

## GROTON PARK COMMISSION

Meeting June 12, 2013 7:00PM Legion Hall

Member attendees: Jon Strauss, Laurie Smigelski, Rob Flynn, Ken Bushnell

Guests: Phil Jordan, Don Black, Steve Naboicheck

Bills Signed:

New England Specialty Soils (duplicate bill for \$762.28) will not be submitted if deemed to be a duplicate.

United Site Services		\$544.00
Waste Management		47.63
GELD	Sawtell	5.85
GELD	CPBB	132.90
GELD	CP soccer	119.58
GELD	Woitowicz Field	36.69
GELD	5 commons lights	32.50
GELD	Basketball court Park	5.85
GELD	CP Ball Field	12.00
GELD	CP Football	5.98
GELD	Wheeler Park	5.85
GELD	Cutler Field	29.71
GELD	CP FB stand	56.48
GELD	Sawyer Common	6.50
		\$1044.52

Previous budget balance \$3466.00 - \$1044.52 = \$2421.48 new budget balance

Discussions:

Shawn Eldridge sent an email regarding interest in installing semi-permanent stands at the football fields at Cow Pond in Aug. More information will need to be presented to Park Commissioners such as location, will it affect other groups, permitting needed and will the football group speak with the other sports groups about this project.

Football wants to lay up the football field next spring to let it recover from heavy use this year. This would affect Lacrosse. More discussion is needed.

Phil Jordan, Groton Youth Recreation, informed us that there is a PARC Grant meeting next week. They now have a grant writer to assist in this process.

Jon Strauss noted that there needs to be a unilateral decision making of playing fields for lay ups and usage. Getting Cutler field repaired can take some pressure off Cow Pond fields. There will be some funding available from Groton Youth Recreation toward this. It has been noted that there is a field charge at Larter Field in Dunstable: \$2000 per sport per season. This money could eventually go toward our own fields in maintenance.

Groton School and Lawrence Academy have closed some field usage to lacrosse. There are more blackout dates. L.A. has helped with in-kind services to help our fields such as with aeration. Ten of the twelve Lacrosse teams have taken 1st seed in tournaments this season.

Rob Flynn opened the discussion of trash at Cow Pond and wondered if the youth groups could unify trash pickup. There remains an ongoing issue for the DPW mowing the playing fields. Significant time is spent picking up trash on some fields before they can mow.

Phil Jordan suggested that there be a centralized budget and fees for the Groton Youth Rec. such as \$25 per child per. From this, the money could be used based on the most needed use at the fields.

Don Black asked for the town field to be set aside for the annual fireworks on July 8<sup>th</sup> (rain date of July 9<sup>th</sup>) RS Fireworks, Hudson, NH will supply the fireworks. Their display will significantly increase the number of shells up to 28,000. They will hold their fee structure for 3 years and increase shell numbers by 10% per year. Don ordered 4 porta-potties for the event. There will be music in the gazebo as well as the Nashoba Valley Concert Band.

The flag will be at half-staff for remembrance of Gov. Cellucci at the Fireman's Common until July 8<sup>th</sup> at sunset.

Jon Strauss suggested that since there are a lot of flags that need replacing that we replace all of our flags yearly. The estimated cost is \$650. The two larger flags located at Sawyer and Fireman's Common may need to be replaced more often. Because of their size they take more abuse. The vendor is Carrot Top in North Carolina. The flagpole located at Fireman's Common needs to be painted.

Don Black will forward the awarded bids from the spring's bidding process.

Steve Naboicheck, girls' varsity soccer coach, asked permission for a parent run league to use fields at Cow pond during the summer to keep the kids working with the ball. There are 7 other teams such as this from other towns. The intent is to have 10 games with 5 being home game. Dates are Tuesday and Thursdays July 7<sup>th</sup>–August 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>. This would be open to any girl in high school. Jon Strauss asked if an insurance binder would be needed. Uncertain at this time. Victor Volpe is the parent contact and we will still need a field use request form.

Cutler Field has not been cut for 3 weeks. Users have contacted us to follow-up on this issue. Some ideas over how to manage the fields to prevent issues are ongoing.

Jon Strauss wants to find out what the town's needs are as well as commitment toward other town sports such as basketball. We have several courts that are in real need of repair but would require a significant rehab but it is not in the Park budget for such large repairs.

Field Use request: Boy Scouts June 11 Legion Field. This was received to us postdate to vote. Contact was Blake Abraham.

Fran Stanley will be the new Park Administrator. She will be unable to make the next few meetings due to a previous commitment.

There are several gift Funds under Park administration, Rob Flynn will look into these and their restrictions.

Gift fund for Han on Memorial Park	\$563.00
Evan Park	1200.00
Playing fields	605.00
Smith Foundation	2000.00
Pavilion	471.00

End of year budget suggestions

Minuteman Common needs new railings. Ken Bushnell looked over the rails and noted that there are 60 rails either missing or in poor condition and some hardware that is missing. He will look into getting 60 rails from Moore's lumber.

60 rails	\$1200
Flags	650
3 Sandwich board for Hazel Grove Park for public notification of events from buildasign.com	<u>390</u>
	\$2150

9:10 p.m. Ken moved to adjourn, seconded by Rob. Motion carried.

Next meeting June 26th, Legion Hall 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Smigelski  
Vice-Chairman