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Park Commissioners

Kenneth Bushnell, Chair
Evan Boucher
Robert Flynn
James Gaffney
Timothy Siok

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 13, 2017
Time: 7 pm
Location: Town Hall First Floor – Meeting Room
Commissioners Present: Kenneth Bushnell, James Gaffney, Timothy Siok
Commissioners Absent: Evan Boucher, Robert Flynn
Visitors Present: Dominique Larkin, GrotonFest

Kenneth Bushnell called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Pending invoices

Pending invoices were reviewed and signed.

Kenneth Bushnell moved to approve and pay pending invoices. Tim Siok seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0.

GrotonFest – Dominique Larkin

Dominique Larkin introduced herself to the Park Commission, stating that she will be the individual managing GrotonFest this fall. Jane Bouvier sold GrotonFest to the Groton Business Association. Groton Business Association hired Ms. Larkin to run the event this fall. Ms. Larkin assisted Ms. Bouvier last year on the event. The date for GrotonFest will be Saturday, September 29, 2018. Ms. Larkin believes this date does not conflict with any other event in Groton, but will confirm with the Town Manager's office. Ms. Larkin will submit a Field Use application in the upcoming days and submit an insurance policy closer to the event date to the Town. Ms. Larkin believes that the Groton Business Association's insurance will cover all the vendors participating in GrotonFest. This fact should be verified with the Town. Ms. Larkin assured the Commissioners the staging will be removed promptly this coming year and all necessary permits and paperwork will be acquired and submitted well in advance of the event's scheduled date. Ms. Larkin hopes to bring new life to GrotonFest in the upcoming years, suggesting expanding the event with music groups and a possible Beer Garden.

Minutes

Kenneth Bushnell moved to approve the minutes of November 7, 2017, December 12, 2017 and January 9, 2018 as written. Tim Siok seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Field Use Permit Applications

Groton Dunstable High School Ultimate Team – Richard Dorff

Field Use Application request from Richard Dorff, Groton Dunstable High School Ultimate Team to use Waitowicz Field, Monday through Friday, 3:00pm to 5:30pm, from March 1, 2018 through June 15, 2018 for Ultimate Frisbee practices and games. Application submitted February 13, 2018.

Tim Siok moved to approve the Groton Dunstable High School Ultimate Team Field Use Application for use of Waitowicz Field for the time period of as soon as fields are opened until June 15, 2018, Monday through Friday from 3:00pm to 5:30pm. Ken Bushnell seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Groton Dunstable High School Ultimate Team – Richard Dorff

Field Use Application request from Richard Dorff, Groton Dunstable High School Ultimate Team to use Cutler Field, Saturdays, 10am to 12pm, from March 1, 2018 through June 9, 2018 for Ultimate Frisbee practice and games. Application submitted February 13, 2018.

Tim Siok moved to approve the Groton Dunstable High School Ultimate Team Field Use Application for the use of Cutler Field for time period of as soon as fields are opened until June 9, 2018, on Saturdays from 10am to 12pm for Ultimate Frisbee practice. Ken Bushnell seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0.

River Rats Baseball – Ken Bushnell

Field Use Application request from Ken Bushnell River Rats Baseball to use Town Field, Saturday mornings for games and one night per week for practices starting April 1, 2018 through August 1, 2018. Submitted February 13, 2018.

Tim Siok moved to approve the River Rats Baseball Field Use Application for use of Town Field, on Saturday mornings for games and one night per week for practices from April 1, 2018 through August 1, 2018. Seconded by James Gaffney. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Challenger Sports – Amanda Dodds

Field Use Application request from Amanda Dodds, Challenger Sports to use Cow Pond Field for Soccer Camp August 20, 2018 to August 24, 2018 Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm. Application submitted February 6, 2018.

Ken Bushnell will contact Chris Davey of Groton Soccer for input on approval for the Challenger Sports use of Town Field for a Soccer Camp in August 2018. Additionally, an insurance certificate must be submitted if the field use permit is approved for this soccer camp.

Capital Improvements

Legion Hall Walkway

Tim Siok will work on a new plan to share with the Historic District Commission for the proposed Legion Hall Walkway. He will speak with Tom Delaney, Highway Director, and Ed Cataldo, Building Commissioner, about the proposed walkway construction. He hopes the work can get started in the spring.

Post and Rail Fence

Ken Bushnell is looking for a vendor to get this work done.

Tennis Courts/Basketball Courts

Ken Bushnell proposed to repurpose the Tennis Courts into Basketball Courts. The tennis courts are in rough shape and are not used by the public. There are other tennis courts in better shape available for townspeople to use. The Basketball Courts are very busy and another location for Basketball would serve the Town well.

Softball Field

The Commission proposed adding a true softball field to Town Field. There has been clean up and clearing at the field, so this is a good time to add a softball field. Will discuss more in the future.

Cow Pond Brook Walking Track

This is a sizeable job that the Commission had hoped to do in phases but has now decided to put on hold. The Town CPC funds are currently low. Therefore submitting an application for what the track would cost would likely not be granted at this time.

Administrative

2018 meeting dates set
Hazel Grove Agricultural Associates Report
Triangle Portable Services increase
Tru-Green bid request

Groton Baseball – John Kelly

Rescheduled to meeting of March 6, 2018

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Kenneth Bushnell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. Tim Siok seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0.