

**TOWN OF WEYMOUTH  
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
December 11, 2014  
MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Reilly  
Art Del Rosso  
Karen Johnston  
Janelle Quinn  
Barbara Kearney

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brian Kowalski, Program Developer for Weymouth  
Recreation

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Christine Malloy

Former Chairman Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and stated the Mayor had accepted his resignation from the Chair Position. Ms. Quinn made a MOTION to NOMINATE Karen Johnston as Chairman. Ms. Kearney SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Ms. Johnston accepted the position as Chairman of Recreation Committee.

**INTRODUCTION**

Chairman Johnston introduced Mark Kilban to the committee. Mark has expressed an interest in joining the Recreation Advisory Committee.

**WEYMOUTH RECREATION DEPARTMENT - Brian Kowalski**

Mr. Kowalski, Program Developer for Weymouth Recreation Department stated he has created a focus group to discuss where Weymouth Recreation wants their summer program to go. In addition did an anonymous staff survey with Survey Monkey for the Weymouth Recreation staff asking them how they feel about their job:

Ms. Quinn stated Bill Conway at Weymouth Yacht Club wants to do something with Weymouth Recreation and this collaboration could be a possible sailboat solution.

Mr. Reilly stated his goal for Weymouth Recreation is to build upon more activities and opportunities and to have a great experience.

**WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL & LEGION FIELD - update**

Mr. Reilly stated the "turf field" process has been great. All entities in town have come together and worked very well together to make these projects a success. Also the Weymouth High School turf field project is complete.

Legion Field work is being done by Fleming Brothers; they will work through the winter and are doing an excessively good job. Target is still for spring on usage of the park.

Mr. Reilly - question on table is who will use the field at Legion and WHS; what hours will be available and what rates will be charged. Mr. Reilly stated this coming Tuesday he and the working group will present their suggestions to Mayor Kay and the School Administration. Then they hope to get in front of Town Council for a public hearing and finally the sports organizations can plan their schedules.

Chairman Johnston asked can the working group send out a letter to all Weymouth sports groups and ask for their proposed schedule of hours they are anticipating in using for the fields. Mr. Reilly stated that was a great idea but tabled the idea till we meet next and have more information.

### **FIELD PERMITS**

It is the goal of the committee to revamp the permitting process. This includes streamlining to online registration as well as channeling permitting funds towards the maintenance of the fields.

Mr. Reilly presented a summary report of the 2014 field use and fee's collected. It is the view of the committee that revenues generated in the past are excessively low.

The field permit fees should be pooled into DPW fund for maintenance of the fields.

### **MEALS TAX MONIES**

The town is still receiving a lot of positive feedback on the Meals Tax and the usage of the monies collected.

Recently, the doors at Legion Field Veterans Memorial Wall were purchased via Meals Tax monies. Weymouth Recreation Department needs to get up on the Weymouth Recreation website pictures and the process of the transformation to show what was accomplished; additionally ask Mary Heinrichs to post a video of work done on WETC.

### **PARK SIGNAGE**

Chairman Johnston suggested a making up a listing of each park in town and what equipment is available at each park. A breakdown of all parks will be distributed at the next meeting and recreation advisory members will update.

Ms. Quinn suggested signage at each park and on the sign a map of the town listing where other parks are located in the town (possibly with street addresses, in case persons have shown up at this park for an event by mistake and need to get to another park in town).

**STELLA TIRRELL RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY, 74 CENTRAL STREET, WEYMOUTH**

Mr. Reilly stated the grand opening of the new hockey park will be held on this Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 5:00PM as part of the Christmas in Columbian Square Event.

**LEGION FIELD/WEYMOUTH RECREATION 60TH ANNIVERSARY - COMBINED GALA**

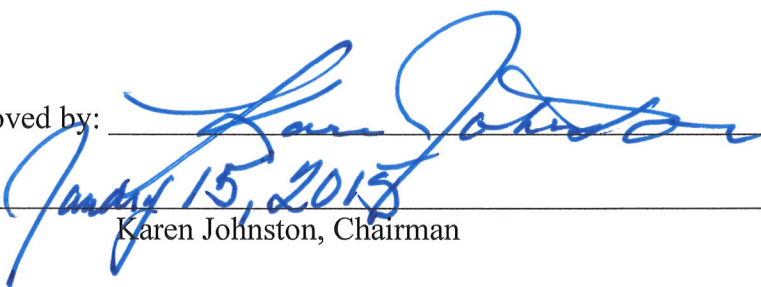
Mr. Reilly stated Mayor Kay is in favor of a combined event. It is the 60th Anniversary of the Weymouth Recreation Department and the Grand Opening of Legion Field. Mayor Kay has suggested a combined event. Janelle Quinn will promote out interest in helping with this and to inquire about pending plans.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be held on January 15, 2015 at 7:00PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Ms. Kearney made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 8:30PM. Ms. Johnston SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN.

Approved by:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: January 15, 2015 \_\_\_\_\_ January 15, 2015  
Karen Johnston, Chairman