

Parks and Recreation Commission
7:00 PM Wednesday, November 9, 2016
Groton Senior Center
Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to Order**
7:00 pm
- II. **Roll Call**
Commissioners: Jim Kamercia, Jeff Zuliani, June Evered and Jonathan Grossman.
Staff: Mark Berry
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 12, 2016**
Motion made by Jeff and seconded by Jon.
Approved unanimously by all present with amendments. "Groton Little League and Calvin Burrows Field"
- IV. **Citizens Petitions and Comments**
Citizen comments-communication to Jim Kamercia-Senior Center and their program for Diabetes has done an excellent job.
- V. **Town Council Referrals**
Discussion about the listing of programs and such for Parks and Recreation.
- VI. **Correspondence/Communications**
 - A. **Commissioners**
Jim received request from a community member that has a walker and has been told that the driver won't assist on the bus, so she does not come to the Senior Center. Mark will inquire and look into a solution.
- VII. **Reports**
 - A. **Golf Course Report / GAB – Jim**
Met last Monday and are up \$10,000 for October. Down approximately \$20,000 for the fiscal year that ends in June. Typical seasonal decline. All depends on weekend weather. Packet for fees will be coming out to the Commission in January for approval.
 - B. **Boating Advisory Board (BAB) Update**
Meeting coming up in the next two weeks. Chair, Bill Grady, will be stepping down. No one has inquired on becoming the chair. The future of the BAB is in question.

Mark thought a blue trail would have been created, but none of the members seemed interested.

Boat Day is in question also.
 - C. **Trails Coordinating Task Force – June**
Next meeting on December 7, 2016
 - D. **Athletic Fields**
School vote was approved, so Merritt property will be off the table.
Jim suggests a letter to be drawn up supporting the athletic field project and not in favor of the proposed parcel of land.

Discussion ensued on development.

E. Director of Parks & Recreation

Negotiations will begin with Par 4 concerning lease agreement involving Town Manager, Mark Berry and others.

Email from property owner abutting Wolf Brook Park. He would like a fence put up between the park and his property due to spillage. Mark has responded kindly denying the request since that property has been in existence and there were no requirements to put up a fence.

Mark is going through the process with Groton Little League on putting up lights on Calvin Burrows.

Have signed an agreement with Docko Inc. to develop a beach sand management plan at Esker Point Beach. Sand is being lost and ending up on adjacent property.

Marketing - GBA is in full swing. Have 3 more teams. Today, all teams have sponsors. Kate working on Winter Discover. Adding all the programs that are 55+ that are offered at the Senior Center to increase awareness and to drive more participants.

Kate went to the Golf Advisory Board and talked about ideas to increase play. Continuing to plan and develop programs that align with health care community. Walk with Doc program and Park Prescription program.

Woods Walk Park project.

Aerating has begun on PQ Plains.

Reduction of the lip on baseball fields at Sutton Park and Calvin Burrows.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Council Presentation

Supposed to present to the RTM. Future date.

IX. New Business

A. Re-appointment of Golf Advisory Board Members Ken Wetmore and Carl Neville

Re-appointment of Carl Neville and Ken Wetmore was proposed by Jeff and Seconded by June. All in favor.

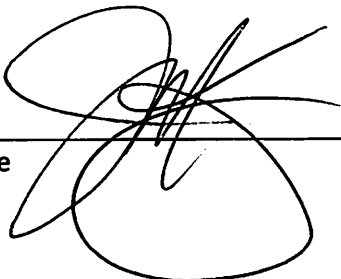
X. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 - 7:00 PM at Groton Senior Center

XI. Adjournment

Motion made by Jon at 8:42 and seconded by June.

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

Signature



Date

12/14/2016