

**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
7:00 PM Wednesday, January 8, 2014  
Groton Senior Center  
Minutes

I. Call to Order

Jim Kamercia calls to order at 7:00 PM

II. Roll Call

Members: Jim Kamercia, Ed Kolnaski, June Evered, Phil Butt~~A~~ and Tricia Semancik,

Staff: Mark Berry, Eric Morrison, and Todd Goodhue

Guest:

III. Citizens Petitions and Comments

None

IV. Approval of Minutes: December 11, 2013 Meeting

June motions to approve minutes as amended. Tricia seconded. Phil and Ed abstained. Tricia, June and Jim approved.

V. Town Council Referrals

VI. Correspondence/Communications

A. Commissioners

Ed: Ben Moon was very impressed with all the improvements with the trails and all the information available.

Phil: There are some inquiries about Seeley School and its fate. Nothing else is known at this time.

June: Watched Kate Bradley's interview on "Welcome Groton". She did an excellent job. Kate was composed in front of the cameras, communicated extremely well, and answered all questions without hesitation or referring to notes.

B. Director of Parks & Recreation

Received an E-mail from Mumford Cove Association concerned about people coming on the bike paths.

William Kelly asks to see if we can come up with a candidate to name a sportsmanship award after for baseball.

Met with a resident who's interested in developing a work-out park in Groton.

VII. Reports

A. Director of Parks & Recreation

Working on developing internship manual; working on the budget; looking for a budget with level services, 0% and reduced 5% budget but that could cause cuts to staff; 250 people responded to the golf survey

B. Monthly Reports – Parks & Recreation

More people are attending classes; costs have gone down; cost recovery has gone up; cost to taxpayers have gone down; doing marketing and branding focus group; trying to engage more people on Facebook; working on the Senior Center chair auction

C. Golf Course Report / GAB – Jim

No meeting

D. Master Plan Committee –

No meeting

E. Boating Advisory Board (BAB) Update – Phil

(Insert information on dock application here please)

No meeting

F. Trails Coordinating Task Force – June

June: trails workshop was a great success; public forum was deemed a success; increasing the awareness of the benefits of the trails with the slide show on channel 2; next meeting is Jan 23rd

VIII. Old Business

A. Golf Rates

Todd didn't want to raise rates as a way to increase membership. They are willing to accept whatever the commission decides.

It was discussed that the members should get a DATED bag tag and/or scanning membership card along with their paid memberships.

IX. New Business

A. Appointment of Officers

Phil motions to make Jim as chair, June as vice chair, and Tricia as secretary; Ed seconded; all approved.

Tricia motions to reappoint Bill Grady as member of Boating Commission; Phil seconded. All approved.

Jim motions to propose a two year term to Town Council and RTM members to the Master Plan Committee to coincide with their terms. Tricia seconded. All approved.

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

XI. Adjournment

June motioned to adjourn. Ed seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

Signature



Date

2/12/14