

Town of Groton  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Wednesday, May 8, 2013  
Groton Senior Center at 7:00 PM  
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order  
Called to order at 7:00 PM.
- II. Roll Call:  
Phil Butta, Ed Kolnaski, Tricia Semancik, June Evered, Mark Berry, Jerry Lokken  
Absent: Jim Kamercia,  
Citizen: Joellen Anderson
- III. Approval of Minutes: April 10, 2013 Meeting  
Phil motions to approve minutes. June seconded. All approved.
- IV. Citizens Petitions and Comments  
Joellen: the brush pile has been pulled out at Judson Ave
  1. THANKS for having someone take care of clearing the blow downs on the Mortimer Wright property. Sidney Van Zandt and I walked the trail last week. (showed some pictures)
  2. Can we assume that it is going to be OK for some volunteers to brush out the trail as June 1 National & CT Trails Day approaches?
  3. Is it OK to re-blaze a loop trail on the Mortimer Wright trail? There has been a yellow trail on the property for many years that was used by the horseback riders and if blazed, would make a nice loop trail on just the Town-owned Mortimer Wright property.
  4. Did using the Coast Guard cadets to ground truth the Pequot Woods trails work out for the Town?
  5. Is it known yet when the Spicer property is going to have a gate across the entrance?
  6. Does anyone think there would be any interest in promoting National Public Lands Day on September 13, 2013 – HEALTH, FAMILY, FUN and STEWARDSHIP? LET’S MOVE OUTSIDE initiative.
- V. Correspondence/Communications
  - A. Commissioners  
Phil: series of workshops on natural turf management at the Groton Library next week  
  
Ed: Perrozzotti said there is money in the school budget for the fields-unclear if it's a study or not
  - B. Director of Parks & Recreation
    - Met with Councilor Flax about youth sports and field use.
    - Working with a Boy Scout on an Eagle Scout project at Copp Property
    - Starting to work on field use charges possibly for adult leagues
    - Dedication for Spicer Rowing Shell Rack on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM

VI. Town Council Referrals  
None

VII. Reports

A. Director of Parks & Recreation

- Interviewed 5 candidates for the Marketing and Special Events Coordinator
- Developing a room rental policy at Seely and Senior Center.
- Selected a consultant for the ADA Accessibility Access and Transition Plan
- City of Groton is working with Park staff to rake our beach for the opening of the season
- Trying to work on removing flooding issues at Poquonnock Plains Park especially in the middle field
- Met with BOE staff to discuss constructing a bridge behind Cutler Middle School to connect link of various trails across Town.
- Events Field at Copp Property is almost done
- Renovations on clubhouse will be in the summer

B. Monthly Reports – Parks & Recreation

Not available at this time

C. Golf Course Report / GAB – Jim

We are down \$50,000; April was very cool-season passes had lower sales

D. Master Plan Committee – June

The Committee met on 4/17/2013. It was agreed that Al Nordquist send E-mails to all interested parties urging them to speak up at the public presentation to the RTM on 4/29/2013 in support of Parks and Recreation requested CIPs. (NOTE: At the public meeting, Al, Michael Doyle, Lisa Luck and June Evered spoke up for the requested Merritt playing fields and Community/Aquatics center studies. Joan Smith and Susan Sutherland spoke up for the Beebe Pond improvements. Matt Forde spoke on behalf of fields for the soccer programs.

E. Boating Advisory Board (BAB) Update – Phil

BAB met on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Hoping to get FEMA reimbursement for dock damage but we don't have documentation of the sites prior to the hurricanes; hoping to field people not using a dock that could be retrofitted as a sailing dock; a new Spicer dock will need to be financed; Small Boat Day is June 16<sup>th</sup>

F. Trails Coordinating Task Force – June

No meeting was held in April.

VIII. Old Business

A. Meeting Space Rental Fees

See above

B. Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations

The alcohol ordinance will be enforced through education and awareness of the ordinance.

C. CT. Greenways Designation

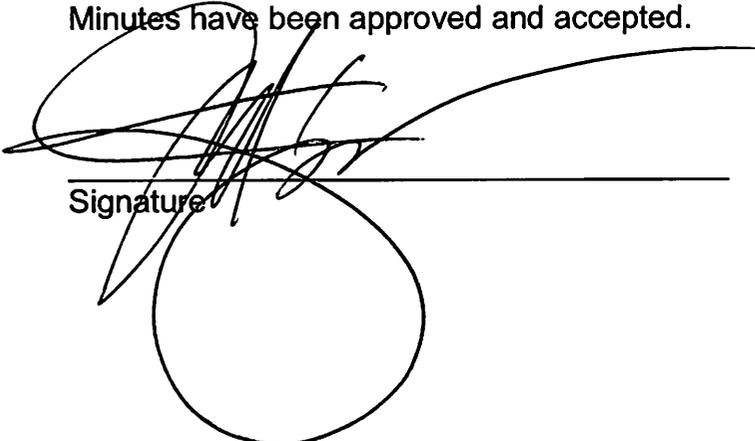
D. Budget update and Copp property work  
Presenting the budget to the RTM next week

IX. New Business  
None

X. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at 7:00 PM at Groton Senior Center

XI. Adjournment  
Phil motioned to adjourn. June seconded. All approved.

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

  
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Signature

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Date