

Groton Parks and Recreation Department
Master Plan Committee (MPC)

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

6:00 PM

Groton Senior Center

Minutes

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Members present:

Sue Sutherland, Mike Doyle, Kathryn Brown-Tracy, Carol Spunar, Ray Munn, Lisa Luck, June Evered

Staff: Mark Berry

Absent: Wayne Chiapperini, Al Nordquist

III. Approval of Minutes from May 22, 2013

Approved by Kathryn Brown-Tracy, Lisa Luck, unanimous

IV. Approximately 6:10 PM – Bus Tour of Parks

a. Merritt Property

The property is located by Fitch HS. It is ±34 acres. The plans will be based on user group needs and will likely include some combination of multi-use and baseball fields to be placed on this property. Bidding closed within the last week as to which company will be awarded the contract to do the engineering proposal. There were 5-6 bids submitted. Members discussed governing bodies voting affirmatively to the CIP budget for stage 2 of the project on this property.

b. Sutton Park

Committee visited the fields in the south end of the property. There are 2 existing fields (one baseball and one softball) and 1 soccer field that is owned by Grasso Tech. The Master Plan suggests reconfiguring the fields to ^{avoid} harsh afternoon sunlight in players' eyes. The proposed CIP project to upgrade all of Sutton Park including upgrading the restrooms to ADA compliancy will cost \$4 million.

c. Copp Park

The Copp property, including the "dog park" is located on Route 184. M. Berry shared a schematic of plans to make trails ADA compliant. Committee toured 1 "open meadow" that is marked for passive recreation. The area is approximately 5 acres. Public Works and Parks & Recreation workers cut down trees in the area according to a plan so as to disturb as little as the wildlife as possible.

d. Farquhar Park

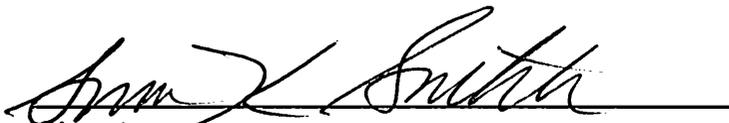
Located at the corner of Route 117 and Gales Ferry Road, Farquhar Park has 1 baseball field, 1 tennis court and 1 basketball court. In Spring 2013, Public Works replaced the surface of both courts. Rocks were removed from the hill and the grass reseeded for easier mowing.

V. Next Meeting – 6:00 PM August 28, 2013 Groton Senior Center

VI. Adjournment

All in favor to adjourn at 8 pm.

Minutes have been approved and accepted.


Signature


Date