

Town of Groton
Parks and Recreation Commission
Wednesday, May 9, 2012
Groton Senior Center at 7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order
Phil called to order at 7:02 PM
- II. Roll Call
In attendance, Jerry, Eric, June, Phil, Ed, Jim and Tricia
- III. Approval of Minutes: April 11, 2012 Meeting
June motioned to accept the minutes. Tricia seconded it. All approved.
- IV. Citizens Petitions and Comments
None
- V. Correspondence/Communications
 - A. Commissioners
June: not happy with the Tri Town trail map. She wants some landmarks in it.
Jim: at PQ people are requesting that someone do the concessions during events
Tricia: is it possible to put small nets on PQ so that the soccer players don't use the lacrosse nets since they have gotten broken this year
 - B. Interim Director of Parks & Recreation
None
- VI. Town Council Referrals
None
- VII. Reports
 - A. Interim Director of Parks & Recreation (including department budget and director search updates)
Budgets were approved as is on the Town Council.
Six finalists were interviewed for the position of director on May 2 and 3 at the Groton Town Hall. All six are presently P and R Directors. They were interviewed last week. No decision has been announced.
 - B. Monthly Reports – Parks & Recreation
The new software is very flexible and has a lot of potential. There will be more training for the staff for the website next week.
 - C. Golf Course Report / GAB – Jim
April was a good month. We sold 126 new memberships. We're up \$50000 from last year.
 - D. Master Plan Committee – June
There was no quorum.

E. Boating Advisory Board (BAB) Update – Phil

It was a very short meeting. They want to hold a dedication ceremony for all the volunteers in the construction of the shelter. Small boat day will be June 23rd at Esker Point Beach.

VIII. Old Business

A. No Smoking Rule for Parks & Recreational Facilities (family friendly initiative)

There's a draft in the works. They're consulting with the town attorney as to the possible inconsistencies with the ordinance and recreation rules. They would like to see a ruling before the concerts on June 21st.

B. Trails Committee

None

IX. New Business

GAB Terms and Purpose Statement

Issue:

The Golf Advisory Board (GAB) has remained as an advisory group even though the goal for its formation has been met. The purpose statement needs to be revised and term limits for board members were never set.

Background:

The GAB was formed in 2005 to assist the Parks and Recreation Department in implementing the recommendations from a National Golf Foundation (NGF) operations study done in 2004. After a few years, all of the NGF recommendations were achieved. At that point, the GAB and the Parks and Recreation Department decided that the GAB was a useful entity for promoting Shennecossett, and it was decided that the GAB would continue to meet. In the past year, it has come to the GAB's attention that term limits were never set and that the purpose statement should be updated.

Proposal:

At the April 9th, 2012 meeting of the GAB, the board approved the following purpose statement:

The purpose is for resident and non-resident golfers to be an advocacy group for Shennecossett Golf Course and furthermore assist the Parks and Recreation Department in implanting their mission for Shennecossett.

At this meeting, the board also approved a three year term limit for board members, with staggered expiration years to keep continuity on the board (see attachment 1). It was decided that board members at the end of their term could serve consecutive terms if they so choose.

We will look at the statement again next month.

X. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 13, 2012, at 7:00 PM at Groton Senior Center

XI. Adjournment: June motioned to adjourn. Ed seconded it. All approved.

Minutes have been approved and accepted.



Signature



Date