

**Town of Provincetown
Recreation Commission Meeting
Provincetown Community Center
44 Bradford Street Provincetown MA 02657**

Minutes of Thursday February 5th , 2009

Members Present: Treg Kaeselau, Bronwyn Malicoat, Cass Benson, Susan Cook, Carrie Notaro

Members Absent: Jill Macara

Also in attendance: Recreation Director, Brandon Motta; part time assistant to the recreation Director, Elizabeth Jackett

Call to order: 6:05 pm

Public Comment: None

Directors Report

>Treg and I met with the board of selectmen on, last Wednesday Jan. 28th .We discussed the budget I have submitted to the town manager. I presented them with a full schedule of events that happen at the community center, which included fees, and number of people registered in programs. I then presented them with all the information needed to support the need for our department as part of the FY 2010 town budget. Unfortunately they then voted 3-1 to submit our entire budget as a prop 2 ½ override for town meeting to decide. This is a very uncertain game we are playing. All is well if the override passes at town meeting and at the polls, but if it fails the entire department will be wiped out of the budget, and who knows if it will ever reappear. This is a similar situation to last years override, but now the entire department rides on this override decision.

This is not what we wanted to happen, but it has happen and we now have to turn our attention to getting every one out to vote and town meeting, and at the polls. I will provide everyone with the correct information as it is related to amount of money it will cost the taxpayers per household, as soon as I get it from Alix. We need to come up with a huge campaign for the over ride; make phone call lists, email lists, signs, and other stuff that will improve our chances. We just need to spread the word around town that the community center is a necessity, and provides low cost services, and hopefully everyone will come out and vote for us.

>Also, the school committee has requested a sit down with them at their next school committee meeting to discuss combination of resources, programs, and the possibility of bringing the rec department to the school. We will not commit to anything while we are there, we just want to get together and discuss some possibilities. Although I am sure their objective is to move the entire department into the school.

I had made up a proposal for them which outlines our needs to run efficiently at the school. Please add more things that you feel are necessary, I believe that I am missing some things.

Carrie – We need to make up a pamphlet that outlines our override, which explains what our article entails. Then we need to get a campaign together and hand these out to all associated with the community center, and all taxpayers we know.

Brandon – That’s a great idea, but unfortunately Elizabeth and I will not be able to participate in promoting our override, it’s a conflict of interest. You, the recreation commission, will have to do all the promoting yourselves, I will provide you with all the correct information needed, but other than that, we can’t participate.

Fundraising:

Carrie – Outer cape auction will be having another auction on feb. 15th and terry is wondering if we would like to have a bake sale again.

Treg- I think that we should put this on hold, considering we have a lot on our plate at the moment. All other members agree to concentrate on the override vote at town meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business :

Minutes: Reviewed and accepted as written. Moved by Carrie, Second by Cass, unanimous.

Motion to adjourn: Carrie, Second by Bronwyn. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned: 7:00