

The Facilities Subcommittee met on Monday, April 13, 2026, in a Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Jennifer Cullum, Andre King, Sara Ahern, Doug Boulanger, Katri Mullaly, Jennifer Hingston, and Chris Dwelley.

Ms. Cullum called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.

Approve Meeting Minutes

- Motion by Mr. King, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2026.

Facility and Field Rental Fees Recommendation

- Dr. Ahern asked Mr. Dwelley to walk the group through the balances, the revenues, and the expenses of the rental fees spreadsheet.
- Mr. Dwelley showed the 3-year transaction history of the building rental revolving fund. All rental fees go into a revolving fund and expenses are paid out of that. If there are repairs to certain areas of the facility that get rented, this account will be charged those or if there's staff time associated, the building rentals are charged there as well. The ending balance shows the historical balance. Right now, year-to-date, there is a little over \$561,000.
- Ms. Hingston stated they have rented the gyms to capacity and the increase there is due to more use because the changes in the fees from last fiscal year, last July, were minimal. There are very few places available for people to rent for sport and dance.
- Ms. Cullum asked if it was \$170,000 more from last year. Ms. Hingston stated yes.
- Mr. Dwelley stated the first table is real life, that's the actual balance of the building rental revolving fund. He pointed out there are amounts that say chargeback: \$96,734 in FY24, and \$121,781 in FY25.
- Ms. Hingston looked at all the invoices including youth groups. The first total of \$107,860 is for the buildings and the fields. It doesn't include any staffing. If we had given the proposed A1 rate for all of the Capewide non-profit rate of the A1 proposed, it would be about \$67,133. If it was just for Town of Barnstable residents, it would have been \$92,665. The loss in revenue would be 38% if it was Capewide and 14% if it was just for those identified as Barnstable only.
- Dr. Ahern stated the Barnstable groups include groups like the Barnstable Silver Bullets football and cheer. There's a couple of local churches, Barnstable Youth Basketball, Special Olympics Basketball, and Barnstable Youth Lacrosse. Cape nonprofits include groups like AC Independence Football and Cape Cod Youth Flag Football.
- Mr King stated there's a likelihood that some of the Capewide groups serve more than 50% Barnstable residents. There are Barnstable coaches that run programs Capewide and might not have 50% from Barnstable.
- Dr. Ahern stated there are groups that we are questioning whether or not it had non-profit status.
- There was a discussion about the criteria for 51% Barnstable residents.
- Ms. Mullaly stated one of the biggest questions as to whether this rate is going to be used solely for non-profit organizations that are serving Barnstable youth primarily or does it include for-profit. For instance, AC Independence is a for-profit entity. Another one is Tom Turko's summer volleyball camp where he rents the gym and the field house for two weeks in the summer. That is for profit. The Recreation Department rents to some of these groups as well, and they also rent to Barnstable Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball and they just have one rate for those rentals.
- Mr. King said having 50% of Barnstable residents works for him. There needs to be a metric to verify that they are Barnstable residents that they would need to provide in order to qualify. It might be that the kid has a student ID.
- Dr. Ahern stated she is a little uncomfortable from a privacy standpoint. Not all of them might be Barnstable Public Schools students. We could have Barnstable residents who go to Mashpee, or DY, or Sandwich. She is wary of taking on their personal information.
- Mr. King saw Dr. Ahern's point. They have to show us they are a Barnstable resident.
- Ms. Cullum stated they could show a tax bill, report card, voter registration, or car registration, like, the things we have to prove when we get our beach stickers.
- Dr. Ahern stated the difference is a beach sticker is going directly to a person and a family member, versus it going through the organization and the coach.
- Ms. Mullaly stated they are suggesting 55% or 60% because the numbers could go below 50% one year and be 52% another year. They do not want to get into the nitty-gritty of kid's names and addresses, maybe just their town of residence.

- Ms. Cullum stated the difference between these two models is \$25,000. It's \$40,726 for Cape Wide, and it's \$15,194 for Barnstable only. If their non-profit is based in Barnstable, then include them in that A1 rate. She is not concerned with the percentage. She asked if Facilities could name the nonprofits.
- Mr. King stated before Facilities can chime in, we are talking about the Silver Bullets and Barnstable Youth Basketball. He thinks Cape Cod Youth Sports is gonna be right there. He thinks it could give a benefit to people that weren't necessarily looking for this, but it could expand their organizations as well.
- Dr. Ahern asked if this group is just talking about youth-oriented groups because the Symphony is a Barnstable non-profit.
- Ms. Cullum said yes, the youth-oriented groups. We are trying to help the kids.
- Mr. Boulanger does not want groups to take advantage of the pricing and just add the words youth and/or Barnstable to their names.
- Ms. Cullum asked if there should be an age mentioned like 18 and under, or maybe 22 for nonprofits with special needs youth.
- BPS Facilities stated the Special Olympics would be included.
- Ms. Cullum stated this group has decided what actually is a non-profit in Barnstable and we are going to see a 14% decrease next year in what we collect. She can live with that number. She asked if the group can get a final list on what organizations will be accepted into the A1 status so we can just take a good look at it and make sure that it includes the people that Mr. King is concerned about.
- BPS Facilities will put that together.
- Dr. Ahern stated she can inform Recreation after these fees pass. She did have a conversation with them and they know about it. They just passed their new fee schedule a month ago.
- Ms. Cullum stated it is frustrating as a resident trying to figure out all the different leagues and organizations for sports in the town. The desire to find something and play dies out when you do not know where to look.
- Dr. Ahern suggested we compile an updated list and circulate. Have Mr. King, in particular, take a look and let us know if there is anyone missing. And if everything seems okay, we ask Kathy Bent to put it on the May 6th School Committee meeting.
- Motion by Ms. Cullum, seconded by Mr. King and the Committee voted to create an A1 category for facility and field rentals for non-profits serving youth with a Barnstable zip code.

Next Steps

- Ms. Cullum stated the Subcommittee should set up their next meeting. The Committee agreed to May 18 at 4:30pm for their next meeting.

Motion by Mr. King, seconded by Dr. Ahern and the Subcommittee voted to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Kruczek
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