

Town of Groton
Parks and Recreation Commission
Wednesday, October 10, 2012
Groton Senior Center at 7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM.
- II. Roll Call
Phil Butta, June Evered, Ed Kolnaski, Jim Kamercia, Tricia Semancik,
Mark Berry, Doug Ackerman, Jerry Lokken
- III. Approval of Minutes: September 12, 2012 Meeting
Jim motioned to approve the minutes. Ed seconded it. There needs to be an addition of listing the golf advisory board members in the golf shop. It's not in the minutes or in the golf shop. All approved.
- IV. Citizens Petitions and Comments
None
- V. Correspondence/Communications
 - A. Introduction of New Director – Mark Berry
Mark started on September 24, 2012, and will be working with Doug for a few months.
 - B. Commissioners
Ed: People are feeling that the fields aren't being used as much as in the past.

June: A citizen would like the Town to buy the Bishop Seabury Church.
 - C. Interim Director of Parks & Recreation
None
- VI. Town Council Referrals
None
- VII. Reports
 - A. Interim Director of Parks & Recreation
 - Copp Project – have yet to hear from State regarding request for extension. Hard presentations from three consultants for trail design. In process of compiling results. Will then meet with highest ranked firm to discuss entering into an agreement for the work. Public Works still planning to start work on the meadow/events field late fall.
 - Possible Use of Fitch Middle – continuing to work with BOE regarding use for recreational programming. Received bids for walls and access doors. Looking to proceed, even though no formal agreement has been reached with BOE.

- Received signed contract from State for G&S Trail Phase II. Will be working with Public Works to proceed with the project.
- Mark Berry did start September 24, 2012.

B. Monthly Reports – Parks & Recreation

Is there still difficulty finding staff for aquatics? There is difficulty finding available qualified people.

C. Golf Course Report / GAB – Jim

The meeting will be next week. September was a good month. Good specials were successful.

D. Master Plan Committee – June

None

E. Boating Advisory Board (BAB) Update – Phil

The status of the rowing shell rack was discussed. They're hoping to plan a celebration in the spring and some additional fundraisers. Tom Tobin has been working with the rowing club and looking at a transition of taking over more of the programs. They had a successful pasta party.

VIII. Old Business

A. Trails Committee

The recommendation was to be a stand-alone committee from the master plan committee. Tricia motioned to make it a stand-alone committee. June seconded it. All agreed.

B. Master Plan Committee

Phil will ask them to relook at their purpose and structure.

C. Revisions to Parks Regulations - Sections I, II, III and X

Jerry has the adjusted copy.

IX. New Business

Next time, we look at sections 4, 5, 6, and 10 under the Golf Course regulations. The Golf Advisory Board will also look at 10.

Jim: Is it worthwhile for us to pursue the John Kelley statue? Jim made a motion to put the statue at Poquonnock Plains Park. June seconded. All agreed.

X. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at 7:00 PM at Groton Senior Center

Jim motioned to adjourn. June seconded. All agreed.

XI. Adjournment

Minutes have been approved and accepted.


Signature


Date