

GROTON PARKS FOUNDATION
Board of Directors' Meeting
Wednesday, 6 May 2016
Minutes

I. Meeting called to order by Chairman John Silsby at 1831 (6:31 PM).

II. Present were:

Neil Brown, Paul Filippetti, Andy Halsey, Ray Munn, Jim Sherrard, John Silsby, and
P&R Director Mark Berry. *add Don Vendetti;*

III. Approval of minutes of 3 September 2014

moved by Halsey with the addition of Venditti present, seconded by Venditti, approved
unanimously.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Brown

From an initial balance of \$10228.59, with a donation of \$500 from the P&R Mixed Doubles Road
Race and expenditures during the year gives a year-end balance of \$3307.29. Holding \$500 in
reserve for administrative expenses gives an available balance of \$2807.29. Acceptance moved by
Munn, seconded by Filippetti, and approved unanimously.

V. Old Business

Director Berry reported on the status of the new trail. Work has been delayed because of the
winter weather, but completion is expected by 1 July 2015. Because of an erroneous estimate of
the depth of topsoil required to be removed and thus the amount of new fill required, the new
trail will be more costly and require the elimination of work on the trail beyond the dog park to
the proposed bridge. Munn asked who was responsible for the mistaken estimate of topsoil, and
the answer seemed to be the landscape architect. Munn moved that the new trail be abandoned
in favor of completing the trail renovation beyond the dog park; the motion failed for lack of a
second.

A date for the annual trail and event field observation walk was scheduled for 1 July 2015 at 1300
(1:30 PM).

Director Berry reported that the CT DEEP has approved an extension of the grant for the Events
Field until December 2016.

Parks & Recreation is initiating increased GPF visibility by a current article and regular insertions in
DISCOVER and adding GPF to the United Way list of approved donors.

VI. New Business

Director Berry is initiating a partnering between funding sources and potential GPF grant
recipients, wherein a donor may designate a project for his/her donation, e.g. the establishment
of a butterfly garden at a town school, receiving funding via GPF from a donor interested in that
project.

Director Berry is pursuing a Norcross Wildlife Federation Grant on behalf of the Town Trails Task Force to prepare maps of town trails for distribution to trail users. Moved by Silsby, seconded by Halsey, and approved unanimously.

It was moved and seconded (Munn/Brown) to accept with regret and with appreciation for his service the resignation of Eric Janney. It was opined that it would be beneficial to fill the position with an attorney; Brown will approach the Anderson family to determine possible interest in filling the position.

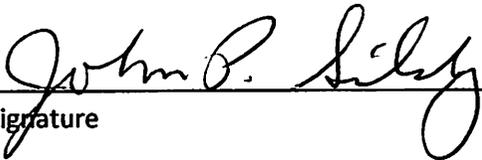
In Election of Officers, the following candidates were nominated: Chairman – Silsby (by Venditti), Treasurer – Brown (by Halsey), and Secretary – Munn (by Silsby). After a blistering campaign period, the candidates were elected unanimously. Filipetti agreed to support the Treasurer with record-keeping.

VII. The next meeting was scheduled for 7 October 2015

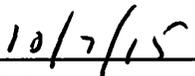
VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 19:50.

Minutes Recorded: Munn

Minutes have been approved and accepted.



Signature



Date