



## Open Meeting

**Date:** 10/19/2016  
**Time:** 6:30 PM  
**Location:** Weymouth Teen Center  
1393 Pleasant Street  
Weymouth, MA 02189

Meeting called by: Recreation Supervisor: Janelle Quinn, Art DelRosso Record keeper: Steve Reilly

Attendees: Chair: vacant  
Members: Art Delrosso, Mark Kilban, Barbara Kearney, Janelle Quinn, Keith Ricci

**Minutes DRAFT**

**This meeting of the recreation advisory committee is called to order on October 19, 2016 at**

**6:30 PM.**

As the two longest standing members of the Commission, Janelle Quinn and Art DelRosso opened the meeting in the absence of a Chair. The previous Chair, Karen Johnston had resigned from the Commission and the position had been left vacated.

Introductions of all the Commission members took place and the newest Commission member, Keith Ricci was welcomed. Keith was appointed to the Commission in May 2016.

As the first order of business, Janelle Quinn nominated Mark Kilban to serve as Chair. As there were no other nominees, Mark was voted in unanimously.

Chairman Kilban continued with the meeting.

There were no minutes from previous. Steve Reilly has offered to contact Karen Johnston to obtain the previous minutes for the next meeting.

Brian Kowalski presented a report on the Summer 2016 programs. All programs were deemed successful as enrollment was up. New programs were offered and well received. Esker-esque and the sports program at Union Point were two primary new additions. The sailing program still has its struggles but it has been set up for future success with commitment to physical improvement of the equipment.

The Commission recognized the passing of long time Recreation Coordinator and department icon, Carl Powers, who passed away, suddenly, in the beginning of July. This was a major loss to the Department and to the Town of Weymouth. There may be some opportunities to recognize Carl's contribution to the community in the near future.

Brian K. and Steve R. mentioned the resurrection of Great Esker Day. This was a community event that had not taken place since 2006. Both recognized the efforts of Andrew Hultin and the staff for

spearheading this effort and the success of the day. Many new families were introduced to the park for the first time and it was a great day for the Town.

Brian and Steve both discussed camp licensing. The “Wey-Fun” Camp through Weymouth Recreation had achieved a full summer camp license through the Weymouth Health Department (with their valued assistance) as one of the very few municipally based camp programs in the Commonwealth. Having achieved this status, many needy Weymouth residents were able to enjoy summer camp through the QCAP voucher program, an experience they may not have otherwise been able to enjoy. Administratively, this was a large undertaking but the results were well worth it.

In the summer of 2016 a new low ropes course was installed at Great Esker Park. The company that did the installation and provided training was Project Adventure. This new feature was very well utilized and this news was well received by the Commission. A number of new and creative opportunities were discussed.

Through the Recreation Depart, the Town of Weymouth acquired a new beach grooming machine and new dock system. Comments were made that the beach has never looked better.

Steve Reilly discussed the posting of 3 (three) new positions within the Recreation Department

Recreation Coordinator- General Programs & Activities, Park & Nature Programs, Permitting/Marketing & Communications. As the department has evolved there was a recognized need for additional staffing.

Legion Field, opened on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and continues to be a success. The field is used consistently by various Weymouth sports groups and has created opportunity for outside user groups to enjoy this facility. Revenue projections appear to be on track.

The new Administration has worked hard with the Recreation Department to continue progress on improving fields and continuing the effort to complete Lovell. There will be a measure presented to Town Council in the near future that recommends improvements at Lovell, Weston Park, Libby Field, Brad Hawes, Stella Tirrell, Gifford, Negus, Lane Beach, O’Sullivan and Weymouth High School. This is a massive undertaking but will accomplish many of the much needed improvements.

The Commission has been invited to the grand opening of the Kibby Property. This was a property that was acquired by the Town of Weymouth, with support of the Commission. It is another step in the completion of the Back River Trail. Jim Clarke, the former Planning Director was recognized for his efforts on this project.

Motion to adjourn was made by Janelle Quinn and voted unanimously at 8:30PM.

**Next meeting will be on (to be determined) \_ at \_\_\_\_\_ PM.**