



**REPORT OF  
RECREATION COMMISSION  
ROAD TRIP SUBCOMMITTEE**

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The Town of Barnstable Recreation Commission's mission is as an advisory board to the Recreation Division and Hyannis Youth and Community Center, which provide a variety of opportunities and choices for Barnstable citizens and visitors to achieve their human potential while preserving and protecting the integrity of the natural environment that will enhance the quality of life for the individuals, families and the community at large within the Town. The 2012 Recreation Commission members are: Joe O'Brien, Chairperson; Clyde Takala, Vice Chairperson; Rene King; Steve Mele; Katherine Pina; Richard Sawyer; and Kevin Turner. Dr. Debra Dagwan serves as our Town Council Liaison and Patti Machado, Director of Leisure Services, serves as our Staff Liaison.

During the 2012 Recreation Commission spring session and bolstered by a request of Town Manager Tom Lynch, the Commission voted unanimously to move outside the boundaries of our monthly meetings and physically visit each facility that falls either entirely and/or partially under our charter. There was general Town Council interest in the tours as was reflected through their response to Councilor Debra Dagwan and Town Manager Tom Lynch's reports to the Town Council. We kicked off our road trip in May 2012 and ended our tour in September 2012. The Recreation Commission visited all seven villages in the town of Barnstable, MA and over 80 recreation facilities, including school fields and playgrounds that fall under Recreation under the Town charter after 3 pm and when school is not in session. The facilities we examined included, but are not limited to beaches, playgrounds, handicap-accessible playgrounds, several buildings that house numerous recreation activities, bathhouses, soccer fields, baseball fields, lacrosse fields, field hockey fields, basketball courts, the skate park, community gardens, multi-purpose fields, tennis courts, the disc golf course, picnic grounds, blacktop game areas, a horse farm, various walking trails and more. In addition to the Recreation Commission, Town Council Liaison and Staff Liaison, we were joined on some of our tours by Town Councilors James Cote and Jessica Rapp-Grassetti, Director of Community Services Lynne Poyant, Community Preservation Committee Project Coordinator Alisha Parker and members of the press - Ed Maroney of the Barnstable Patriot and Laura Reckford of the Barnstable Enterprise. Representatives of the Cotuit Civic Association joined us for our Cotuit tour along with users of the Cotuit Tennis Courts. Members of the Barnstable Dog Park Committee joined us at Hathaway's Pond.

We observed facilities "Working as Planned", other facilities were almost where we'd like them to be and finally a list of nine facilities that require our attention/assistance in a short amount of time. The facilities "Working as Planned" all shared a few common characteristics: safety measures were visible, locations were actively used by the community and maintenance, at least in part, was shared by key stakeholders in our community. The areas that require short- and/or long-term actions most often shared the following characteristics: had some level of safety concerns, showed signs of limited/no maintenance, under-/over-utilized or missing all together.

Included is the following information:

1. Prioritized list of recommendations
2. Brief description of each Recreation location we visited
3. Recreation Commission recommended Gold, Silver & Bronze Recognition

Appendix: Detailed Scorecard

## 2012 Recreation Commission Prioritized List

New legislation passed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts concerning the Community Preservation Act (CPA) has created an opportunity for all Massachusetts communities to create and upgrade recreational areas already in existence. Previous legislation only permitted recreational capital improvements on open space purchased by Community Preservation funds. This has opened up an opportunity for the Town of Barnstable to secure funds to improve our recreational facilities.

However the Act also more clearly defined the uses of these funds as only for capital improvements and forbids use of these funds for maintenance of proprieties. As such, the Barnstable Recreation Commission, with the CPA amendment in mind, has prioritized projects with the intent of applying for CPA Funds for such capital improvements. Therefore, criteria was formed to better define use of CPA funds: does the use of these funds serve more than one purpose such as safety needs, historical needs, Disability Act requirements and increased recreational use. The Barnstable Recreation Commission is therefore listing their top nine properties that would meet these criteria.

In addition, at Town Manager Tom Lynch's request, the Recreation Commission was asked to evaluate Recreation property to see if a comprehensive plan, such as the previously Town Council funded Coastal Access Plan, might be appropriate for the restoration of Recreation property.

A 2012 Recreation Commission Road Trip subcommittee was formed. Members of the subcommittee included: Joseph O'Brien (Recreation Commission Chair), Patti Machado (Director of Leisure Services), Richard Sawyer (Recreation Commission Liaison to the Community Preservation Commission) and Rene King (Recreation Commission Road Trip Subcommittee Chair). The Subcommittee's objectives were to:

1. Define the selection criteria for our recommendation
2. Prioritize the top 9-10 initiatives including our justification.
3. Develop the draft report that will be reviewed and signed off by the Recreation Commission and the Recreation Commission Town Council Liaison.
4. Develop a recommendation, pending a vote and approval by the Recreation Commission, for a new Recreation Community Recognition Award.
5. Present findings/recommendations of the 2012 Recreation Commission Road Trip, as required.

The Recreation Road Trip Subcommittee defined the following Selection Criteria:

1. **Safety:** including both staff/customers and limited/no usage due to current safety issues
2. **Usage:** including active community usage; involvement of both local/other organization support
3. **Diverse populations:** including age, gender, race, disability other
4. **Shared responsibilities:** fully or partially funded and/or maintained
5. **Village Equity:** across all seven villages including: Barnstable; Centerville; Cotuit; Hyannis; Marstons Mills; Osterville; West Barnstable
6. **Growth potential:** including increased usage, community satisfaction and/or revenue

	Recommended Capital Project (Village)	Justification Categories					
		Safety 4 all	Usage Counts	Diverse Population	Shared Responsibility	Village Equity	Growth Potential
1	Craigville Beach House (Centerville)	x	x	x	x	x	x
2	Lombard Field (West Barnstable)	x	x	x	x	x	x
3	Osterville Bay Fields, playground, tennis courts (Osterville)	x	NA	x	NA	x	x
4	Skate Park (Hyannis)	x	x	x	x	x	x
5	Lopes Field (Hyannis)	x	x	x	x	x	x
6	Marstons Mills Elementary Route 28 (Marstons Mills)	x	x	x	x	x	x
7	Veterans Beach Park Playground & Other (Hyannis)	x	x	x	x	x	x
8	Barnstable West Barnstable Tennis Courts (West Barnstable)	x	Not applicable: Facility not in usable condition			x	x
9	Tennis Courts (Cotuit)	x	Not applicable: Facility not in usable condition			x	x

It is the intention of the Barnstable Recreation Commission to file letters of intent for eligible properties to the Community Preservation Committee during the November-December cycle.

## CENTERVILLE

1. **CRAIGVILLE BEACH:** One of the most popular warm water beaches on Nantucket Sound. Parking available to out-of-town residents for a daily fee. Handicap accessible bathhouse and a ramp provided to the Town by a local boy scout with two handicap wheelchairs available daily free of charge. There is ample parking space with three lots available which are in need of some repairs. The Best Buddies lot set up with the entrance and exit of vehicles as well as pedestrian traffic all in the same location is an accident waiting to happen. The West Gate Lot entrance is also a dangerous intersection with three traffic flows entering the same area. There are two restaurants directly across the street. Lifeguards provided from Memorial Day Weekend (weekends only) until last Saturday in June and then daily until Labor Day. Lifeguard and Jr. Lifeguard Training programs are instructed at this site during the week. The fence between the Craigville Beach Association and the Town beach is a safety concern and needs to be addressed. The bathhouse is equipped with ample bathrooms, changing rooms and outdoor showers. The site has a handicap entrance from the front, but no beachside entrance. It does not meet the standards required. There are nocturnal animals living under the floorboards. The bathroom stalls are falling apart. This entire site is functioning in spite of its condition. The Recreation Commission believes the overall condition of this facility is deplorable as this is a destination for many of the community's visitors. **(CIP – entire site project)**
2. **COVELL'S BEACH:** Beach sticker required. Handicap parking available, but the bathrooms and showers on premises are not accessible. The Barnstable Disability Commission provides the beach with a portable accessible toilet. Also the restroom facilities are not sufficient for the number of patrons serviced daily. We have one toilet and a urinal that is so high off the ground that no one is able to utilize it on the men's room side and two in the ladies room.. There are no changing facilities, which is our biggest complaint due to a population that thinks nothing of changing in public on the beach. Lifeguards provided from Memorial Day Weekend (weekends only) until last Saturday in June and then daily until Labor Day. This site offers a large Red Cross Swim Program. A volleyball court is available and ball playing in this area is permitted. There is a handicap ramp donated by the Osterville Village Association with a bench on the end provided by a local resident. This site has a mobile food/drink vendor. The parking lot does fill many weekend days. The lot could use some work. The exterior fence is in disrepair. The Department of Public Works has recently done some repairs on the building and has done a nice job with the overall maintenance. **(CIP to provide the service on the facility that is demanded by the use of the beach.)**
3. **CENTERVILLE RECREATION - PLAYGROUND:** Friends of the Centerville Playground, a subcommittee of the Centerville Civic Association, is currently raising funds for repairs and improvement of this property. This includes repair and replacement of playground equipment, resurfacing entrance from the back, resurfacing with various products to increase playing safely on the playground, plantings and stabilizing erosion and wash out issues, providing additional entrance to the playground from Main Street with an arbor, and making the area handicap accessible. **(Maintenance)**
4. **FIELD OF DREAMS:** Located behind the building is a small field space that is all weeds. The baseball diamond is barely made out and the benches are dangerously placed. The backstop needs replacement as there is wood at the bottom to stop missed balls from going behind it. The field has been damaged greatly by vehicles purposely driving and leaving big ditches throughout the field. This field is able to have young players

programs operate on it if it is made playable. It is currently utilized by the Summer Leisure Program and the Centerville Civic Association for special events. **(CIP – Long range –Maintenance for the field)**

5. **CENTERVILLE RECREATION – BUILDING:** Has three rooms on the main floor, which are handicap accessible through a lift from the rear and new ramp from the front parking lot. This floor has handicap accessible bathrooms. This facility is rented by various groups and organizations and houses one of our Summer Leisure Programs, Parents' Night Out Program and numerous Friday Night Socials for our special needs adults. The room with the kitchen has a large TV donated to the Friday Night Social by the Figawi Charities and a DVD player for the group, and with much equipment stored for Recreation programs, it is off limits to outside organizations to rent. There is a room upstairs that has a beautiful mural painted by Vernon Coleman. This room is not handicap accessible and has a narrow stairway leading up to it. There is also a large room in the basement that is handicap accessible. The handicap access is from the rear entrance only. There are handicap accessible bathrooms available as well. The Department of Public Works has gone above and beyond to assist in the upkeep of this facility with little financial support directed to this facility. **(Maintenance)**
6. **CENTERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** Serves as a site for another Leisure Program in the summer. With facilities outside that include two playgrounds and a walking track with some field play area included. This site is in need of maintenance and the Big Toy Playground is dangerous and needs replacement. **(CIP – Playground & grounds upgrade)**
7. **LEO A. CHILDS MEMORIAL PARK - CENTERVILLE RECREATION BAY LANE PROPERTY -** Two fields (one with dugouts) and two tennis courts that were re-done a few years ago. Handicap accessible. The Barnstable Little League maintains the fields and the dugouts. The area around it could use some maintenance. The Tennis courts are in good condition. **(Maintenance)**
8. **SAMUEL'S PROPERTY:** Located on Old Stage Road, this is a beautiful piece of property with some pretty sites for an area close to a busy roadway. There is a meadow and walking trails through out a wooded area overlooking a stream and an old bog. Commission looked at the possibility for this site to be a future dog park, but the deed has some restrictions. **(Maintenance)**
9. **WEQUAQUET LAKE:** Resident only site with very little parking and on a very busy road. This site provides tree coverage for patrons at the beach. Found to be an ideal setting for young children. There is a handicap ramp leading to the beach from the parking lot and the bathrooms are handicap accessible with a handicap wheel chair available. There is a mobile food/drink vendor, restrooms and showers on premises. Lifeguards are available from the last Saturday in June to mid-August, with a swim program of over 100 participants enrolled. The parking and beach size is this facility's problem. The Barnstable Rowing Club and Cape Cod Rowing Club also work out of this site as a temporary site. Shoot Flying Hill Road is very busy and the boat ramp location makes this a very congested area. The bathhouse facilities and site are well maintained by DPW. **(Maintenance)**
- **If any property adjacent to Wequaquet Lake were to become available that would provide safer and ample service for use, the Town would benefit greatly in providing improved services. (CIP)**

## OSTERVILLE

1. **JOSHUA'S POND:** Resident beach sticker required. Restrooms and parking on-site. This site is not handicap accessible due to the steep hill to the water and the amount of space required to provide access. The bathhouse is in need of some TLC, and the lifeguards have no space for storage or space for inclement weather or lunch breaks. The outside is cement block and does not have any character. There is a mobile food/drink vendor, restrooms, and showers on premises. Lifeguards are available from the last Saturday in June to mid-August, with a swim program of over 50 participants enrolled. The stairs going down to the beach are beautiful and bring character to the site. The last step is a big drop for many of the site's patrons. The parking lot needs some definition (lines) for parking and the center circle needs some work as well as the grass area that has washed out and has left the site with a large crevasse that can cause tripping. The new areas located behind and beside the bathhouse would be enhanced by adding picnic tables. **(Maintenance)**
2. **DOWSES BEACH:** Resident beach sticker required. No ball playing allowed. This site is the first to fill most weekends and some weekdays. Lifeguards provided from Memorial Day Weekend (weekends only) until last Saturday in June and then daily until Labor Day. This site offers the largest Red Cross Swim Program with over 250 participants. The Bathhouse is not handicap accessible. The Department of Public Works provides a portable toilet from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day. There is a handicap ramp that was provided by the Osterville Rotary Club. There is a Handicap wheelchair and about ten years ago a handicap shower was built on the beach by DPW. The mobile food/drink vendor is operated by the Osterville Rotary Club. This year the Dowses Staff was given money by the Osterville Rotary Club to plant gardens and put up window boxes to help beautify the facility. The bathhouse provides restrooms with an outdoor shower. This facility has the charm that the Commission would like to see at its other beach sites. The DPW brought real character in the renovations provided to this bathhouse. The fishing pier located at the end of the parking lot on the jetty provides all the opportunity to enjoy fishing. **(Maintenance)**
3. **OSTERVILLE BAY OUTDOOR FACILITIES:** There are two youth/baseball or softball fields that are overgrown with weeds and while the diamonds are defined, they are not cleanly usable. A cedar tree grew in one field that was over two feet tall. The benches were unusable and unsafe. The backstops were in fair condition, but in need of some repair. The field was almost all green weeds and with many truck tire ruts throughout the field making it unplayable. The playground has unsafe surfacing. This needs to be replaced. Osterville has no usable playground space of any kind. The entire site could provide increased community use since it no longer has restrictions for use during school hours. The basketball courts and the playground impede the opportunities for field use with the current layout of the property. A new design needs to be developed to define the opportunity of specific play elements. The tennis courts have big frost heaves and weeds growing throughout it which makes it difficult to play a game of tennis or pickle ball. This facility is ideal for numerous uses if planned correctly. **(CIP)**
4. **OSTERVILLE RECREATION BUILDING:** This facility is lacking appropriate ventilation and natural light. It is a concrete building with very little character. The village of Osterville needs a facility and the Town needs gymnasium and meeting space. Many Commissioners were concerned for their health in being in the building. The Recreation

Commission strongly recommends a study be done to evaluate the safety of anyone using this building. The large room has a small kitchen in it and is a nice size space, but has no natural light or windows. The bathrooms are handicap accessible. More storage could be used as the office and mechanical rooms are utilized for this purpose. This building gets great use because of the demand for space. **(CIP)**

## **COTUIT**

1. **LOWELL PARK:** Elizabeth Lowell Park is home to the Cape Cod Baseball League's Cotuit Kettleers. Since 2004, the Cotuit Athletic Association has invested in a new press box building, a new infield, new first base bleachers, new backstop and fencing, and a new scoreboard with some help from the Yawkey Foundation. As funds allow, expansion of parking, new third-base grandstands, construction of new restrooms, and a new outfield will begin. <http://www.kettleers.org/lowell-park/>
2. **LOOP BEACH:** Beach sticker required. Lifeguards are available from the last Saturday in June to mid-August, with a swim program of over 100 participants enrolled. The beach is handicap accessible, the bathhouse and outdoor shower are not. The Barnstable Disability Commission provides a portable accessible toilet from the last Saturday in June to Labor Day. This bathhouse is not adequate for the number of patrons it serves. This site features one jetty and point-style breakwater. The tides cause dangerous currents. Small parking lot, restrooms and a bathhouse on-site. Popular night fishing spot.  
**(Maintenance) (CIP for a new bathhouse)**
3. **ROPES BEACH:** Doubles as a local neighborhood dinghy and boat launch. The Mosquito Yacht Club's Kayaking program operates off this property. It is adjacent to the Mosquito Yacht Club, an association established in 1950. No Lifeguard or staff provided at this site. **(Maintenance)**
4. **COTUIT TENNIS COURTS:** We were met by a wonderful group of passionate users of this court. The court has big heaves which make it challenging to play and any serious tennis player would not play on these courts. The repairs are beyond mending with weeds that have taken over the cracks. **(CIP)**
- **Any property that would become available with water access would greatly impact this village with such limited access currently.**

## **WEST BARNSTABLE**

1. **LUKE'S LOVE BOUNDLESS PLAYGROUND:** This is a completely handicap accessible playground founded in 2010. Includes jungle gym, see-saw, slides and swings. Benches and tables are included within the playground boundaries making it easy for parents to watch their children comfortably. Recreation pays for a portable handicap toilet. Free parking. Project was done and maintained by donations. **(Maintenance – handled by parent and volunteers)**
2. **LOMBARD FIELD:** Community softball park and athletic field. This site is rented by numerous groups, such as girls' youth softball, women's softball, Senior softball, and Men's softball. The site hosts various tournaments as well. Lights available for night games. Free parking. This site is at water level. There are ruts in the field that are dangerous and the fence is in disrepair. Inside the Nickerson press box is in need of



attention. Benches are safe. The infield has grown in as it is complete stone dust and needs to be upgraded to today's standards. **(CIP)**

3. **WEST BARNSTABLE COMMUNITY BUILDING:** The DPW has done an amazing job renovating this facility. It has a wonderful character for the village of West Barnstable. The user groups have contributed greatly by providing chairs. They are working towards the replacement of fire retardant blinds that will enhance the facility. The basement provides storage for many users. The main floor is handicap accessible with a unisex bathroom. There are men's and ladies' rooms located in the basement along with the ability to lock them off for Tournaments or events held on the grounds. The users have really stepped up with donations and cooperation for this facility. **(Maintenance)**
4. **BARNSTABLE WEST BARNSTABLE PLAYGROUNDS:** There are currently two playground locations at this school and part of one is in good condition. The others need some maintenance. Tables are broken and some of the elements on the playground need repair. **(Maintenance)**
5. **BARNSTABLE WEST BARNSTABLE TENNIS COURTS:** NOT USABLE in any way...these should be removed immediately! The tennis courts are located far behind the school and not accessible during school hours. The Commission would like to suggest that we look at another site for this in Barnstable Village. **(CIP)**
6. **BARNSTABLE WEST BARNSTABLE FIELDS:** The fields are grass and in better condition than many we looked at, but the diamonds, backstops and benches need some work. **(Maintenance)**

## **BARNSTABLE**

1. **MILLWAY BEACH:** Resident only beach. Lifeguards are available from the last Saturday in June to mid-August, with a swim program that has continued to grow in popularity. This site has very little water when the tide goes out and the tides produce a dangerous current during immediate changes. The swim program is different from the set up of all the other programs in Town due to the drastic swim area tidal changes. The bathhouse is nice with one stall in each bathroom and a urinal in the men's room. Millway has a separate handicap bathroom available. The outdoor shower is located behind the bathhouse. The views are spectacular and the handicap accessible deck really enhances the property. The very limited parking is available at this site and issues with boat owners taking spaces really limits the use of the beach. **(Maintenance)**
2. **BARNSTABLE HOLLOW:** There is a small playground that was donated with a perpetual fund to provide ongoing maintenance. It cost the Town nothing to build and maintain. The playground company who put it in evaluates the facility regularly and lets the Town know what needs to be done and the money in the fund takes care of it. **(No Maintenance)** The field, on the other hand, is a youth only field as it is too small for others. The field is over grown and barely recognizable as one. There is little grass, it is mainly weeds. The Commission loved the flag pole that really stood out as a positive asset to this space. The Barnstable Civic Association has its annual Fourth of July event here and it is a highlight for this village in the summer. Electricity is made available by the Town on this site. **(CIP)**

## MARSTONS MILLS

1. **HAMBLIN'S POND:** Resident only beach. This site could use some care. Gate staff are present from the last Saturday in June to mid-August. The bathrooms are handicap accessible with a handicap wheelchair available. There is no storage facility for staff during foul weather. The grounds need some work and the swim area and beach are being taken over by invasive plants. The parking lot is dirt and stone dust and has large low areas which hold puddles for long periods of time. This site with the addition of picnic tables and some work could be a real gem for the village of Marstons Mills. Adjacent to Burgess Park. Many enjoy fishing at this site. **(CIP)**
2. **BURGESS PARK:** Was purchased by the Town in 1989 for its historic and scenic values. It has proven to be a very popular park for many different activities, most notably disc golf. The village survey revealed that this property is favored second only to the pond beaches and is also identified as one of the valued scenic views. Concern was expressed however, for the incompatible nature and location of play equipment which is in major need of replacement. Disc golf is very popular and with some collaboration with the disc golf users Burgess Park will become the most popular disc golf site in New England. The Cape Cod Disc Golf Club and the Marstons Mills Civic Association have taken on maintaining the property including the playground. This site has been neglected and needs some work. Picnic tables, grills, a volleyball court, gardens, and horseshoe courts are all available. Parking lot is in need of some help. Portable toilets and trash removal provided by the Town. **(CIP).**  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marstons\\_Mills,\\_Massachusetts](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marstons_Mills,_Massachusetts)
3. **ELLEN MCBARRON PARK:** Ellen McBarron was involved in many activities in Barnstable. She fought relentlessly for the underprivileged and to keep our program opportunities free or as low cost as possible. She raised money to make sure NO child was ever turned away from a program in which they wanted to participate. Ellen passed away on March 9, 2002. The site was visited after vandals had torched the portable toilet and caused damage to the electrical box and as a result to the irrigation system. The Barnstable Youth Soccer Program pays for all maintenance costs for this site. The fence around the facility has been vandalized and is in need of replacement along with the parking lot fence. Since our visit the fence along the road was painted by a group of volunteers from Up With People. The Barnstable Youth Soccer Association provided special paint for the project. Collaboration is a wonderful thing. Currently, a well issue is being addressed. **(At this time we will put this site down for Maintenance, but may need to evaluate in the future for CIP)**  
<http://www.capecodonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20020312/OBITS/303129971&cid=sitesearch>
4. **HORSE FARM ON RACE LANE:** In addition to the barn, field and riding stalls is a Ropes Adventure Course provided by the Sheriff's Youth Ranch. Opportunities need to be looked into for future use and opportunities at this site. **(Maintenance)**
5. **WEST VILLAGES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** Behind the school is a ball field that is used and maintained by Barnstable Little League. A shed is on site to provide storage for this operation. Field is in wonderful condition and used for Little League's minor league program. The playground has some elements that are good, but the Big Toy playground is dangerous. The black top games are in need of some minor repairs. **(Maintenance)**
6. **WEST VILLAGES TENNIS COURTS:** If addressed and maintained now will continue to serve the community as a quality facility for both tennis and pickle ball. **(Maintenance)**

7. **GRADE 4/5 SCHOOL FIELDS:** Newly named Barnstable United Elementary School has numerous opportunities and space for large programs and is one of Barnstable Recreation's After School programs busiest sites. With flag football, field hockey, archery, softball, lacrosse all filled to capacity during the school year. The baseball field is maintained by the Barnstable Babe Ruth Program and the Sturgis Public Charter High School. It is in pretty good shape and has a functioning irrigation system. The rest of this field is mostly weeds and goose poop and the irrigation system is not functioning on the rest of the property. The softball field is used regularly by many adult groups at night and the diamond is barely recognizable. **(Maintenance)**
8. **GRADE 4/5 FOOTBALL FIELD AND TRACK:** This field is just weeds with ruts and needs a major overhaul. The Barnstable Youth Lacrosse Association has expressed some interest in taking over this site as the space is ideal for them. The track is a walk about as it does not meet any standards and is in need of some upkeep and the fence is a mess. **(CIP)**

## HYANNIS

1. **HATHAWAY'S POND:** Open to public at a reduced rate of half of all other sites. Grilling, picnicking and recreational areas. This recreational area has recently had the roadway, parking area improved and it has added to the aesthetics of the site. The swings are in need of replacement and the volleyball area needs to be redefined. This site has great potential. The Barnstable Recreation Division and Barnstable Public Schools use this facility for their cross county teams and programs. The Cape Cod Scuba Diving Community has donated picnic tables and regularly does the trash pick up in the area and from the bottom of this pond. Lifeguards are provided from the last Saturday of June to mid-August. The Recreation land is adjacent to the Conservation land and work together for parking outside operational hours for people to walk their dogs.
2. **EUGENIA FORTES BEACH (EAST BEACH):** Beach Sticker only parking. This site has weekend gate staff provided from July to the first week in August only. Limited parking is available with no facilities provided. Small boats are launched from this beach and many dinghies are stored on the beach.
3. **SEA STREET BEACH (KEYES BEACH):** Public beach with ample paid parking. Picnic area, grills, restrooms and bathhouse with changing rooms on-site. This site overlooks the Hyannis Breakwater and provides the only view of the Kennedy Compound. The views from the top of the hill are spectacular. Lifeguards provided from Memorial Day Weekend (weekends only) until last Saturday in June and then daily until Labor Day. Mobile Food/drink available. Handicap accessible with a handicap wheelchair as well.
4. **KALMUS PARK BEACH:** Public beach with handicap parking. Beach house with showers, restrooms and snack bar on-site. Ample parking space. Windsurfers and swimmers use separate parts of the beach.
5. **VETERAN'S PARK BEACH:** Seasonally open public beach, paid parking. Handicap accessible. Restrooms and showers on-site. Restrooms open 9 am -4:30 pm.
6. **JFK MEMORIAL:** Located next to the Veterans' Park Beach and is open with staff on the first weekend in May to Mid-October. The staff provides a service of providing information and selling souvenir hats while also maintaining a presence and taking care of the Veterans' Beach comfort station during the operational hours.
7. **RIDGEWOOD PARK:** This site has some swings and some potential to improve **(CIP)**

8. **SKATE PARK:** This was built 1999 and no money has been provided to maintain it in any way. The facility needs much repair and is continuing to provide a positive environment for many alternative type youth and young adult activities. This site has increased use by BMX bikes as trends have changed and new long skateboards are now being introduced. This facility is in need of a new design to meet the newest needs. Extreme sports are not going away. They are growing and the Town needs to continue to offer these people a safe place to participate in what they are passionate about. The skate park bowls are unique, but now have frost heaves with some weeds growing making it hazardous. It also makes it impossible for the novice skate boarder to navigate. The wood on many of the elements has rotted and is dangerous. This site has a shed for operations. Elbow pads, knee pads and helmets are required for safety and are rented for a nominal fee. The location of this park is ideal and having staff on during operational times has been the reason for the success of our park. **(CIP)**
9. **HYANNIS WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OUTDOOR FACILITIES:** Includes a regulation softball field, a soccer field, outdoor basketball court, youth field
10. **BARNSTABLE HIGH SCHOOL FIELDS:** Not under our jurisdiction at this time.  
**(Maintenance)**
11. **BARNSTABLE HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS COURTS:** These are maintained by the school and are in good condition, but will need some maintenance soon.
12. **BARNSTABLE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL FIELDS:** This site has numerous opportunities and space for large programs and is one of Barnstable Recreation's After School programs busiest sites. With flag football, field hockey, archery, softball, lacrosse all full to capacity during the school year. The nights are busy with Barnstable Lacrosse, Barnstable Youth Soccer and many softball rentals. The field is mostly weeds and goose poop with no irrigation system. This site is very visible and utilized greatly. Safety is an issue on this site. There is ample parking at this site for large programs. We also host our Easter and Halloween events and soon will host a Bike Rodeo at this site. **(CIP)**
13. **LOPES FIELD:** This field is at water level. It is greatly used by the Men's Softball League, Sturgis Charter Public High School and Pope John Paul II High School. The fencing is dangerous and an eyesore. The field is all weeds. The benches were recycled from the original Kennedy Rink and the play could much be improved with a snack bar. Proceeds from the snack bar could assist in helping the groups provide maintenance. The field has weeds and the infield is stone dust. The location of this field makes it highly visible to both residents and visitors. **(CIP)**
14. **BARNSTABLE COMMUNITY HORACE MANN CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL OUTDOOR FACILITIES:** Including three individual playgrounds for different age groups, a soccer field and two baseball fields. The Lorusso Field and the other baseball field are maintained by the Barnstable Little League. The property has an outdoor basketball court that is used in conjunction with many tournaments held at the Hyannis Youth & Community Center. This is a very busy space. **(Maintenance)**
15. **MCKEON PARK:** Home of the Cape Cod Baseball League team Hyannis Harbor Hawks. McKeon Park was named after the late John McKeon, a former member of the Barnstable School Committee known for his support and contributions to the town's athletic programs. [http://www.harborhawks.org/mckeon\\_h.htm](http://www.harborhawks.org/mckeon_h.htm)

## **INTRODUCE THE RECOGNITION AND AWARDS (NON-MONETARY) PROGRAM**

In addition to the recommended Top 9 recreation facility recommendations, the Recreation Road Trip Subcommittee recommends that we take this time to recognize individuals, teams, groups and/or organizations that have gone above and beyond to enhance the quality of life for the individuals, families and the community-at-large within the Town of Barnstable, MA.

### **Gold Stars**

1. Luke's Love Playground
2. Osterville Collaborative
3. Hollow Playground
4. Lowell Park

### **Silver Stars**

1. Barnstable Little League
2. Barnstable Youth Soccer
3. Disc Golf Park
4. Osterville Rotary

### **Bronze Stars**

1. West Barnstable Community Building
2. Skate Park
3. Centerville Playground
4. Scuba Drivers – Cleaning the bottom of the pond
5. Greater Hyannis Civic Association - Program / Transportation

## Appendix: Detailed Scorecard

<b>Centerville (12)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1. Craigville Beach - Building	
2. Craigville Beach - Best Buddies Lot	
3. Covell's –Beach Building	
4. Centerville Recreation- Building	
5. Centerville Recreation - Playground	
6. Centerville Recreation - Field of Dreams	
7. Centerville Elementary School - Playground	
8. Centerville Elementary School – Walking track	
9. Centerville Elementary School - Two Fields	
10. Centerville Elementary School - Tennis Courts	
11. Leo A. Childs Memorial Park - Bay Lane Property	
12. Wequaquet Lake	

<b>Osterville (9)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1. Osterville Elementary School - Two Youth Softball/Baseball Fields	
2. Osterville Elementary School - Soccer/Lacrosse/Field Hockey Fields	
3. Osterville Elementary School - Playground	
4. Joshua's Pond - Building	
5. Dowses Beach - Building	
6. Osterville Recreation - Two Softball Fields	
7. Osterville Recreation - Soccer/Lacrosse/Field Hockey Field	
8. Osterville Recreation - Playground	
9. Osterville Recreation - Tennis Courts	

<b>Cotuit (4)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1. Tennis Courts	Very poor court condition Fencing OK Issue using court for Field Hockey
2. Lowell Park	
3. Ropes Beach	Fair Quality of water issue Poison issue
4. Loop Beach - Building	Potential water issue-floor was wet

<b>West Barnstable (8)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1. West Barnstable Recreation	
2. Luke's Love Playground	Simply "Awesome" Great handicap accessible park; Very nice Brick "Dedication Walk"
3. Lombard Field	Very poor condition needs field work; benches; fence; etc
4. Nickerson Scorers Box Building	
5. BWB Elementary School - 2 Youth Softball/Baseball Fields	Poor condition; Currently local effort to raise funds; Softball field currently <u>not</u> being used by the Rec
6. BWB Elementary School - Tennis Courts	Need attention if we can validate usage
7. BWB Elementary School - Two Playgrounds	Very active PTO; Used to be 4 <sup>th</sup> grade now only up to 3 years old
BWB Elementary School – 8. Hopscotch area	

<b>Barnstable (3)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1.	
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1.Millway Beach - Facility	Very Nice; Well maintained; New Handicap access; 2 life guards all the time due to very strong current
2.Barnstable Hollow -Field	Infield needs to be skinned and stone dust put down
3.Barnstable Hollow -Playground	Very nice; with a perpetual fund; Equipment may be dated

Marstons Mills (MM) (25)	Comments
1. MM Elementary School – Playground	
2. MM - Two Youth Softball/Baseball Fields	
3. MM - Soccer/Lacrosse/Field Hockey Fields	
<b>4. MM - Two Playgrounds</b>	
5. Hamblin’s Pond – Building	
6. Burgess Park -House	
7. Burgess Park – Garage	
8. Burgess Park - Disc Golf	
9. Burgess Park - Picnic Area	
10. Burgess Park – Playground	
11. Ellen McBarron Park - Soccer Field	
12. Ellen McBarron Park - Walking Track	
13. HMCS Grade 4 & 5 –Baseball Field	
14. HMCS Grade 4 & 5 - Softball Field	
15. HMCS Grade 4 & 5 - Football Field	
16. HMCS Grade 4 & 5 - Soccer/Lacrosse/Field	
17. HMCS Grade 4 & 5 - Hockey Field	
18. West Villages Elementary School – Playground	
19. West Villages Elementary - Tennis Courts	
20. West Villages Elementary - Youth Baseball/Softball Field	
21. West Villages Elementary - Outdoor Basketball Court	
22. Horse Farm on Race Lane - Riding Barn	
23. Horse Farm on Race Lane - Stable	
24. Horse Farm on Race Lane - Buildings	
25. Horse Farm on Race Lane - Ropes Course (outdoor adventure)	



<b>Hyannis (20)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1. Hathaway's Pond -Building	Beach needs sand; Scuba divers bought new tables and clean bottom of the pond; New fencing and gravel around parking area; Building in good shape; Re-visit partner SOW with Cross Country Track team to keep rest rooms clean
2. Barnstable Intermediate School-Baseball Field	Fence around field is needed – awful condition; Infield should be skinned; softball field poor condition Fields otherwise OK; Has a Community garden
3. Barnstable Intermediate School-Softball Field	
4. Barnstable Intermediate School-Field Hockey / Lacrosse/Soccer Field	
5. Fortes Beach (East Beach)	
6. Sea St. (Keyes) Beach Building	
7. Kalmus Park Beach -Building include pavilion	
8. Kalmus Park Beach - Park	
9. Veteran's Park Beach - Playground	
10. Veteran's Park Beach - Buildings	
11. Veteran's Park Beach – Parking lot	
12. JFK Memorial	
<b>13. Lopes Field</b>	
14. McKeon Field	
15. HMCC - Lorusso Field	
16. HMCC - HMCCS Fields	
17. HMCC - HMCCS 3 playgrounds	
18. HMCC - HMCCS Garden	
19. Ridgewood Park	
20. Skate Park	

