



Town of Barnstable  
**BARNSTABLE RECREATION**



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**RECREATION COMMISSION**

**May 5, 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:  
<https://streaming85.townofbarnstable.us/CablecastPublicSite/show/10851?channel=1>
- B. **Roll Call**
1. Commissioners Present:
    - Rene King
    - Tim Lus
    - Tony Lapolla
    - James O'Leary
  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. Jim O'Leary made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2025 meeting; seconded by Tim Lus; **VOTE-All in favor**

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Vote On Nominated Recreation Commission Officers**
1. For Rene King for the position of Recreation Commission Chair; **VOTE-All in favor**
  2. For Tony Lapolla for the position of Recreation Commission Vice-Chair; **VOTE-All in favor**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **"The Life Of A Lifeguard" Presentation – Lexi Eastman**

1. She teaches swim lessons so is at the beach throughout the day engaging with the public
2. She feels this job offers great preparation for her future career as a nurse
3. It is a leadership role which she enjoys
4. Working for the town has been very fulfilling

**B. Youth Job Fair Update-Jayden Jeffries, Youth Commissioner**

1. Youth Job Fair was a success
  - a. Record number of student attendees
2. Other events held this spring were the Youth Summit and the Food Drive and One Love
  - a. The Youth Summit was held at Cape Cod Community College and ran smoothly
  - b. The Food Drive raised \$1,200 in donations
  - c. One Love was held at Barnstable High School
3. Visit to the State House is upcoming
  - a. Kipp Diggs gives the commissioners a tour of the State House
4. Adult facilitators would always be welcome at these events in the future

**C. Youth Sports Update – Tim Lus**

1. Two cornerstone programs – NFL Flag Football and AU Cape Cod Warrior’s Basketball
  - a. Currently in spring flag football are 350 players with 34 teams
  - b. Travel Flag Football program has been created called the Wardogs
  - c. Maintaining the fields is a challenge

**D. Harrassment Prevention and Awareness Training-Tony Lapolla**

1. Regina Ryan was the attorney that presented the training
2. Main takeaways: Protect the classes, Microaggressions, Generational Divide
3. Valuable information and time well spent

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

**A. General and Administration**

1. Budget Hearing for the HYCC Division is scheduled for Town Council in
2. Mural painting unveiling will be May 17, 2025 from 3pm-4pm on the HYCC Track
3. HYCC Practice Ice User Agreements for our three major ice users have been sent out for 2025-2026

**B. Ice News**

1. Kennedy Rink melt ongoing-repainting and adding new logos will be back operational June 1, 2025
2. Cape Cod Chowda Cup June 2—22, 2020
3. Spring LTS ending with 50+ children having participated. New skating instructors have helped program growth, summer sessions start July 12, 2025



- C. Gym/Youth Center News
  - 1. Spring Track program season ending – few children will travel to Gordon College this weekend for competition
  - 2. June 13, 2025 – End of School Year dance
  - 3. Indoor Pickleball ending this week
  - 4. Skate Park open for season April-November

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

- A. Administration
  - 1. Budget Hearing for the Recreation Division is scheduled for Town Council in June
  - 2. Will be attending the Cape and Islands Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association meeting on Thursday, May 15
  - 3. Updating Master Use Agreements with the Cotuit Kettleers and Hyannis Harbors this year
- B. Aquatics
  - 1. 2025 Parking Permits are on sale now through mail-in or online applications
  - 2. Lifeguard tryouts: May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>
  - 3. Summer Positions are posted on the town's website
  - 4. We open the various beaches starting May 24<sup>th</sup>
  - 5. The Conservation Commission approved a RDA for Mobi-Mats to be placed at Dowses Beach to increase accessibility
  - 6. KFK Memorial Trust Fund Committee offered 12 sailing scholarships for the summer
  - 7. Cape and Islands Beach Managers meeting is on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> in Wellfleet
  - 8. Will be attending a Smile Mass meeting on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>
- C. Recreation Programs
  - 1. The Leisure Program is full with 285 participants enrolled
  - 2. Summer Program registration is on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am
  - 3. Minor and Major League softball games begin this week grades 3-8
  - 4. All spring programs are underway and going well
  - 5. Outdoor Pickleball Lessons for adults begin this month

**VI. LIAISONS REPORTS**

- A. Sandy Neck – Rene King
  - 1. Several Upcoming Events
    - a. May 14<sup>th</sup> Sandy Neck Flora and Fauna Hike
    - b. June 12<sup>th</sup> Terrapin Hike
    - c. June 17<sup>th</sup> In Search of Diamondback Hike
    - d. Others can be found on the website
- B. Osterville Playground Project – James O'Leary
  - 2. Project will start in the fall with anticipated completion by end of first half of 2026

**VIII. MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR - None**



**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**X. NEXT MEETING'S NEW BUSINESS**

A. Division Awards

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by James O'Leary. Seconded by Tim Lus  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

**NEXT MEETING July 7, 2025**

