

**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**7:00 PM Wednesday, August 9, 2017**  
**Groton Senior Center**  
**Meeting Minutes**

- I. Call to Order  
7:01 pm.
- II. Roll Call  
Commissioners: Jim Kamercia, June Evered, Jeff Zuliani, Jonathan Grossman and Scott Peirce.  
Staff: Mark Berry
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes: June 14, 2017  
Motion to approve by Jeff and seconded by Scott. All in favor. Approved.
- 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  
Agreement with Par 4 has been approved for 5 ½ years.  
CT Senior Open was successful  
Club Championship is this coming weekend.  
Ended the fiscal year netted \$46,000. Discussion concerning golf course net income.  
Jim had a question about the storage of the golf carts during dinner hours since they are blocking the scenic view from Par 4. Discussion on how to organize the carts differently. Mark will investigate.  
B. Boating Advisory Board (BAB) – Scott <sup>19</sup>  
Next meeting is on October ~~15~~. Small boat show had a great turnout. A little confusion because there was a volleyball tournament organized at the same time, but they managed. Beth Robinson was happy with the day.  
  
Jerry Lokken sent a letter out to users of the dock. He is asking for additional funds to fix the ramp to the dock. Parks and Rec collects approximately \$7000 in rental so there may be some funding available.  
C. Trails Coordinating Task Force – June  
Met on June 21, 2017 at the Senior Center.  
The regulars were organizing their hikes for the summer. Talks about completing the bridge behind the Cutler School which would complete the X Town trail. Public Works is in the process of designing a bridge.  
  
August 22 @ 8:30am-hike at Groton Utilities property. Add hike dates in September.

June tried to hike the property next to the Marriott but Groton Open Space members said that it was dangerous with steep cliffs.

Next meeting will be at the end of September.

**D. Athletic Fields**

Mark had a second discussion with developer of property behind the Farquhar Softball/Tennis area. Town is working on the agreement with the State concerning the Boulder Heights property (swapped property with Merritt).

**E. Director of Parks & Recreation**

Met with the architect who is working on old FMS building. Project will take 6-9 months. A new handicapped accessible bathroom, Fire suppression system and entranceway. Gym floor will be redone.

Public hearing concerning a bike road from Depot Rd out to Route 1 and onto South Rd to Thomas Rd. Attendees were against the project. Final Report is going to be presented to the Council in the near future. Project came from Trails Report.

Mark met with a party interested in running a Lacrosse tournament on Labor Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Memorial Day.

Town Manager official retired.

Kate Bradley found new employment with Fairview.

Public Service project at Poquonnock Plains Park with soon to be Navy Chiefs will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2017. Painting of doors, pressure washing the fieldhouse, stone dust under benches, etc.

Mark has been working with an Eagle Scout candidate with the disc golf course.

Regular cutting and small projects continue.

Golf Course has been busy with tournaments.

**VIII. Unfinished Business**

**A. Rules & Regulations Review – pages 1-7**

1. Discussion
2. Discussion of youth sports field use fees.
  - Presentation of data on cost per sport, time used, and player.
  - Comparison needed from local communities.Further analysis needed.

**IX. New Business**

**A. Geocache**

- Mark presented rules for Geocaching

**B. The use of metal detectors**

- Mark presented regulations

**C. Sutera Baseball Tournament**

- Discussion that Town would be entertaining a little league tournament.

D. Online donation process has raised \$1500.

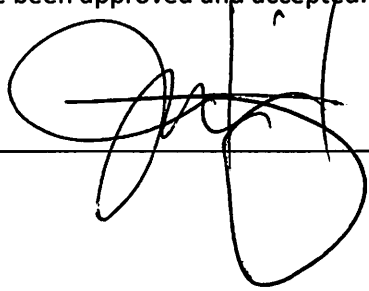
X. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2017 - 7:00 PM at Groton Senior Center

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jim and seconded by Scott at 9:05 pm

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jim", written over a horizontal line.

Date

9/13/2017

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