

**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**7:00 PM Wednesday, August 10, 2016**  
**Groton Senior Center**  
**Meeting Minutes**

- I. Call to Order – 7:02 pm
- II. Roll Call  
Commissioners: Jim Kamercia, June Evered, and Jeff Zuliani. Jonathan Grossman entered at 7:22 pm  
Staff: Mark Berry
- III. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes: May 10, 2016
- IV. Citizens Petitions and Comments
- V. Town Council Referrals
- VI. Correspondence/Communications
  - A. Commissioners  
June reported that she was impressed with what she saw of one of the summer camps.
- VII. Reports
  - A. Director of Parks & Recreation
    1. Working with FHS Athletic Director about putting up a 3' by 4' PVC sign at PPP that says "Home of Fitch High School Athletics". The sign would be paid for from fundraising
    2. Completed the all new September/October issue of the Groton Senior Center newsletter – Discover 55+. The newsletter will be distributed the second week of August. Future issues will be bi-monthly following the schedule for Center programs. Parks and Recreation will publish these and keep the advertisement revenue.
    3. The Senior Center had a week of training in the new software. This will go online on Sept. 1.
    4. The Antiques special event at the Senior Center brought in \$1,500.
    5. Fort Griswold Celebration on the Thames. Groton Utilities generously stepped in to sponsor the event and cover all costs. News of this spread quickly, making it the most viral post in the history of the Parks and Recreation Facebook page.
    6. Shennecossett Golf Course hosted the CT Senior Open for the 19th consecutive year. The tournament featured 156 players from 12 states, Canada and two foreign countries.
    7. Parks and Recreation are sponsoring a Mystic Muddy Mayhem 5K run fundraiser on September 10 at Fields of Fire. We will need volunteers.
    8. Report concerning diabetic situation that had to be resolved by having some staff trained to be able to test and administer insulin.
    9. Behind on work due to staff being cut in Public Works and not hiring staff at P and R.
    10. Deck at Esker Point Beach was completed with help from P and R
    11. Sr. Open went well, July 18 and 19; and planning for next year.
      - a. Inquiry concerning banner that advertises the event by Jim.
  - B. Golf Course Report / GAB – Jim  
Budget reviewed-net \$60,000 for the fiscal year. Retirement had to do with a little of it.  
Position still open so saving July and August. Projecting \$90,000.  
Granite bench was hit by a cart and the number of the cart was not identified. Player left the course and did not report the damage.  
Two sets of clubs were stolen. Approximately \$4000 in value.

July 2016-revenue reported \$149,500

C. Boating Advisory Board (BAB) Update

No meeting but complaint to about the new railing down to the dock reflecting into her house. Netting going to be installed to try to decrease the reflection.

D. Trails Coordinating Task Force – June

Met on June 23.

Avalonia: Dennis Main is the new president. They now have 20 properties, all online. Their 50 year anniversary is coming up.

Copp Property: Work is being done on a sign with directional arrows and on a map for a wider area

The Sheep Farm trail is complete.

Steps have been placed where the sharp turn and drop occurs on the Trolley Trail.

The “Walk with a Doc” program was started on Poquonnock Plains. The Tri-Town trail has obtained clearances from land owners and they hope to start trail construction next spring.

Mark Berry plans to have a wetlands survey done and to join the Oral School trail up with other Town trails.

E. Athletic Fields

Executive summary of field study reviewed.

VIII. Unfinished Business

IX. New Business

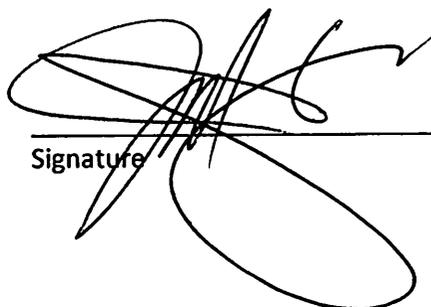
Discussion of shade structures on the golf course. Mark is going to look into options. Request for banners to be placed at PQ plains by GMF Falcons for advertising. Mark will look into request.

X. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 - 7:00 PM at Groton Senior Center

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned made by Jim and seconded by June. 8:42 pm. Unanimous.

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

  
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Signature

  
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Date