

Parks and Recreation Commission
7:00 PM Wednesday, January 11, 2017
Groton Senior Center
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order
7:07 pm
- II. Roll Call
Commissioners: Jim Kamercia, Jeff Zuliani, June Evered (arrived at 7:12) and Jonathan Grossman.
Staff: Mark Berry
Guest: Steven "Scott" Peirce
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 14, 2016
Motion made by Jeff and second by Jonathan. Unanimously approved.
- IV. Citizens Petitions and Comments
None
- V. Town Council Referrals
None
- VI. Correspondence/Communications
 - A. Commissioners
Groton Little League moving forward with Calvin Burrows light initiative.
Mr. Kamercia suggested having Grasso create some bleachers.
June will be participating in the Gnog Show coming up at the Senior Center.
- VII. Reports
 - A. Golf Course Report / GAB – Jim
Did not meet.

December was not a good month. Down another \$15,000 for a total of approx. \$30,000.
Weather was the factor.
 - B. Boating Advisory Board (BAB) Update
Meeting is scheduled for next week. The one of the committee members has found an individual to replace him. We will see how the meeting goes.
 - C. Trails Coordinating Task Force – June
None
 - D. Athletic Fields

Shooting for Feb 14 to do a joint presentation by Camoine Associates (Economic study) with Kent and Frost (original study) to the Town Council.

Jim requested for Groton Parks and Recreation to put a slide up on channel 19 or any other avenue to advertise this presentation.

Letter was not sent to the Town Manager, Mark Oefinger, due to illness of Jim. It will go out this week.

Oefinger was scheduled to meet with the person that wanted to change the name of Calvin Burrows, but the person never showed.

E. Director of Parks & Recreation

Met with rep from Par 4 - very far apart on many issues. July 1 is the end of the current lease. Mark is suggesting to extend the lease 6 months. Discussion ensued concerning negotiations with Par 4.

Back entrance (Plant St. entrance) is poorly designed and there are plans for improvement but it has been put on the back burner over the years.

3 Budgets will be presented to the Town Manager (zero increase, level service, and 5% decrease-a cut of approx. \$81,000).

Received a few applications on the open position on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Changes in staff, Carol Pratt, just retired after 30 years.

Met with abutters and Dacko concerning the beach sand management plan. Sand has migrated to the abutters property. Ideas of putting snow fences up or moving sand or whatever will work. Plan will need to be submitted to appropriate department of the town.

Working with Groton Little League on field light project.

Looking to add two events-Mystic Muddy 5K at Fields of Fire. Event around Halloween - road race.

Partnered with L&M - Walk with a Doc and Park Prescription.

Senior Center with holiday events - Snow Ball, for example. Proceeds will be going to the exterior electronic signage.

Calvin Burrow has been worked on-new sod.

Parks has been working on a path through the woods the goes to a park in Field Crest.

VIII. Unfinished Business

Questions to Scott Pierce

Was a Groton resident who has moved back.

Was a teacher at Fitch in the Business Department from the 1960's - 1990.

Interested in the Senior Center with active community.

IX. New Business

A. Election of Officers

Nomination for Jim Kamerchia as Chair made by June and seconded by Jonathan.

Nomination for Jonathan Grossman as Secretary and seconded by Jeff.

Nomination for Jeff Zuliani as Vice-Chair and seconded by Jonathan.

All voted unanimously.

X. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 - 7:00 PM at Groton Senior Center

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by June and seconded by Jonathan. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

Signature 

Date 