

Town of Groton  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Wednesday, February 13, 2013  
Groton Senior Center at 7:00 PM  
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order  
Jim Kamercia called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
  
- II. Roll Call:  
Jim Kamercia, Phil Butta, Tricia Semancik, Mark Berry, Mary Jo Riley, Jerry Lokken  
Absent: Ed Kolnaski, June Evered
  
- III. Approval of Minutes: January 9, 2013 Meeting  
Phil made the motion to approve the minutes. Tricia seconded. All approved.
  
- IV. Citizens Petitions and Comments  
Joellen Anderson- 215 Plant St, Groton, CT  
There's an osprey pole that needs to be up-righted. There is a gentleman interested in fixing this Park and Recreation property; it needs to be done in March. The Coasties are offering to do volunteer work and offering to mark the trails.
  
- V. Correspondence/Communications
  - A. Commissioners  

Phil: Mark was on Welcome to Groton; Sat in on a meeting with Ray Arnot who would like to run the Roller hockey league; attended Clean-up Sound and Harbor, good ideas how to take care of your property organically.

Jim: Seniors couldn't hear the middle school concert; kids didn't feel very welcome at the Senior Center - there wasn't a lot of structure to this part of the program; Mary Jo thought the program was good.
  
  - B. Director of Parks & Recreation  

Met with Bill Kelly about lights at Burrows Field; an application has been submitted; attended a meeting for the Copp Property; met with Deb Marshall-Baker about the plans for the Trolley Trail; DISCOVER was delivered today and you can register for both spring and summer programs; changes to summer programs: can

pay half now and pay balance by June 1; non-residents can now sign up; met with school administration and facilities: will help out so that they don't run into excessive overtime with the custodians

VI. Town Council Referrals  
None

VII. Reports

A. Director of Parks & Recreation

B. Monthly Reports – Parks & Recreation

Council approved marketing and special events position; hoped to have it filled by May 1<sup>st</sup>; presented the budget to the Town Manager; working to complete an ADA audit; first trails task force meeting last month; working on grant application for a trails grant; there's been a series of small fires at Sutton Park; presented golf course rates to the Council and it was approved; now will be working on the budget for the golf course.

C. Golf Course Report / GAB – Jim

Lost the Assistant pro - he's now at River Ridge; looking for a new person but it's a limited schedule so it could be hard to fill; changes in the fees for 9 holes trying to get more people in; doing "golf now" a program on the computer; give them 1 four person per week for free and the golf course gets free advertising and they sell the spot; not a contractual agreement.

D. Master Plan Committee – Phil

There was a large group of people who use the fields; went through group by group what the needs are; good start

E. Boating Advisory Board (BAB) Update – Phil

Continued movement of steering boaters into Noank Rowing Club; storage is now allowed for residents and non-residents; they now pay Parks and Rec; Spicer Dock will probably not be in by early spring

F. Trails Coordinating Task Force – June

The Trails Coordinating Task Force held their first meeting on Thursday, January 24. 14 people attended, half of whom were Town of Groton employees from various departments. The others included representatives from GOSA, the Copp property, Avalonia, the Tri-Town trail, and Groton Utilities. Mark Berry outlined four goals and a calendar was established. Members were asked to do research on signage for the next meeting. Attendees seemed very

positive and my impression was that this meeting was a huge success.

VIII. Old Business

A. Trails Committee

B. Revisions to Parks Regulations

Senior section is ok. Golf course is all set.

Tricia motions to accept the minutes and Phil seconded. All approved.

IX. New Business

Jerry Smith awards will be rescheduled.

X. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at 7:00 PM at Groton Senior Center

XI. Adjournment

Phil motioned to adjourn. Tricia seconded. All approved.

Minutes have been accepted and approved.

Signature

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Date

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