

**Dracut Recreation  
Minutes of January 9, 2023**

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**Commissioners Present:** Mike Parent, Steve Gomes, Denis Kennedy, George Malonis, Steve Berggren, Jason Graham, Keith Landers, Andy Albano, Recreation Director Lori Cahill, and Recording Secretary Jessica Arseneaux

**Commissioners Absent:** Steve Talbot

Mike Parent opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

**Community Input:** None

**Approval of minutes:** Approval of minutes September 12, 2022, motion by Mr. Berggren, seconded by Mr. Mr Malonis. Motion passed unanimously.

**Review of Financial Accounts:** Mrs. Cahill states in front of the board that the current budgets look good. She states that the board members, for basketball should be aware of there gym time so they don't go over their budget. Mr. Parent states that Mrs. Cahill should send over the weekly balance of their accounts to keep an eye on the budget. Mr. Gomes made a motion to accept the financials, seconded by Mr. Albano. Motion passed unanimously.

**Girls & Boys Basketball:** Mr. Parent states that the recreation season is going great. Mr. Parent states that he is looking at sign-ups next fall/winter and determining the status of allowing travel platers to play Rec, currently there are 3 or 4 travel players playing both and 2 of their parents are currently coaching rec teams.

Mr. Berggren states that the Girls Travel is going well, with no issues. There are a few kids playing recreation and travel basketball. Next season Mr. Berggren states they shouldn't allow that, so moving forward not letting it happen, unless there is left over space in rec since rec and travel practices and games overlap a lot. Mrs. Cahill agrees especially since there were just a few that couldn't play at all because of it.

Mr. Landers states that the season is going well. Mr. Landers started the season off by making the coaches better by bringing the coaches together before the season started, which was the highlight of the season. Mr. Landers states that adult basketball is going good as well. Overall, the season is going great. The technology side of it is going great as well with the boy's side having an app that links to all the scheduling for games and practices, as well as when the referees and scorekeepers are working.

**Baseball:** Mr. Albano states that it is off season but looking forward to the comedy night on March 4<sup>th</sup>, at Lenzi's restaurant.

**Softball:** Mr. Gomes states that it is off season besides having the Dracut Pitching Clinic. He states how it is going very well. He has eighteen girls signed up, first session is for the 10u, and second session is for the 12u. He can see a difference when the season starts with the girls. They have improved, and they learn a lot.

**NFL Flag Football:** Mr. Graham states that it is off season. The season ended in November and there was around 300+ kids who played. Mr. Graham stated that it was hard because he did not have enough coaches. Mr. Graham suggested possibly paying the coaches to help or one Dracut team is not having to pay for there kids to play like for Basketball, decisions are up in the air and will be discussed next meeting. Mr. Graham went \$35.00 over his budget, but not by much. Overall, a great season, and some players heading to Las Vegas for the National Championship!

**Skiing:** Mrs. Cahill states that Bradford Ski program did not start on the day it was supposed to, it was postponed a week. It will start on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Cahill mentions that last year there were more tickets sold, this year with about one hundred lift tickets, and fifty lessons were sold, possibly from the prices going up twenty percent.


**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** Mr. Malonis states the town's plans for additional pickle ball and tennis courts. Four pickleball courts, and around five tennis courts at the Parker Ave school. The expected date to start the construction is in the fall. Mr. Malonis mentions about the fitness court going at Veterans' Memorial Park.

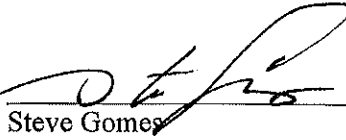
**Informal Discussion:** Mrs. Cahill states that she is retiring in July.

**Next Meeting:** February 13, 2023

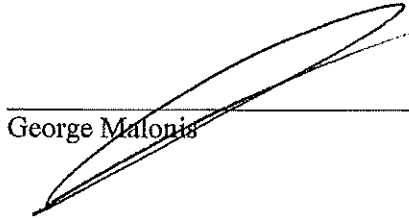
**Adjourn:** Mr. Kennedy made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Graham seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.



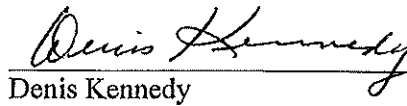
Michael Parent, Chairman



Steve Gomes



George Malonis

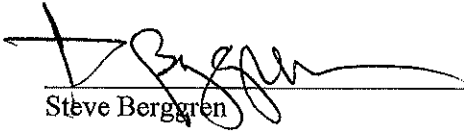


Denis Kennedy

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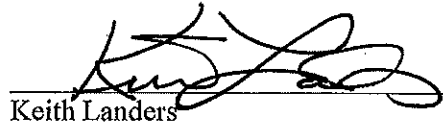
Andy Albano

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