

# Groton Parks and Recreation Department

## Master Plan Committee

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

6:00 PM

Location – Groton Senior Center

### Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:18 PM.
2. Roll Call: The following MPC members were present: Lisa Luck, Al Nordquist, Carol Spunar, Sue Sutherland, and Kathryn Brown-Tracy. Also in attendance were Jerry Lokken, June Evered, and Doug Ackerman.
3. Approval of Minutes from November 16, 2011: A motion was made to accept the minutes of the November 16, 2011 meeting. The motion was approved.
4. Correspondence/Communications: None
5. Reports: Interim Parks and Recreation Director Doug Ackerman reported the following:
  - The capital budget is going to the Planning Commission this week, who is meeting tonight and reviewing the Capital Improvement Program.
  - The Parks and Recreation Department proposed FY 2013 operating budget was submitted on January 17, 2012. The proposed budget is slightly less than FY 2012.
  - Some of the Parks and Recreation Programs are running "in the red" (i.e., costing more money than they take in). The Parks and Recreation department needs to determine internally how to fund these programs.
  - The Parks and Recreation department is moving ahead with the selection of recreation software. The Parks and Recreation department has witnessed two demonstrations of potential new software. The desire is to have the new software in place by July 2012 with recreation portion of the software, and the golf course portion in place by January 2013.
  - The Parks and Recreation department has included an entry in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to restore a portion of the Copp Property to its previous condition of a meadow-like open space. \$40K is allocated in the CIP for this project.
6. Old Business:
  - The aquatics center and community center presentation to the Town Council was discussed. It was agreed that Al Nordquist will do the presentation at the council meeting, and that the presentation would be scheduled for the February 7, 2012 council meeting (*Post Meeting Note: This date was changed to February 14, 2012 via post-meeting email correspondence*). Doug Ackerman provided a few comments to the presentation. Al Nordquist

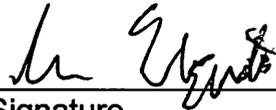
agreed to incorporate the comments and promptly send out an updated version of the presentation.

- Doug Ackerman stated that he has observed a lack of a coordinated effort on town trails, and noted that several different groups have various trail initiatives but are not coordinated with one another. Doug suggested that perhaps a Trails Oversight Committee, similar to the Boating Advisory Board could be formed to coordinate town efforts on trails. Doug requested MPC thoughts on this suggestion. Various MPC members stated that they thought this was a good idea, and suggested that if such a committee were formed, that it should include members from private land trust organizations such as the Avalonia Land Conservancy.
- New Business: A motion was made to appoint the following people to the following offices of the Master Plan Committee:
  - Chairperson: Al Nordquist
  - Vice Chairperson: Sue Sutherland
  - Secretary: Lisa LuckThe motion was approved.

7. Next Meeting - The next meeting will be held on February 15, 2012 at the Groton Senior Center.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

  
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