

## **Belmont Recreation Commission Minutes of Meeting of December 8, 2003**

Attendance:

Lee Barber, MaryAnn Johnson, Daniel MacAuley, Peter Pomponi, Kathleen Ruane, Richard Wright

Meeting Called to Order at 7:04 p.m.

Joyce Muno, Asst. Town Administrator, and June Howell, Recreation Program Supervisor, attended to explain the new online registration program that will begin next year. The Commission members asked questions concerning this, and were given a list of decisions to make before it begins. They will return in January to demonstrate how it will work. The response of the Commission was positive for this new registration program.

Peter Castanino, Director of the D.P.W., attended. A lengthy discussion was held on the short and long range maintenance needs of all of the Town's recreational facilities. It was determined to have the Commission put together a realistic short list of the most urgent needs at Underwood Pool, Viglirolo Skating Rink, the Tot-Lots, Tennis Courts and Athletic Fields. Current budget needs for repairs were also discussed, as well as improved storage and parking for the new Department van.

School year programs were reviewed. The Commission voted to support the Youth Commission Family Night on March 11. The Commission also approved the sponsorship of 2 new programs, Children's Musical Theatre and February School Vacation Camp, pending school availability. A Youth Hockey Day on January 17 at the BHS hockey double header vs. Burlington was approved. In conjunction with BHS Athletics, Belmont Recreation and Ranger Hockey players will be given free admission to the games that day.

Kathy Ruane gave an update on the safety audit report for Joey's Park which is due within the week. A report was given on the meeting on the potential golf center, the proposed area may not be big enough for this facility.

An update was given on the rink advertising program. The revenue generated from this will offset the loss of two rental hours from last season. Wednesday and Friday nights are still available for season rentals as two groups did not return.

A discussion was held on the FY05 budget. The Commission supported the Director's recommendation that an attempt be made to add several weeks to popular summer day camp programs through a level service budget request.

Due to a lack of heat in Conference Room 1, the Commission voted to seek another room in the Town Hall for upcoming winter meeting dates.

The Commission election of officers was postponed until the January meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.