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Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2013 at Legion Hall

ATTENDEES: Don Black, Jeff Ohringer, Laurie Smigelski

ABSENT: Steve Hall, Jon Strauss

GUESTS: Gineane Haberlin, Joy Manger, Rick Mason, Kelly Merrill, Meredith Scarlet

MEETING OPENED: Mr. Black opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

READING OF THE MINUTES: The February minutes were read. They were unanimously approved. The March minutes were read. They were unanimously approved as amended.

BILLS SIGNED:

- GELD – Cow Pond – FB Field \$ 5.85
- GELD – Cow Pond – FB Stand \$ 5.85
- GELD – Cow Pond – BB Field \$ 8.07
- GELD – Cow Pond Ball Fld Pkg Lot \$ 12.00
- GELD – Cow Pond Brook Soccer \$ 7.10
- GELD – Woitowicz Fields \$ 5.85
- GELD – Cutler Field \$ 5.85
- GELD – Wheeler Park \$ 5.85
- GELD – Basketball Court(park) \$ 5.85
- GELD – 5 Commons - Flagpoles \$ 32.50
- GELD – Sawyer Common \$ 6.50
- GELD – Chicopee Row at Sawtell \$ 5.85
- Waste Management \$ 46.37

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from Louis N. Levine, attorney for K. William Krikorian regarding the 15-day notice of evacuation at Hazel Grove Park. They would like to resolve the issue so that Mr. Krikorian can continue to board his horses at Hazel Grove Park.
- Memo from Jason Kauppi, Town Moderator, regarding guidelines for Spring Town Meeting.

- Letter from Neil Stone's Karate Academy outlining their fundraising program opportunities.
- Monthly March Parks budget reports received from Town Accountant.
- Technical Bulletin from Department of Conservation and Recreation on Caring for Mature Trees.

FIELD USE REQUESTS:

- Tim Svarczkopf, for Climate Action Collaborative, has requested Minuteman Common, Town Field, and Legion Field for an event on Saturday, May 11th from 6am to 8pm.
- Kelly Rowe, for the Groton Community School, has requested the Town Field gazebo and playground for an event on Friday, May 31st from 5pm-9pm.
- Kelly Rowe, for the Groton Community School, has requested the Town Field gazebo and playground for an event on Friday, June 7th from 5pm-9pm.
- Karen Dunham, for the Groton Public Library, has requested the Town Field gazebo and playground for their annual puppet show on Thursday, August 14th from 5:30pm-9:30pm.
- Caroline Heatley, for Lawrence Academy, has requested the baseball field at Town Field for practices from April 9th to May 23rd.
- Theodore Rivet, for Groton Youth Baseball, has requested Cow Pond Fields 1-4, Cutler Field, and both baseball fields at Town Field for April 1st through August 31st, Monday-Fridays from 5:30pm-8pm and Saturdays-Sundays from 8:30am-8pm.
- All requests were unanimously granted.
- Ms. Smigelski suggested that the purpose of an event should be added to the Field Use Permit request form.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Hazel Grove Park
 - Mr. Black received a letter from K. William Krikorian's lawyer, Louis N. Levine. Mr. Levine asked in the letter if there was any way to mend fences and allow Mr. Krikorian to continue boarding his horses at Hazel Grove Park.
 - Mr. Black believes that the response letter to Mr. Levine should come from Town Counsel. He will notify Town Counsel of the letter and find out what the appropriate response should be.
 - Mr. Black spoke to Mark Haddad, Town Manager, regarding this issue. Mr. Haddad believes that Mr. Krikorian should be permanently removed from Hazel Grove Park.

- The Riding and Driving Club will be notifying Mr. Krikorian that a vote of the Club membership was taken and he was voted out of the Riding and Driving Club. The notification will be by e-mail today, a certified letter will be mailed and a notice posted in the barn where his horses are tomorrow.
 - Ms. Smigelski offered contact information for the SPCA Law Enforcement to call if necessary.
 - Mr. Black made a motion that we respond to the April 5th letter, from K. William Krikorian's lawyer Louis N. Levine Esq., which referenced Hazel Grove Park and let him know that we will take this matter under advisement with Town Counsel. Ms. Smigelski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
- Budget - There is \$16,235 remaining in the FY13 budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The boulders at the Cow Pond Field blocking parking access will be moved back tomorrow.
- The portable restrooms have been delivered to the fields for this season.
- Ms. Babcock submitted her resignation letter on March 25th. Ms. Merrill will be the new Administrative Assistant for the Parks Commission. Her first meeting will be April 17th.

ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING: Mr. Black adjourned the meeting at 8:24pm. The next meeting will be held at the Legion Hall on Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Becky Babcock, Administrative Assistant, Parks Commission