

## Town of Groton

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## Park Commissioners

Gineane Haberlin, Chair  
Kenneth Bushnell  
Robert Flynn  
Matthew Frary  
Jonathan Strauss

### Meeting Minutes

Date: June 11, 2014  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Location: Legion Hall, First Floor Meeting Room, 75 Hollis Street, Groton  
Commission attendees: Gineane Haberlin, Jonathan Strauss, Robert Flynn  
Other attendee: Bob Johnson (Veterans Agent)  
Handouts: Agenda

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Gineane Haberlin called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Commissioners reviewed and signed pending invoices. Robert Flynn will examine P.C. Myette invoices to assure that they are ready to be paid.

### Legion Hall Cannon

Bob Johnson informed the Commissioners that he might assign restoration of the rotting wood wheels on the cannon as an Eagle Scout work project. To improve conditions for repaired wheels, the cannon may be placed on a concrete pad. Park Commissioners do not have responsibility for the cannon and yet appreciated being informed of the future project.

### Minutes

*Jonathan Strauss moved to approve the February 12, 2014 and June 4, 2014 minutes as provided. Robert Flynn seconded and motion carried 3:0 (Matthew Frary and Kenneth Bushnell absent).*

### Shed Roof at Town Field

Commissioners discussed estimates that have been provided for the replacement of the shed roof at Town Field. The Commissioners want an accurate scope of work so that the costs can be more directly compared. Jonathan Strauss anticipates that he will abstain from this vote when taken. No action was taken as Commissioners preferred to allow for a more complete roster of Commissioners to vote. Fran Stanley to follow up with Jeff Corey to request written revised estimate. Robert Flynn may follow up on the Cosgrove estimate.

### Gineane Haberlin's report

Gineane Haberlin reported on various items including:

- Backboards in shed are not the correct size for Cutler Field basketball court.
- Basketball nets are inexpensive and could be purchased in bulk with any end of fiscal year monies.
- For new signs, Michael Roberts has asked to be on the Commissioner's agenda to discuss adding pertinent historical information to the signs for each Park property.
- Jessica O'Toole has been working on the new Park Commission web portal.
- Full set of replacement flags, extra crank and halyard equipment recommended to be purchased with remainder FY14 monies.
- Commissioners want to send a letter of appreciation to the Garden Club.
- Planning for garden near Cutler Field flagpole mentioned.

### **Robert Flynn's report**

Robert Flynn reported on various items including:

- Jeff Ohringer from soccer states that the Cow Pond fields look the best they have ever looked. Other commissioners have heard similar reports. Commissioners attributed these conditions to a combination of good grass growing weather, good fertilizer contractor and more coordination of effort.
- The mulching looks good.
- 6-7 bare spots at Cow Pond need slice seeding. There are depressed bare spots. Gineane Haberlin noted that DPW can provide free topsoil to help remediate those areas. Perhaps the two most active use groups at Cow Pond (lacrosse and soccer) could go in with the Park Commission to do this work. Robert Flynn will collect an estimate.
- New lock box is installed on the pump box at Cow Pond.
- Handicapped parking is working well at Cow Pond per informal survey of users.
- There are holes to be repaired in the Cow Pond shed door.
- Need to paint over graffiti (at Cow Pond?)

### **Selectmen appointments to Town boards/committees**

Jonathan Strauss introduced the matter of whether volunteer Bruce Easom will be re-appointed to certain Town boards/committees. Commissioners discussed and noted how helpful Bruce Easom had been with the Ledge Rock PARC grant application.

*Jonathan Strauss moved a motion that the Park Commission will send a letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding the tremendous volunteer efforts Bruce Easom has undertaken for Ledge Rock project. Robert Flynn seconded and motion carried 3:0 (Matthew Fray and Kenneth Bushnell absent).*

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm. Notes by Fran Stanley.

Upcoming meetings:   Monday, June 16, 2014 5:30 pm at Middle School PAC, 344 Main Street  
                                  Wednesday, June 25, 2014 7 pm at Legion Hall, 75 Hollis Street  
                                  Wednesday, July 9, 2014 7 pm at Legion Hall, 75 Hollis Street