

**Town of Provincetown
Recreation Commission Meeting
Provincetown Community Center
44 Bradford Street Provincetown MA 02657
Minutes of Thursday December 10th, 2009**

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

Members Absent: Bronwyn Malicoat, Jill Macara

Also in attendance: Recreation Director, Brandon Motta; part time assistant to the recreation Director, Elizabeth Jackett, Pru Sowers, Jen Kopec, Bart Murrell, Stephen Cohen, Tom Coen. Sharon Lynn, Greg Anton, Ron Rolillard, Paul Ceasan, Deb Trovato, Beth Singer, Mary A. Wells, Jane Kogan, John Living Stone, Joanne Gaffney, Sara Baily, Dana D, Jane Cogan.

Call to order: 6:00pm

New Business A) Suzanne's Garden Update: Brian Carlson

Brian: Town has received the Parc grant of \$130,000, which will be used to purchase Suzanne's garden. As a stipulation, acquired by a vote by the recreation commission in august, the recreation department will be Stuarts of the property. Land bank funds can be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the garden.

Cass: Motion to sign the Parc grant agreement

Second by Susan

Vote 4-0

Public Comment: Jane Cogan – Urges the Recreation commission not to consider moving the recreation department into the school.

Greg Anton- Teaches yoga at Community center, also urges the Rec commission not to consider moving the recreation department into the schools. A previous town meeting in 1999 defeated a similar article to move the recreation department into the school systems. This is a community center; it's for all ages, not just children.

Stephan Cohen – Urges the Recreation commission not to consider the consolidation of the recreation department into the school systems.

Sara Baily – Has a house next door. Wants to know what will be done with the building, what will replace the building, and to who's advantage is it for the community center to be closed?

Bart Murell – Teaches Pilates class at the community center, and urges the recreation commission not to consolidate.

Joanne Gaffney – takes yoga and dance class at community center, and would also urge the recreation commission not to consolidate.

Paul Ceasan – Spoke against the consolidation

John Livingstone – Meaning goes way beyond the physical building, a community needs a community center, especially in these times.

Old Business:

None

New Business :

A) Discussion with Town Manager and School Superintendent: To see if the Recreation commission would be willing to explore the possibility of consolidation

into the Provincetown School systems.

Dr. Beth Singer – recommends that the recreation commission should look into combining the children programs with the schools. Is not in anyway here to take away a community center, just here to see if we could combine on some programs.

Sharon Lynn- We are in no way looking to close down the community center, we are here to ask the recreation commission if they would be willing to look at their present situation. Four years ago the building repairs were assed at \$617, 000, which included new shingling, new doors, new windows, and a new boiler system. Along with other town buildings the community center needs repairs. We want to look at all the possibilities and decide which is best for both the children and the town. Whether that means the recreation department should consolidation with the school, or whether we should make repairs to buildings, we don't know yet. I come before you and ask to form a subcommittee of town staff, myself, and the recreation director, and school committee and staff.

Brandon- I would agree with the town manager, being is that the course of the recreation department needs to be changed; we need a better facility to facilitate all of the departments needs. If you do vote to create a subcommittee, I would suggest that we select two or three members of the community currently present to the subcommittee. As we have heard earlier tonight, we have many concerned community members, and they should be a part of this process.

Treg – I agree that three community members should take part in the subcommittee.

Treg- motion to form a working group or subcommittee to discuss all aspects of recreation department and all community center programs.

Susan – Second

Vote 3-0

Directors Report:

None

Assistant Directors Report:

None

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

Motion to adjourn: Susan, Second by Cass. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned: 7:20 pm