

**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**7:00 PM Wednesday, June 14, 2017**  
**Groton Senior Center**  
**Meeting Minutes**

- I. Call to Order - 7:05 PM
- II. Roll Call
  - Jim, June Scott and Mark Present
  - Jeff Zuliani arrived 7:35PM
  - Jon Grossman arrived 7:47PM
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 10, 2017
  - Scott motioned to accept, June Second
- IV. Citizens Petitions and Comments
  - There was an Esker Point Beach direction error on Website. Mark corrected.
- V. Town Council Referrals
  - None
- VI. Correspondence/Communications
  - A. Commissioners
    - June; OATS program took tour of local airport. Great tour. Recommends going on tour. Trees at Bluff Point State Park are to be trimmed to use short landing strip.
- VII. Reports
  - A. Golf Course Report / GAB – Jim
    - Golf - People are parking in front of 1<sup>st</sup> tee which puts their car in harm's way. Cones have been put out to alleviate cost of painting curb.
    - Course made \$5,000.00 more this May over last May. Fiscal year still down \$19,000.00 from last year. Shenny on Trip Advisor.
    - Kate trying to work relationship with Mystic Marriott for hotel "Stay and Play" with Todd's help.
    - Discussion was held on when to start the 10-day play card.
  - B. Boating Advisory Board (BAB) – Scott
    - Marine Science Magnet High School shell can't get rack until tree removal. Mark reported tree was removed.
    - Small boat day is July 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioners asked to spread the word on this fun event.
    - DEEP trailer boat ramp complications.
    - Shoreline Diving donated some labor on wood decking on the Spicer House pier and is now secure.
    - Next Boating meeting is in the fall.

C. Trails Coordinating Task Force – June  
No report, meeting next week.

D. Athletic Fields

Mark met with developer to discuss synthetic field with lights. Proposed project includes a mixed use of housing and businesses.

Town working on deed restriction on Boulder Heights property, this was the land swapped for Merritt property.

E. Director of Parks & Recreation

P & R collaborated with other area dept. with regional website for park use and better health. Summer Camp starts in a couple of weeks and concert series starts June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Had to cut back on registrations for some Summer Camps due to lack of staff applications.

As a way of giving back and saying “Thanks” to the restaurants that participated in “Souper Bowl” at Sr. Center, the seniors formed a “dine out” program where they go out and support to the restaurants that donated to the Souper Bowl.

Noank town dock project postponed to timing in the season.  
July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade returning to original size and route.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Rules & Regulations Review

1. Discussion of youth sports field use fees.

Youth sport field use. Commission agrees there should be a fee to play to divert expense. Also mentioned was the rental of the concession stand buildings. Just like the golf course and concession stand at beaches. Jeff suggested find out the financial goal and work backwards from there to determine the cost to play. Mark is going to calculate potential fees based on a few different formulas, commission to review in August. Mark to see what other areas are charging for like programs.

IX. New Business

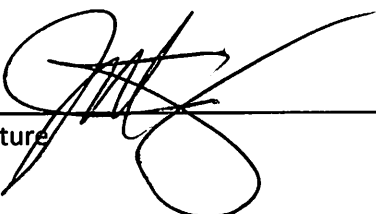
New Town Manager starting July 5<sup>th</sup>

X. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 - 7:00 PM at Groton Senior Center

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Scott second by June 8:15 pm

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

Signature 

Date 8/9/17