

# Town of Raynham, Massachusetts

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## Park & Rec Commission Regular Monthly Mtg. 1/3/2017

### MINUTES OF THE RAYNHAM PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION Regular Monthly Meeting, Jan. 3, 2017, 6:00 p.m. South School, 305 South Street East, Raynham, MA

In Attendance: Chairman Jim Brow, Commissioner Chris Shaw, Director Elizabeth Francis, and Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary SJ Blanchard.  
Absent: Commissioner Jim Sullivan.

Chairman Jim Brow called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Chris S. made a motion to approve the minutes of the Dec. 6, 2016 meeting. Jim B. seconded the motion and the two voted in favor.

Liz reported on the following:

- She will be seeking bids for two upcoming projects: the proposed walking trails/off-leash dog area and the refurbishing of the town's outdoor basketball courts.
- Youth basketball is going well, with the first games to be played on Saturday. There are no gym space issues; the few earlier ones were worked out satisfactorily.
- The Borden Colony softball field will be locked during the winter months, due to trash dumping and unleashed canines running there.
- In December, GB Sons Construction Co., Inc. completed the mowing of Borden Colony farmland as well as the woods line, removing the small brush along it that was encroaching onto the fields.

Liz distributed copies of the Department's 2017 field-use application to the Commissioners for their review. Chris suggested that the 2018 application include mention of the prohibition of marijuana smoking on town property, but upon further review, he felt that the statement regarding the use of alcohol and controlled substances on Page 3 under Rules & Regulations would suffice. Liz pointed out that the new application is available online.

The Chairman noted that an advertising sign located near the scoreboard on Bettencourt Field is bent and asked who would be responsible for its repair. Liz responded that she will have Highway Dept. workers take a look at it and see whether it can be easily remedied.

Liz said that the Department's before-school childcare program at the Merrill School is up for state relicensing for the next two years. The state has put new policies in place relative to its onsite licensing visits, and going forward, all such annual visits will be made unannounced. Programs up for license renewal are to submit the required paperwork and the application fee 30 days in

advance of the current license's expiration, and the licensing onsite study will follow. Liz added that she isn't anticipating any problems with the license renewal.

The B-R school district has a new director of facilities since Al Baroncelli's retirement at the end of 2016. Liz will seek out his successor's contact information through the Superintendent's office.

At 6:33 p.m., Chris made a motion to table the regular meeting in order to enter into executive session for the purpose of contract discussion. His motion continued that upon the conclusion of executive session, the regular meeting would be reconvened for the purpose of adjournment. Recording secretary SJ Blanchard was dismissed at this point in the meeting, as Liz stated that she would take the executive session minutes. Jim B. seconded the motion and the two voted together in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,  
*SJ Blanchard*, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary