



The Town of Barnstable

John F. Kennedy Memorial Trust Fund Committee

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JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL TRUST FUND COMMITTEE

Monday, February 4, 2019 at 11:30 AM*

Selectmen's Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Town Hall

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Present: Committee: Lynne Poyant, Chair; Bob Jones, Vice Chair; Mark Ells, Town Manager; and Hugh Findlay.

Present: Town Council Liaison: John Flores

Guests: – Staff: Debra Blanchette, Treasurer; Patti Machado, Recreation Director; John Gleason, Assistant Recreation Director; Gino Angelone, JFK Memorial Attendant; Stephen Sundelin, Supervisor, Structures and Grounds; Brian Lauzon, DPW Structures & Grounds General Foreman; Mark Marinaccio, Town Architect; Chris Gonnella S&G Grounds Foreman; and Matt McCauley, Chair, Barnstable Youth Commission.

1. Meeting was called to order at 11:34 a.m.
2. Roll Call
3. Review Minutes :

MOTION (Jones / Findlay) to accept the BHS Celebration Committee Request were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTION (Findlay / Poyant – Ells/Jones abstained) to accept Scholarship Committee minutes from 5/9/18 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

4. Town Treasurer Debra Blanchette provided the Committee with the status of JFK Memorial Trust Fund accounts showing two fiscal years and year to date figures thru 1/31/2019. In FY 18 there was a large hat purchase as that was the JFK Centennial year. Hat and coin collection funds were down this past year. Mark Ells commented on how we could try to go electronic for donations. Gino Angelone commented that he does get comments occasionally from visitors about this. However he did not feel that we lost sales due to not having an electronic method. John Flores commented that we should go electronic with sales and donations. Bob Jones commented that the Bevin Skiff check was received. Figures seemed to be off for hat sale category at \$61,791 being a little high and payments for the Bevin Skiff to CCMM and the Youth Summit are not included in the FY18 expense report. Debra Blanchette will review and get back to Committee. Treasurer's report will not be approved at this time. John Gleason reported that he has plenty of hats to start this season. Bob Jones requested that the committee receive any handouts prior to the meeting so that the materials may be reviewed in advance.
5. Recreation Director Patti Machado and Assistant Recreation Director John Gleason presented their report on the JFK Memorial Sailing Program and review of request for funding. The fee for 2018 was \$80, no increase from 2017. The Hyannis Yacht Club

continues to be of great support by offering two scholarships to our JFK sailing participants. This year, two JFK Sailing participants took advantage of the scholarship by HYC.

Request for Financial Support: JFK Memorial Sailing Program 2019:

Looking to replace one Hunter and trailer (over the next 2 years) until all Hunters and trailers are replaced. The cost of the Hunter and trailer is \$14,585. \$3,500 for Maintenance and operational needs with no increase for 2019. Yearly swap out the Lifejackets – 10 @ \$35 for \$350 (as proposed in our proposed replacement Plan from 2016) and (2) USA Sailing Certifications - \$880. Total request for JFK Memorial Sailing Program: \$19,315.

Second request is for the build-a-boat program at the Maritime Museum. Requesting \$1,500 for boat materials and \$900 for expenses at Maritime Museum (heat, staffing and maintenance). Total request of \$2,400.

Third Request is for the financial support of the hats that are sold at the JFK Memorial. Total request of \$21,528.00 for hats includes a contingency in case more hats are needed in season.

Total financial request for Recreation would total \$43,243.00 - **MOTION (Ells / Jones) to accept Recreation Division request was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

6. Chris Gonnella, S&G Grounds Foreman provided the report from Department of Public Works and or other sources as to specific repairs / improvements, if any, to be undertaken during the current year. Chris commented that new plantings near the split fence and a new handicap ramp were done last year. This years plans include an Organic Lawn Fertilization Program, Bronze Medallion Preventative Maintenance, Goose Control Products, Pool Mechanicals: Fountain Pump, Chlorinator and Electrical work. Pool Maintenance Contract, Planting Improvements & Maintenance and Flag & Flagpole Maintenance. For a project total estimate of \$10,445.00. Questions arose regarding opening the pool early. Steve Sundelin responded that he can open the Memorial on May 1st. **MOTION (Jones / Findlay) to accept Structures and Grounds' JFK Memorial project total estimate of \$10,445.00 was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED .**
7. Consideration of Amount of Scholarship Budget as well as number of scholarships and if to open up to more than BHS was the next topic of discussion. Bob Jones, felt it should stay with residents of Barnstable in Barnstable schools. Lynne Poyant asked if we want a second scholarship. The criteria will still include a person who emulates President Kennedy. John Flores commented he is all for opening up further scholarships opportunities. We could expand the program to include Barnstable High School students and any Town of Barnstable Public School. Bob Jones and Hugh Findlay said we could possibly give the funding to the scholarship committee to distribute. **MOTION (Ells / Jones) to continue with the \$2,500 scholarship for a Barnstable High School Student and \$1,000 to the Town of Barnstable's Scholarship Program (Martin J. Flynn Scholarship) was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**
8. We took Matt McCauley, Chair of the Barnstable Youth Commission, out of order to discuss the 7th Grade Youth Summit held at Cape Cod Community College on March 15, 2019. This prepares the 7th grade students for life at the high school. Topics for discussion are substance abuse prevention; Robert Hackenson Jr. of Dynamic Influence will be providing life skills. Kevin Rosario (former addict) from Gosnold will also be speaking. The Youth

Commission reaches out to other groups for support. Some of the Town's Unions donate money. Kiwanis donated \$1,000. Five Star Bus Company donates the transportation from the Intermediate School to the Community College. The Youth Commission is requesting \$3,500 for this year's program. **MOTION (Jones / Findlay) to support the Barnstable Youth Commission's Annual Seventh Grade Youth Summit with a gift of \$3,500 was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

9. Appointment of Scholarship Committee – Interview Session with applicants to be scheduled by BHS Guidance Office in Community Services Conference Room will remain the same. Hugh Findlay was named as Chair of Scholarship Committee.
10. Appointment of Annual Memorial Day Celebration Committee – Memorial Day is Monday, May 27, 2019. Bob Jones will chair but he would like to look for another speaker. Mark Ells and John Flores said they will support him in any way.
11. Flag Day is Friday, June 14, 2019. This year's event is scheduled for Barnstable Community Horace Mann Charter Public School but they will get back to us if they are able to host. (The school will get back to us regarding this. We received confirmation that BCHMCPS will host at (9:30 AM in front of their flag pole.) The flag has been ordered through Congressman Keating's office and we will have it in time for the event in June.
12. The Design Status of the JFK Memorial Renovations was discussed. Mark Marinaccio provided a summary. Every year that renovations are put off cost goes up. If we go with what we have for a price of \$1.8 million for the renovation work to include the stone wall, pool, plaza with inlaid granite quotes/timeline of President Kennedy's life. A restoration project, bringing it back to its original status, would cost approximately \$966,000. Lynne Poyant asked if we could apply for money from the Community Preservation Committee. Mark Marinaccio said he will have to apply and get back to the committee. Mark Ells stated that we have to decide what level priority it is and do we want to resurface or rebuild. Lynne Poyant thought the maintenance work to pool and the medallion wall were important. Mark Marinaccio said the price was \$20,000 to fix medallion wall. Steve Sundelin and Chris Gonnella confirmed that the condition of the pool continues to be an issue. Mark Ells would like to talk to DPW about post maintenance costs and talk with Town Council regarding Capital Program to see what other funding sources are available in regards to fixing or replacing the pool. Discussion regarding the renovations was tabled until Town response on funding is received.

Lynne Poyant thanked Gino Angelone for his hard work. Gino said the sales were down last summer which could be due to fewer busses or different clientele that lacks interest in the Kennedys. He has noticed that lots of tour busses stop to use the rest room facilities and then leave. DPW was also commended for their hard work with the grounds keeping and beautiful Salvia and hydrangeas. Chris Gonella said staff comes regularly to check on grounds. Patti Machado said that she has staff come after school to teach them about JFK. The JFK Memorial is a place of quiet contemplation, honoring our neighbor, past president and where he used to sail. The state is changing the curriculum for the 8th grade and it will now include civics.

Comments were made on changing some of signage at the JFK Memorial. Something that would provide more information about President Kennedy (similar to what is at the Korean War Memorial). Mark Marinaccio and Melissa Chartrand will be asked to help look into this.

Next year's annual meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2020 at 11:30 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 1:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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to the Director of Community Services**