

- **Belmont Recreation Commission**
- **Minutes of Meeting of December 3, 2001**

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- Attendance:

- Lee Barber	- Dan MacAuley	- Peter Pomponi
- Paul Graham	- Mary Ann Johnson	- Dante Muzzioli
- Kathleen King	- Richard Wright	

- Domenic Paratore, President of Belmont Youth Basketball Association and his Treasurer, Joe Connelly, attended to update the Commission on the program, which the Recreation Commission has co-sponsored since its beginning in 1976. There are presently 730 youngsters registered for this program, as it remains to be very popular. The newly implemented system for registration and increased gym time has worked well. Concern was expressed over the removal of some old baskets at the High School, and storage and usage of baskets there as well. We will check with the appropriate departments to expedite the removal of the broken equipment.

- Two letters requesting approval for “goosebuster” dog permits for the Grove St. Playground were reviewed and the request was unanimously approved.

- It was suggested that we call the Lexington Recreation Dept. to follow up on the letter sent to them in October. That letter was in reference to their participation in the Belmont S.P.O.R.T. Program.

- The condition of the Zamboni has become a concern. It is showing its age. The Director was instructed to contact the Buildings & Grounds Dept. on plans for a back-up machine should this one break down, and the status of the Capital Budget request for a new one.

- The need for a handicapped viewing ramp at the skating rink was discussed.

- Mike Collins attended and suggested that the Department coordinate a Town-wide “Skate, Ski and Board Swap”. The Commission was responsive to the idea with a possible date of next fall considered, perhaps at the High School Field House.

- A discussion was held on the merits of further advertising at the Rink.

- Approval was given to do an interest article to see if the once popular Men’s Fast-Pitch Softball program can be revived.

- A discussion was held on the possibility of a significant hourly rate increase for Rink Managers. This would have to be part of the budget process that is about to begin.

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- The strategy for the upcoming budget, FY 2003, in which both a level funded and a mandated 4% budget reduction must be turned in, was approved. A decision was made to review fees for Spring and Summer programs.

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- Lee Barber gave an update on the M.D.C. Soccer field project. A meeting among all concerned groups is scheduled in the near future.

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- The Commission agreed to request that the Capital Budget Committee approve the purchase of a new van for the S.P.O.R.T. Program.

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