

**GROTON PARKS FOUNDATION, INC.**  
**Meeting of September 4, 2013**  
**Minutes**

**I. Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Allyn Copp, Neil Brown, Eric Janney, John Silsby, Domenic Venditti, Jim Sherrard, Paul Filippetti and Ray Munn. Also attending were Parks and Recreation Director Mark Berry and Chad Frost of Kent & Frost.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Jim Sherrard, seconded by Allyn Copp the minutes from the May 1, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

**III. Reports**

A. Treasurer's report: Neil Brown advised that the Foundation has \$8,733.86 in its account. Activity in the account since the last report included funds deposited from the DEEP Grant and for the paralympic program. Expenditures related to the Foundation's Annual Report to the Connecticut Secretary of the State and for work on the Trails Project at Copp Park. On a motion by Neil Brown, seconded by Ray Munn, the Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

**IV. Old Business**

A. A discussion was had regarding the status of payments to Kent & Frost for their work on the Trails Project and the processing thereof by the Town of Groton. Chad Frost will follow up on the payment.

B. Update on Copp Property Projects. A Field walk was conducted on July 1, 2013 to review the prospective Trail designs. Neil Brown also met with representatives from Groton Utilities to mark out placement of Utility department signage. Chad Frost presented an update on their work and the overall timetable for the Trails project. They are working out the details of the alignment of the trails along with details for any bridges and crossings. They are also working on the construction documents and specifications which are about 90% complete. Thereafter, the constructions documents will be sent to the Town Department of Public Works for their review and approval.

The Board discussed seeking DEEP approval for a further six (6) month extension on the use of the approximately \$32,000 of Grant monies available from the Events Field project. The overall project still needs Groton Planning Commission approval solely for the parking area and it is hoped that the project will be on the Planning Commission's agenda at one of its two

September 2013 meetings. On a Motion from Allyn Copp, seconded by Neil Brown , the Board authorized Mark Berry to seek a six (6) month extension from DEEP for use of the remaining grant monies toward the Trails Project. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Berry updated the Board on the mowing of the Events Field and Neil Brown noted the need to watch for growth of poison ivy. Allyn Copp noted the need to mow the path/trail at the entry leading to the Homestead.

Neil Brown raised the possibility of discussing the Gray Rock picnic area with the State of Connecticut for use as a possible access point to the Trails system although currently no trail is currently readily available to that site. He also mentioned the need to encourage the State to maintain the Gray Rock picnic area or possibly seek their permission for volunteers to renovate the picnic tables there.

**V. New Business**

A. A brief discussion was had regarding the need to review and update the Master Plan for the Copp Property.

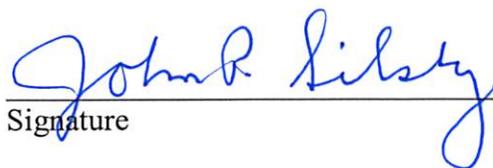
**VI. Adjournment**

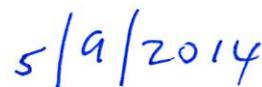
There being no other business requiring attention, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Janney, Secretary

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

  
Signature

  
Date