

Belmont Recreation Commission

Minutes of Meeting of January 27, 2003

Attendance:

Lee Barber	Richard Wright
MaryAnn Johnson	Peter Pomponi
Kathleen Ruane	Daniel MacAuley
C. Paul Graham	Dante Muzzioli

7:02 p.m. Meeting Called to Order

The Chairman thoughtfully brought coffee for all of the members on a sub-freezing night.

A discussion was held on the possibility of adding late night rink rental hours, 11 p.m. – midnight, 2 nights a week, on a trial basis if there is a demand for such

A review of fee recommendations from the Sub-Committee was held. It was recommended and approved to adjust the Nashoba transportation cost and make an adjustment in another area. Any rate change not approved this year will be reviewed next year. Increases and budget totals were unanimously approved. The Fees Sub-Committee, MaryAnn Johnson, Kathy Ruane and Peter Pomponi are commended for their efforts.

A discussion was held on improving the phone situation at the rink in the event of an emergency. Chairman Barber will work on this issue and guarantees improvement.

A discussion was held on advertising at the rink and the potential revenue this could provide the Town. The policy will need to be discussed and updated before the next rink season.

Paul Graham expressed his continuing concern about vehicles driving around the barrier gates at the rink entrance. A letter will be sent to appropriate Town departments on this matter.

The continuing question of a “dog park” in Belmont was once again brought up. The Commission wants to again clearly state its policy that the playgrounds and fields are not available for this purpose.

The Commission approved the possibility of checking into historic grant funding for Underwood Pool improvements. Short and long-term goals for this facility were discussed.

The Commission agreed to write to the School Committee to request a review of the policy prohibiting use of the Higginbottom Pool during college testing.

The policy on early dismissal from summer programs will be discussed at a future meeting.

Lee Barber mentioned progress toward an improved system on school building permits.

A request from the Foundation for Belmont Education for a campership was approved.

9:04 p.m. Meeting Adjourned