

**Groton Parks and Recreation Department
Master Plan Committee (MPC)**

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

6:00 PM

Groton Senior Center

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Sue Sutherland called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

II. Roll Call

Present: Sue Sutherland, Ken Berg, Carol Spunar, Mike Doyle, Wayne Chiapperini, Ray Munn, Kathryn Brown-Tracy & Lisa Luck (arrived @ 6:13 pm), June Evered, Doug Ackerman, Jerry Lokken

Citizen: Ed Szczesny

Excused: Al Nordquist

III. Approval of Minutes from February 15, 2012

Ken Berg moved to approve minutes from February 15, 2012 and Mike Doyle seconded. All in favor to accept the minutes with one abstention.

IV. Correspondence/Communications

Field Director Groton Soccer Club – approximately 300 youth from 4-14 years old

Citizen comments: Ed Szczesny, representing Groton Soccer Club.

Club is growing in size and needs more fields. Get Merritt field “up to speed.” Perhaps fundraising can provide the means to do so. Mr.

Szczesny is concerned as a citizen that fields at Poquonnock Plains are not allowed for soccer. Adult males use the fields without a permit and the amount of activity at that level causes damage to the fields.

Mike Doyle volunteered to start a subcommittee concerning the Town’s need for additional fields for youth sports’ activities.

Asking MPC to look at short term field needs – unsuitability of Merritt Field for practices.

V. Reports

A. Interim Director

The public meeting for the budget is scheduled for March 29. The Recreation budget is scheduled for April 17th.

Parks & Recreation software training will begin on April 16th.

Doug Ackerman will update us on a potential trails subcommittee at the next meeting. The Town is working to finalize an agreement with the Groton Parks Foundation for the open field project at the Copp Property. Town of Groton received 42 applications for the position of Director of Parks and Recreation. January and February were profitable for the golf course due to the mild winter weather. Town received permission from the State to use the fields at the Mystic Educational Center until April 2013.

VI. Old Business

A. Presentation to Town Council: response to outstanding issues from 2/14/12
Town Council meeting

Discussion moved into New Business.

B. Trails

No discussion

VII. New Business

A. Ways to gather public support for aquatics/community center initiative

Lisa Luck will write a letter to the Editor concerning the amount of money proposed for a feasibility study for the aquatics/community center initiative as well as the specifics such as the type and size of the facility.

Members of the committee were encouraged to attend the budget public hearing to make comments on the feasibility study request.

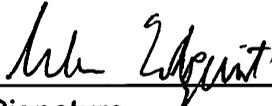
VIII. Next Meeting – 6:00 PM April 18, 2012 Groton Senior Center

IX. Adjournment

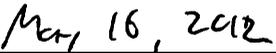
Motion to adjourn made at 7:24 by Lisa Luck, second by Ken Berg.

All in favor to adjourn

Minutes have been approved and accepted.



Signature



Date