

Town of Groton
Parks and Recreation Commission
Wednesday, April 14, 2010
Spicer House at 7:15 PM
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Chairman Butta called the meeting to order at approximately 7:15 pm.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners: Phil Butta, Richard McCarthy, Tricia Semancik and Gregory Leonard

Staff: John Silsby, Director

III. Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Ms. Semancik, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the minutes of the March 10, 2010, meeting were approved, as distributed.

IV. Citizen's Petitions and Comments

Ms. Joellen Andersen of the Avalonia Conservancy addressed the commission. She presented an overview of the organization, including: it owns 2800 acres, of which approximately 100 acres are located in Groton; it is interested in developing "Greenways" and "Blueways"; its focus is on wildlife habitat protection.

V. Correspondence/Communications

A. Commissions

Ms. Semancik inquired with Mr. Silsby as to how long it takes the Town to issue certificates for first aid instruction courses it conducts. Mr. Silsby indicated he would look into and provide her with the information.

Chairman Butta reported that on March 27, 2010, he and Mr. Kolnaski attended the Senior Center Reopening Ceremony. He also reported that, on March 10, 2010, he attended the Town Council Budget meeting.

B. Director of Parks and Recreation

Mr. Silsby stated that the Senior Center Reopening Ceremony was attended by 400 to 500 people and it was very well received.

VI. Town Council Referral

None

VII. Reports

A. Monthly Report

Mr. Silsby referenced the department's written monthly report.

B. Golf Course Report

Season pass sales have improved.

C. Golf Advisory Board (GAB) Update

The GAB met on April 5, 2010

D. Master Plan Committee Update

Mr. Silsby reported that the Committee has developed two subcommittees: facilities and funding; and recreation programming, organization, management and staff, agency resources/customer service.

E. Sutton Park Master Plan Update

Mr. Silsby stated that this item will also be addressed by the above referenced Master Plan Committee

F. Senior Center Project Update

It's Open!

G. Boating Advisory Board (BAB) Update

Mr. Leonard reported that the BAB met on April 8, 2010. He stated that the BAB is advancing a variety of public boating matters, including: developing a temporary kayak locking facility at Esker Point; developing a small boat storage facility at the Peruzzotti Boat Launch; developing an improved kayak launching area at Spicer Park; and conducting two special events, in May, associated with Healthy Groton Month, including a "Small Boat Day" at Esker Point on May 8, 2010.

VIII. Old Business

A. Paintball Program Update

This matter has been referred to the Town Manager.

B. Groton Long Point Road – additional signage by Esker Point Beach

The crosswalk signage has been approved. Installation is pending.

C. FYE 2011 Budget Update

Mr. Silsby outlined the outcome of the numerous budget meetings, including an anticipated decrease in the department's funding and staffing. He reported that the next budget meeting is the RTM Budget Meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 6:30 PM.

IX. New Business

None

X. Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 7:15 p.m. at Spicer House

XI. Adjournment

On motion of Ms. Semancik, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, the Commission adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Minutes have been approved and accepted.


Signature

5/12/10
Date