

GROTON PARKS FOUNDATION  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
Wednesday, October 7, 2015  
6:30 PM  
Spicer House  
Minutes

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
  - In Attendance: Neil Brown, Allyn Copp, Paul Filippetti, John Silsby, Domenic Venditti, Andy Halsey
  - Staff: Mark Berry
  
  - Absent: Ray Munn, James Sherrard
- III. Approval of Minutes of May 6, 2015
  - Motion for approval with the addition of Domenic Venditti as attending – Motion – Ray Munn; Seconded – Paul Filippetti
- IV. Reports
  - a. Treasurer's Report – Neil Brown  
\$10,720.66 with some money for specific projects in and out that pass through the Groton Parks Foundation. Motion for approval – Andy Halsey; Second Allyn Copp
  - b. Amount available for grants  
\$2,807.29 available for grants
- V. Old Business
  - a. Update on Copp Property Projects – Mark Berry  
Trail and bridge are 96% complete. Back meadow is to be mowed on October 8, 2015.
  - b. Observations from Trail and Event Field Walk  
Russian Olive and Cedars are being removed from meadow. Mowing of the back meadow is generally done once a year. Events field mowed more frequently.  
  
At this time no overnight camping and no fires are permitted as per Parks and Recreation rules and regulations, and sanitary facilities are not available, as a response to the question of whether Boy Scouts could use the property for organized camping events  
  
Need to coordinate with Parks and Recreation Commission to allow limited overnight camping use through issued permits.

This is also a Copp Family Park Board of Overseers issue.

c. Update on Parks & Recreation Dept. initiative to improve public visibility of GPF  
- Mark Berry

1. Fall Fest Booth - Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM-5 PM  
Booth is to be manned and Groton Parks Foundation pamphlet presented.
2. Webpage might be developed for the Groton Parks Foundation. A designer needs to be found. May be found locally in the schools.

VI. New Business

a. Fill opening on GPF Board

Board Succession discussed. Neil offered to remain for two (2) years. ~~Neil~~ Paul may succeed Neil. Neil to be a common member in six (6) months.  
*as Treasurer*

b. Natural Playground Project Proposal

Seeking support from Groton Parks Foundation for money pass through, support at events, fundraising, etc.

Motion: Groton Parks Foundation makes a motion to support and endorse in any way feasible the concept of a Natural Playground to be established in the Town of Groton. Domenic Venditti made the motion, Paul Filippetti seconded. Unanimous to accept motion.

c. Review and approval of grant applications for GPF funding

Two (2) applicants applied for grants

1. Groton Senior Center - Arthritis Foundation's Walk with Ease Program - \$897.50
2. The Riverfront Children's Center - Tranquility Garden - \$1,000

It was recommended that both be approved. Vote was unanimous to approve. Motion made by: *A. Copp* Motion seconded by: *D. Venditti*

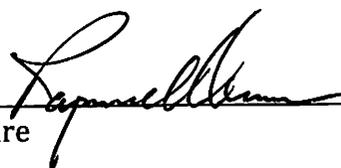
d. Meeting Schedule for 2016

May 4, 2016 and October 5, 2016

VII. Other Matters - Next meeting - May 4, 2016

VIII. Adjournment

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

  
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Signature

*4 May 2016*  
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Date