

TOWN OF GROTON

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**Park Commissioners**

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Meeting Minutes

Date: July 11, 2013
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Town Hall, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 173 Main Street, Groton
Commission attendees: Jonathon Strauss, Laurie Smigelski, Kenneth Bushnell, Robert Flynn
Guests: Phil Jordan, Gineanne Haberlin, Pierre Comtois

Jon Strauss opened the meeting at 7 pm. The Park Commissioners are meeting with the Board of Selectmen on Monday, July 15th at the Selectmen's regularly scheduled 7 pm meeting. In Joint Session, the Selectmen and the Park Commission will consider making an appointment to fill the vacant seat until the next annual election.

Accordingly, the Park Commission will review candidacies of any applicants for Park Commission vacancy. The Town has received three volunteer interest forms from individuals seeking to fill that vacancy.

1st applicant: Gineane Haberlin. Gineane is presently serving on the Community Preservation Commission, the Hazel Grove Pony Club and the Hazel Grove Agricultural Association. She is used to interfacing with the Park Commission while performing her other committee work. As a commissioner, she would add the demographic of a parent of young children who are not in ball sports. She is an equestrian. She has work experience as a project manager for fourteen years ranging from construction to furniture. She does not have a conflict of interest. She expects good collaboration between sports groups.

2nd applicant: Tim Madigan. Tim is very interested in lacrosse and the Ledge Rock project. He is off the lacrosse board so he does not have a conflict of interest. Tim is interested in helping to obtain/create lacrosse fields.

3rd applicant: Jeff Ohringer. Jeff is greatly interested in soccer and the Cow Pond field complex. He has been a past park commissioner.

Regarding the Ledge Rock field PARC grant application, Phil Jordan gave the Commissioners an update on this as well as other Groton Recreation Association activities. Bryce Brockelmann has served as the volunteer grant writer and has worked to ready the application for Town Manager Mark Haddad's signature.

The Groton Recreational Association met on July 10th. Bleachers for football are under consideration in the near future. An operational budget for all fields as well as calendar use, fertilization, aeration, trash pick-up, etcetera. How this work is paid for and by whom is a question. Contracting out work is a gray area vis á vis the budget for the Department of Public Works, Park Commission and others.

The Groton Recreational Association is also looking at Cutler Field as the target of a capital improvement up to \$10,000 in value. If trees are removed and parking area attended to, the perhaps three fields are possible there at Cutler.

Notes by Laurie Smigelski.