

Belmont Recreation Commission

December 16, 2013 Minutes

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In attendance:

David Kane, Chairman

Ann Bere

Katy Bonnin, Secretary

Anthony Ferrante, CPC Liaison

Lynn Findlay

June Howell (Management Liaison)

Jensen Lozano, Vice Chairman

Joe Urciuolo

Absent: Laurie Carlson, Bailey Thaxton-Paine

Guests: Underwood Pool Building Committee and BH+A representatives

Notes key: CPC=Community Preservation Committee, Recreation Commission = RC, Recreation Department = RD, Underwood Pool Building Committee (UPBC)

- I. General and Ongoing Business
 - A. Rink Snack Bar: 3 year lease expires in 2014. Current lease is \$2,000 for the rink season. RC voted to:
 - Set lease for rink Snack Bar at \$2,000.00 per year (for multi-season operation) for 2014, 2015 and 2016 (Current operator = John Madden, contract will go to bid early '14). Approved.
 - Allow renovation of Snack Bar for multi-season use (e.g.; add pass-through window) with Town of Belmont, Department of Public Works approval. No allocation of RD funds toward the costs of this renovation or expansion. Approved.Joe Urciuolo to research costs of renovation/expansion and identify source of funding for this work. Agreed community groups may be asked to consider sharing costs.
 - B. Review of Revenue sources for RD (Handout)
 - i. Discussion re; facility rental fee disparity for community groups between RD and BPS focusing on high operating cost facilities such as rink vs. Higgenbottom pool.
 - ii. Lack of transparency related to Higgenbottom pool hourly rental rates for Belmont Community frustrating to users.
 - C. 2014-15 Program and Membership Fees
 - Increase Skating Rink rental fees only. 2014-2015 hourly ice rental rate will increase to \$225.00 (BYHA)/\$250.00 (Other private groups). Approved.
 - D. 'Permit to Allow Dogs on Town Fields'. Approved.
 - Replaces 'Goosebuster' program.
 - Permitting process to cycle with dog licensing renewal to increase awareness and revenue.
 - Cost \$40.00 (unchanged from 2013)

- II.
 - Added for dog owners: Initial assessment with Belmont's ACO Administration
 - A. Anthony Ferrante voted/confirmed as CPC Liaison
 - B. Election of Officers: Jensen Lozano, Vice Chairman and Katy Bonnin, Secretary
 - C. Dates for 2014 Meetings set: Monday 1/27, Monday 2/24, Monday 3/24, Monday 4/28, Monday May 19
 - D. Lynn Findlay will attend Dec. 17 Higgenbottom Pool meeting at BHS on behalf of RC

At approx. 8:00pm, RC meeting closed and joint meeting was held with Underwood Pool Building Committee to review feedback from UPBC public meetings and gather RD and RC ideas for New Underwood Pool.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 27, 2014

Please let June know if you have any items you would like discussed on the January Agenda
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