

Two fields (one with dugouts) and two tennis courts that were re-done a few years ago. Handicap accessible. The Barnstable Little League was maintaining until they completed the 3 fields behind Barnstable Innovators School and the Town has just taken these back on for mowing and maintaining. These fields are in the field study and need a great deal of work. (CIP/CPC Maintenance)



Field One with Dug Outs



Dug Out



Between Fields



Field Two no Dugouts



Tennis and Ball Field Parking

10. Cenerville Bay Lane Tennis Courts – These were replaced, but the concrete has had major cracks and Department of Public Works had the cracks repaired, still needs more smoothing out and painting. This site is being used 3 times a week by the Barnstable Pickleball Programs. Recreation provides a conic box to hold Pickleball equipment. **(Fields 3) Tennis/Pickleball – 3.3)**



Centerville Tennis Courts



Centerville Tennis Courts



Centerville Tennis Courts

HYANNIS



1. HATHAWAY'S POND: Open to public at a reduced rate of half of all other sites. Grilling, picnicking and recreational areas. This recreational area has recently had the roadway, Parking area improved and it has added to the aesthetics of the site... This site has great Potential... The Cape Cod Scuba Diving Community has donated picnic tables and regularly does the trash pickup in the area and from the bottom of this pond. Lifeguards are provided from the last Saturday of June to mid-August. The Recreation land is adjacent to the Conservation land and work together for parking outside operational hours for people to walk their dogs. The bath house is small, but accessible. During the season a trailer is brought in for the staff to have storage and an area for emergency care. There is one toilet and one urinal for the public. This site is packed with people. At 6:30pm we had a challenging finding a parking space, and with no bath rooms available the woods are being used. (3.3)



Hathaway's Washout



Hathaway's Washout



Hathaway's Picnic Area



Hathaway's Pond Beach



Hathaway's Bath House



Hathaway's Picnic Area

2. **BARNSTABLE DOG PARK:** This facility opened in October of 2018 and is heavily used. One of the major requests from the Barnstable Dog Park Committee was the need for shade. They also need more people to help maintain the park. There is a user agreement with the Barnstable Dog Park Committee and Nina Coleman from the Department of Marine and Environmental Affairs works with the Committee. The Friends of Barnstable Dog park are maintaining much of the facility, picking up pooh and trash, raking the pea stone and blowing the stone back into the park that gets on the sidewalks.(5)



Barnstable Dog Park



Dog Park



Dog Park Storage Shed



3. **EUGENIA FORTES BEACH (EAST BEACH):** Beach Sticker only parking. This site has weekend gate staff provided from July to the first week in August only. Limited parking is available with no facilities provided. Small boats are launched from this beach and many dinghies are stored on the beach with a permit from Department of Marine and Environmental Affairs. (3)



Fortes Beach Parking Lot



Fortes Beach



Fortes Beach



4. SEA STREET BEACH (KEYES BEACH): Public beach with ample paid parking. Picnic area, grills, restrooms and bathhouse with changing rooms on-site. This site overlooks the Hyannis Breakwater and provides the only view of the Kennedy Compound. The views from the top of the hill are spectacular. Lifeguards provided from Memorial Day Weekend (weekends only) until last Saturday in June and then daily until Labor Day when available, a Mobile Food/drink concession available. Handicap accessible with a handicap wheelchair as well. Newly installed Volleyball Net is available. (3.3)



Keyes Memorial Beach



Keyes Beach Path



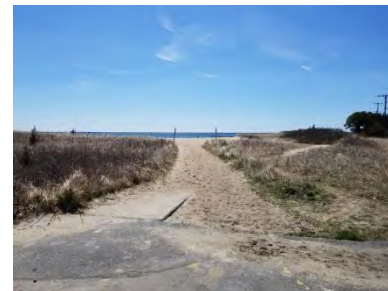
Keyes Beach Stair to Beach



Keyes Shower



Keyes Beach Shower



Keyes Path to the Beach



Keyes Stairs to Flag



H/C Ramp from Parking Lot



Keyes Memorial Parking Lot



5. KALMUS PARK BEACH: Public beach with handicap parking. Beach house with showers, Restrooms and snack bar on-site. Ample parking space. Windsurfers and paddleboards launching area provided. This beach is a peninsula with two sides for people to swim on the Lewis Bay and the Nantucket Sound sides. The swim areas are designated with an area on the back beach where boats can land. There is a jetty at the end of Dunbar Point and makes for great fishing for people. The beach has a new volleyball net that is adjacent to the pavilion on the back of the bath house. There is also a clear wooded area that has picnic tables available near the entrance. This site is known for shells and windsurfing. (4)



Kalmus Parking Lot



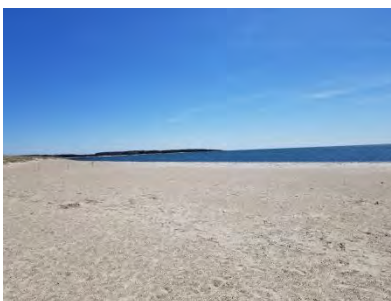
Kalmus Pavillion



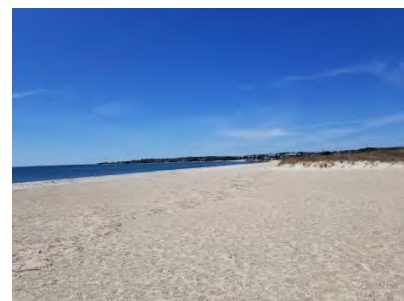
Tables on the Pavillion



Kalmus Back Beach



Kalmus Front Beach



Kalmus Front Beach



Kalmus Parking Lot



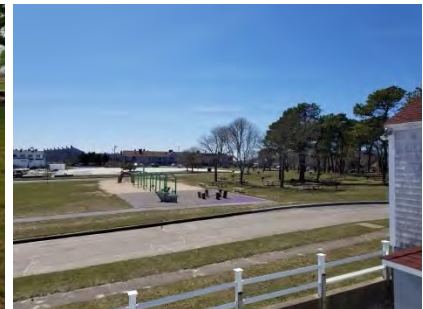
6. VETERAN'S PARK BEACH: Seasonally open public beach, paid parking. Handicap Accessible. This site designated swim area is gradual and ideal for small children. This beach is adjacent to the Hyannis Yacht Club and JFK Memorial with the Korean War and Foreign War Memorials on site. There is a large picnic area with numerous new picnic tables and grills which are heavily used on weekends. There is a playground that is handicap accessible and heavily used. New Volleyball net is also available on the beach. Canadian Geese are a real problem at this site. This is also home of our JFK Sailing Program for kids 10 to 18 years of age. (3.5 – Bath room facilities are inadequate)



Veteran's Park Bath House



Veteran's Playground



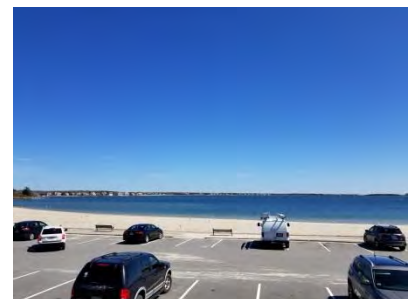
Veteran's Playground & Picnic Area



Playground and Picnic Area



Boat House



Veteran's Park Beach



Veteran's Parking Lot



Veteran's Parking Lot



Veteran's Shell Parking Lot



7. KOREAN WAR VETERANS' MEMORIAL – Beautiful setting and well maintained. (4.8)



8. FOREIGN WAR VETERANS' MEMORIAL – Mis-placed and not much to it. (3.3)





9. JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL: Located next to the Veterans’ Park Beach and is open with staff on the first weekend in May to Mid-October. The staff provides a service with information and selling souvenir hats while also maintaining a presence and taking care of the Veterans’ Beach comfort station during the operational hours. This site has about 60,000 people visit a year. The pool needs to be addressed immediately. (3.3)



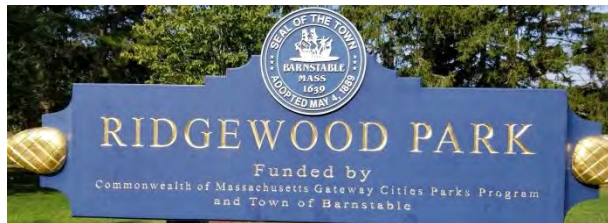
Kennedy Memorial



Hat Shack



Decade Mahogany Wood



9. RIDGEWOOD PARK: This Planning and Development Dept. upgraded this space a few years ago. There is a small playground and walking trails that need work as they are grown in. There is potential in this space for the neighborhood to have more use. (1.8)



Ridgewood Park Walking Trail



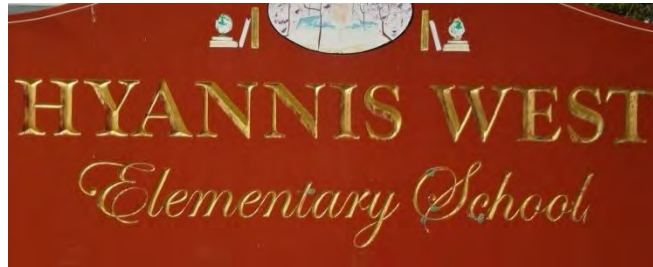
Trail Continued



Ridgewood Park Playground

10. SKATE PARK: This was built 1999 and no money has been provided to maintain it in any

Way. This facility has good street equipment, but is in need of an upgrade for some more challenge. The bowls were repairs and new equipment was purchased and we reopened in 2018. The bowls are failing because the sand under them have shifted and causing soft pockets of concrete that need to be address asap. (CPC) (3)



11. HYANNIS WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OUTDOOR FACILITIES: Includes a regulation Softball field, a soccer field, outdoor basketball court, youth field. The Fields are all in need of work, with big ruts that are challenging to play on. Sturgis East and West use this facility for Field Hockey Lacrosse, and Soccer in the Evening and Little League uses the large softball field for practice. The playground is in good shape, but small for the number of students that are served and could use some new surfacing. The wooded area in the middle of the area is full of poison ivy, briars, and a breeding ground for ticks. The Basketball Courts are in need of resurfacing and being used as a science project and fitness program. (Fields-2) (Grounds-2) (Basketball courts-1.8) (Playground- 2.7)



HW Multi-purpose Field



HW Basketball Courts



HW Playground



HW Ball Field



HW Ball Field



(Enoch Cobb Pre-School Playground – 4).



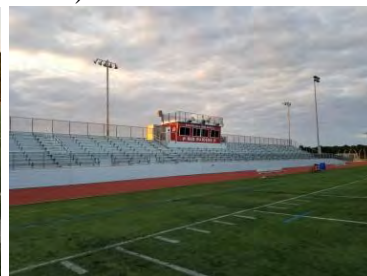
H/C accessible Playground



10. BARNSTABLE HIGH SCHOOL FIELDS: Not under our jurisdiction, the Football field is in need of new turf and needs some work. The rest of the fields are in the CIP project phases. Excited about the future of these facilities (Football Field – 3.5) (Track-3.5) (Fields under construction-5) (Field Hockey and Softball Fields – 1)



BHS Football Field



BHS Stadium Stands



BHS Track



BHS Baseball Field



BHS Softball & Field Hockey Field

11. BARNSTABLE HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS COURTS: These are maintained by the school and are in good condition, but some of the nets are missing and stantions are broken, and were worked on last year. (2.5)



BHS Tennis Courts

12. BARNSTABLE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL FIELDS: This site has numerous opportunities and space for large programs and is one of Barnstable Recreation’s After School programs busiest sites. With flag football, field hockey, archery, softball, lacrosse all full to capacity during the school year. The nights are busy with softball rentals and a Cape Cod Woman’s Flag Football Program. The field is mostly weeds and goose poop with no irrigation system. Field is sinking where trees were buried in the outfield when making the field. This site is the last phase of the Field improvements. There is ample parking at this site for large programs. We also host our Easter and Halloween events. (CIP –last phase) (2)



BIS Baseball Field



BIS Multi-purpose Field



BIS Softball Field

13. LOPES FIELD: This field is at water level. It is greatly used by the Men’s Softball League, Sturgis Charter Public High School and Pope John Paul II High School. Department of Public Works did a major in house overhaul and the place looks great. Future irrigation is being discussed, but this site received major improvements since 2012. (4.5)



Lopes Field



Lopes Stone Dust Field



Lopes Infield



14. BARNSTABLE COMMUNITY INNOVATION SCHOOL OUTDOOR FACILITIES: Including two individual playgrounds for different age groups, three baseball fields, batting cages, two outdoor basketball courts with lights for evening play, community garden... The Lorusso Fields and Little Monster, batting cages are maintained by the Barnstable Little League, The property has an outdoor basketball court that is used in conjunction with many tournaments held at the Hyannis Youth &Community Center. This is a very busy space. (Playgrounds – 4) (Fields-4.8) (Outdoor Basketball Courts-4)



Little Fenway



Little Fenway



Lorusso II



Dug outs and spectator area



Lorusso I



Dug Outs



Overview of Little League



Kindergarten Playground



Lorusso Playground



Lighted Basketball Courts

BARNSTABLE SKATE PARK: This park is open April to November and has two inground bowls and numerous ramps and elements. This has two First Aid/CPR certified staff on when open to assist participants, rent required helmets when needed and to make sure the park is safe for use. Enforces rules to make sure all are in compliance with our insurance requirements. **Pipes (4), Bowls (1) Need more challenging equipment and repair bowls.**



Half Pipe



Quarter Pipe



Ramp Going into Bowls



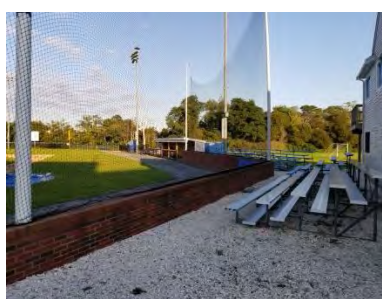
Bowls used for more than skateboarding



15. McKEON PARK: Home of the Cape Cod Baseball League team Hyannis Harbor Hawks. McKeon Park was named after the late John McKeon, a former member of the Barnstable School Committee known for his support and contributions to the town's athletic programs. Judy Walden Scarafile Field is the name of the field that was just rededicated in the spring of 2019 with newly renovated field and scoreboard. Second phase is in the works now. Place looks amazing. <http://www.harborhawks.org/mckeon.com> (4.5) (Needs bathrooms & New Bleachers)



McKeon Beacher Area



McKeon Park



McKeon Dug Outs



Judy Scarfile Field



Brad Pifer and Some Commissioners

Priorities:

- 1) Centerville Recreation Building Playground
- 2) Dowses Bath House
- 3) Osterville Community Building
- 4) Skate Park Bowls and new next level ½ Pipe
- 5) Hathaway's Pond Bath House and more picnic tables and grills
- 6) Loop Beach Bath House
- 7) Joshua's Pond Beach and Retaining wall
- 8) Shower at Millway Beach
- 9) Hamblin's Pond entire site
- 10) Ridgewood Park Vision plan
- 11) Vernon Coleman Painting in the Centerville Recreation Building
- 12) Burgess Park – Grounds could be so much more
- 13) Hyannis West Outdoor Facilities