

Parks and Recreation Commission
7:00 PM Wednesday, February 12, 2014
Groton Senior Center
Minutes

I. Call to Order - 7:00 PM

II. Roll Call

Members: Jim Kamercia, June Evered, Phil Butta, Ed Kolnaski,

Staff: Mark Berry, Jerry Lokken, Kate Bradley

Citizen: Samer Delgado 22 Pamela Ave, Groton

Absent: Tricia Semancik

III. Citizens Petitions and Comments

IV. Approval of Minutes: January 8, 2014 Meeting

Phil butt changed to Butta. June motioned, Phil seconded. Approved – Unanimous.

V. Town Council Referrals

VI. Correspondence/Communications

A. Commissioners

Ed - Gerry Smith award again this year.

Jim - Letter received from women's golf group concerning geese problem, supported dog for Eric at golf course to get rid of geese. Motion to support of having trained dog to humanely manage geese. Motion by Phil. June second. Approved - Unanimous. Jim will forward letter to Town Manager.

June - Jerry received Paul Harris award.

Shared program information about Portland, OR auctioned off trees for fundraiser

Shared sample flyers passed around about trails.

John Kelley memorial fund met with council members \$76,000 collected. Location discussed.

Phil – on Tuesday morning - two parks employees helped rescue a couple whose house was on fire. Jake Johnson and Chris Newbury were the employees. Recommendation made to send letter from Parks and Recreation Commission.

B. Director of Parks & Recreation

Received call about metal detecting in parks. Mark didn't recommend it because of risks involved. Jerry- Park Race—leading effort of surrounding towns—passport to different activities.

VII. Reports

A. Director of Parks & Recreation

Recreation—presented budget.

Met with Kent and Frost about fields.
Golf course rates presented to Town Council. 4hrs long, approved.
Town is going out to bid to replace golf carts.

B. Monthly Reports – Parks & Recreation

Phil brought up analysis of employee and independent contractors.

C. Golf Course Report / GAB – Jim

Rates approved. Member tags discussed. Working on it.

D. Master Plan Committee –

Met January 22. Officers elected. June felt group energized. Merritt Property discussed.

E. Boating Advisory Board (BAB) Update – Phil

No meeting- CT DEEP for replacement docks.

Park Race on May 31st for Small Boats Day.

March 20 is the next meeting of BAB.

F. Trails Coordinating Task Force – June

January 23 meeting - Mumford Cove requested path be removed off maps.

Mark seeking someone on TCTF to write Grants.

In a recent meeting, the group moved to abolish the Bluff Point to Preston name only and to continue as is but under the new name of **Tri Town Trail Assoc. Inc.**

G. Kate Bradley, Program Supervisor of Marketing and Special Events Report

Levels of sponsorship for events. Example: Stihl committed to fireworks entertainment and Tour de Noank.

Working with Mystic Schooners.

Parking lot sponsor.

Talked about member offer if you bring someone to join course. People who responded to survey were from outside the area.

Photo sessions of programs.

Website redesigned. No pictures on Town website.

Talked to AD at Fitch about camps through coaches. New adult programs-pickle ball, etc.

VIII. Old Business

A. Golf rate update passed

IX. New Business

A. Samer Delgado – Park Fitness Proposal

Need for a public workout park in Town. Workout program using bars etc. in a specific area. Similar to playground area. 25x25 area needed. Like a gym but outside. Different parks were shown. Signs of how to do activities would be included. Handicap accessible. Samer started a website about this fitness park.

B. Golf Survey Results

Of 261 responded 92% completed. Highlights - 51% heard from friend, 47 location said location, price also important. 84% rated pro shop very good. 78% course very good. Improvements - bunkers, clubhouse and speed of play.

C. Budget Highlights

Presented budget - Level service, asked for more money for maintenance of gym floor at Fitch Middle, materials and supplies. Floor machine.

2.4 % increase in general fund.

Asked about 0% and 5% cuts.

D. Room Rental Proposal

Nothing new

X. **Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, March 12, 2014, 7:00 PM at Groton Senior Center

XI. **Adjournment** motioned - Phil Butta, June Evered seconded Adjourned at 9:27 PM

Minutes have been approved and accepted. ✓

Signature

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Date

3/12/14