

# DRAFT

Town of Groton  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Wednesday, August 5, 2009  
Spicer House at 7:15 PM  
Special Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

A. *7:15 PM by Greg Leonard*

II. Roll Call

A. *John Silsby, Dick McCarthy, Phil Butta, Tricia Semancik, Greg Leonard*

B. *Absent: Ed Kolnaski*

III. Approval of Minutes – June 10, 2009 Meeting

A. *On motion of Tricia Semancik approved, seconded by Phil Butta.*

IV. Citizen's Petitions

A. *None*

V. Correspondence / Communications

A. *Commissioners*

1. Tricia brought up a concern about groups not vacating fields when other programs show up with permits to use the field.
2. Phil went to rowing meeting, did the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade broadcast on Channel 2, attended with Dick McCarthy the Master Plan meeting which was covered in the Mystic River Press
3. Greg noted crosswalk is ignored by motorists near Esker Point

B. *Director of Parks and Recreation*

1. None

VI. Town Council Referral

A. *Future referral – Master Plan for Department*

## VII. Reports

### A. *Monthly Report*

1. All recreation programmers have achieved professional certifications (CPRP).

### B. *Golf Course Report*

1. June and July Reports
  - a) June generated less revenue than last year; weather is primary problem

### C. *GAB (Golf Advisory Board) Update*

1. Off season membership proposal – three golfers purchased it in 2008; proposing it again in hopes of getting new members. Dick moves to pass along off season membership proposal that commission endorse marketing plan; Tricia seconded – motion passed unanimously.

### D. *Master Plan Update – Endorse Master Plan*

1. Plan is completed; next step is Town Council endorsement.
2. Phil motions that the commission endorse the master plan and endorses an Implementation Advisory Committee, which will be a subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Commission for the master plan implementation. Tricia seconded it – motion passed unanimously.

### E. *Senior Center Project Update*

1. Progressing well; on schedule.

## VIII. Old Business

### A. *G&S Trolley Trail – Opening Ceremony*

1. Trail is complete; will be an opening ceremony in the fall.

## IX. New Business

### A. *Use of Merritt Property*

1. Controversy on new restrictions for dogs and horses on the trails and possible conflict with master plan trails.

### B. *Boating Advisory Board – Membership applications*

1. Form now available; Town Council approved by-laws; Phil, Greg and Dick volunteered to help screen applicants for BAB.

*C. Commission Time Table for 2009-10*

1. Tasks and dates for the year are outlined.

X. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2009, at 7:15 PM at Spicer House

XI. Adjournment

*A. Phil Butta motioned, Dick McCarthy seconded. Commission adjourned at 8:50 PM.*