

**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**7:00 PM** Wednesday, December 14, 2016  
Groton Senior Center  
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order  
7:15 pm
- II. Roll Call  
Commissioners: Jim Kamercia, Jeff Zuliani, June Evered and Jonathan Grossman.  
Staff: Mark Berry
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 9, 2016  
Motion made by June and seconded by Jeff.
- IV. Citizens Petitions and Comments  
None
- V. Town Council Referrals  
None
- VI. Correspondence/Communications  
A. Commissioners-none
- VII. Reports
  - A. Golf Course Report / GAB – Jim  
Initial review of budget started. Discussion at meeting to increase by 3%. November was up \$5000 compared to November 2015. Fiscal year is down \$15,000. Meeting has been set to negotiate with Par 4 in the near future.
  - B. Boating Advisory Board (BAB) Update  
Will have one more meeting to decide their future continuation.
  - C. Trails Coordinating Task Force – June  
The group met on December 1.  
  
Jenna Gosselin, the GIS coordinator for the Town of Groton, demonstrated an impressive new website, “Guide to Hiking Trails” that can be used by cell phones. It can be reached on Senior Learning network/PC/Tablet/SmartPhone and from the GIS page. It can be used while on the trail.  
  
Avalonia – their stewardship manual is completed.  
  
Copp Family farm - Groton Public Works will lay a path to the events field. A proposed new sign is going out to bid.  
  
Tritown Trail – applying for a \$650,000 grant for trail construction to build bridges over unanticipated wetlands.

XTown trail – needs a survey of the Cutler School area.

Joan Smith added that Bluff Point is the last old growth forest along the entire East coast.  
Next Trails Coordinating Task Force meeting is March 23, 2017.

**D. Athletic Fields**

Worked on letter.

**E. Director of Parks & Recreation**

Beach sand management meeting for Esker Point Beach conducted with volleyball players, neighbors, and Parks and Recreation to be able to manage the beach for all parties. Meeting was December 14, 2016.

Grant application was sent today to continue working on the Copp Property trails.

New addition of Discover will be out soon with all senior programs.

Discussion about GBA ensued. Commissioner Kamercia was interested in if there are more Groton families compared to Mystic.

**VIII. Unfinished Business**

**A. CIP Updates**

Some moving forward and some pushed to following years.

Facility improvements of \$45,000 to include basketball resurfacing in Tanglewood, hockey rink improvements and trails at Copp property.

Variable message display will be funded by Senior Center.

**IX. New Business**

**A. Reappointment of Kit Talbot and Ed Monahan to the Boating Advisory Board.**

Motion made by Commissioner Kamercia to reappoint. Seconded by Jeff.

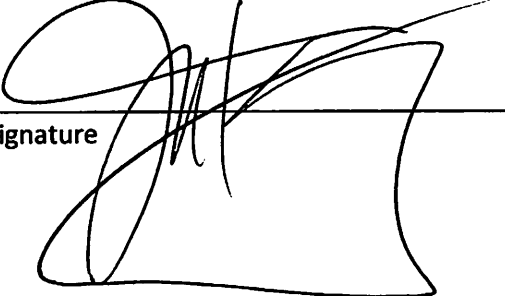
Unanimously approved.

**X. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 - 7:00 PM at Groton Senior Center**

Motion to adjourn made by June and seconded by Jon. Unanimously approved.

**XI. Adjournment**

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

Signature 

Date 1/11/2017