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Park Commissioners

Kenneth Bushnell, Chair
Evan Boucher, Vice Chair
Robert Flynn
James Gaffney
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Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 7, 2017
Time: 7 pm
Location: Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room, 173 Main Street, Groton, MA

Commissioners Present: Kenneth Bushnell, Evan Boucher, James Gaffney
Commissioners Absent: Robert Flynn, Timothy Siok
Others Present: Paul Funch, Michelle Collette

Kenneth Bushnell called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Pending Invoices

Evan Boucher made a motion to approve and pay the pending invoices. Kenneth Bushnell seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Marion Stoddart Riverwalk” Proposal Trail from Long Hill Road to Old Groton Fairgrounds/Hazel Grove
Paul Funch presented a PowerPoint of a proposal to construct a fully accessible trail from Rte. 225 to Groton Fairgrounds. The proposed trail would be 1.25 miles long. The proposed name would be the “The Marion Stoddart Riverwalk”. Mr. Funch has applied for CPC funding and has started communication with the three land owners associated with the land (Town of Groton/Park Commission/Hazel Grove, Partridgeberry Subdivision/ Taisey Family Trust and Groton Conservation Trust/Lawrence Woods). The project will take approximately two years to complete. The cost would be approximately \$200K. Mr. Funch would like to have the Trail/Riverwalk open in the year 2020. The cost will be covered by a combination of CPC funds and private donations.

Commission questions;

What is the impact on the Fairgrounds/Hazel Grove?

Mr. Funch stated there would be some impact on Hazel Grove regarding parking. Mr. Funch said that to ensure the Trail/Riverwalk was fully handicapped accessible 2 handicap van parking spaces would be required and 3 regular handicap parking spaces. These 5 parking spaces would need to be accessible to the trail right from the vehicle. The additional 15 regular parking spaces could be relocated from what the design currently indicates.

What would be the impact on traffic? And is new signage part of the project?

Mr. Funch did think there would be some impact on traffic but not too much.

Commissioners asked that Mr. Funch contact Laurie Smigelski of Hazel Grove to discuss the project. The Commission will like to be sure that both the Riverwalk/Trail and horse farm benefit from the project. The Commission would like Mr. Funch and Ms. Smigelski to meet with the Commission after their meeting for an update.

What would the impact on the horses at Hazel Grove be?

Mr. Funch will speak with Ms. Smigelski to determine what the impact on the horses will be and report to the Commission.

Legion Hall Walkway/Foot Path

The minutes from the HDC meeting of 10-17-17 were read into the record. The HDC is in support of the walkway, as long as the walkway is no wider than 5ft. and the materials used are safe, installed well and appropriate for the location.

Michelle Collette communicated to the Commission the proposed Legion Hall Walkway/Footpath would have to meet ADA regulations. The ADA requires the walkway to be 5 feet at a minimum. Ms. Collette said that the Building Commissioner would need to be involved in the Walkway build, in order to ensure that the ADA requirements and regulations are met and enforced. Quality control for the installation is the responsibility of the Building Commissioner.

Aerator Purchase

Kenneth Bushnell will contact vendor and make purchase.

Defibrillators Purchase

Captain Susan Daly, spoke to Evan Boucher about the need for defibrillators in the town. The Commission agreed they are necessary, at all fields.

Kenneth Bushnell moved to purchase 5 defibrillators, assigning Fire Captain Susan Daly with the location decisions and care of defibrillators. Evan Boucher seconded. The motion carried 3 to 0.

Capital Improvements

- Town Field dugouts support posts. – Kenny believes work has been done. Will verify.
- Basketball courts' extra rims and nets – Order needs to be placed
- Cutler basketball court's lighting – Commission feels the lighting is adequate and no charges are needed. The lights are on the same timer as the street lights.
- Cutler shed repair – Commission feels replacing the shed makes the most sense.

Field Use Permit Policies

Evan Boucher spoke with Mike Chiasson, town's IT department about having the Field Use Permits be applied for and issued through the Town Website. Evan and Mike will continue working on this; the hope is to have online field permit application available for the spring 2018 season.

New Business

FY19 Budget due to the Town Manager's office by November 20, 2017.

Kenneth Bushnell and Evan Boucher will attend the November 29, 2017, FY19 Budget Meeting with Mark Haddad, Town Manager.

Evan Boucher will attend the HDC meeting of November 21, 2017 to discuss proposed shed for Town Field.

Evan Boucher and Kenneth Bushnell accepted invitation to attend Conservation meeting regarding 0 West Main Street on December 12, 2017.

All fields can be winterized, Maureen will contact vendors.

Minutes

Kenneth Bushnell moved to approve the October 5, 2017 minutes as written. Evan Boucher seconded. Motion carried. 3 to 0.

Kenneth Bushnell moved to adjourn the meeting, Evan Boucher seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.