

## Town of Groton

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## Park Commissioners

Kenneth Bushnell, Chair  
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Anna Eliot  
James Gaffney  
Timothy Siok

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** August 7, 2018  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Town Hall Second Floor – Meeting Room  
**Commissioners Present:** Evan Boucher, James Gaffney, Timothy Siok  
**Commissioners Absent:** Kenneth Bushnell, Anna Eliot  
**Others present:** Laurie Smigelski, John Smigelski, Ellen Emerson, John d , Robert O'Rourke

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**Vice Chair Evan Boucher called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.**

### **Hazel Grove Park discussion regarding trail use and rules – Laurie Smigelski**

Ms. Smigelski spoke on behalf of Hazel Grove Agricultural Association to address an email received from Dave Conley on July 20, 2018 informing the Park Commission about an incident at the end of Jenkins Rd. The email stated that Mr. Conley and his children were yelled to get out of here by a horse rider. Ms. Smigelski was sympathetic and regretful about the incident. Ms. Smigelski wished Mr. Conley would have attended the meeting c  
**Laurie**

### **The Groton School Community Days of Service – Robert O'Rourke**

Mr. O'Rourke and the commissioners introduced themselves to each other. Mr. O'Rourke has taken over the position of coordinator for the Groton School Community Service Days. Mr. O'Rourke has worked at the Groton School for five years but this is the first year responsible for the Groton School Community Service Days. The two service days are scheduled in the fall, each are half days and one service day is scheduled in the May that is full day. The dates for this fall are September 11<sup>th</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The first date is for the older students, the second date is for the younger students. Each day should have no more than 28 students in attendance. The program has had many years of success. Evan Boucher told Mr. O'Rourke

### **Field Use Applications**

The Commission reviewed the field use applications submitted for approval:

***Carol Wheeler Park – The Carol Wheeler Park is scheduled for clean up and maintainece on September 10, 2018. Robert O'Rourke continued to September meeting***

***Cutler Field Action Plan – A trash can has been delivered to the field/basketball court. A sign maker has been contacted and a sign design/mock-up has been worked on. The finalizing and action plan discussion will be continued to September meeting.***

***New Sign/Sign Permit Process – continued to September meeting***

***Public Hearing for OPRP – continued to September meeting***

***Town Field Fence update -***

***Capital Projects – continued to September meeting***

***Admin Updates -***

***Tim Siok moved to approve and pay pending invoices. Evan Boucher seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.***

### **Field Use Applications**

The Commission reviewed the field use applications submitted for approval:

1. Baseball Clinic – Town Field Large Diamond
2. Basketball Court – 3 on 3 Basket Tournament

Fireworks Celebration discussion - Commissioners stated the fireworks celebration is an annual Groton event; the application/request has not changed.

**Capital Improvement Projects:** Chair Kenny Bushnell continued the Capital Improvements Projects discussion until the June meeting due to not having all board members present at the meeting.

### **Admin. Updates**

- Don Black replaced many of the field flags and town flags for prior to the Memorial Day weekend.
- Groton School Field Day was postponed to 6-8-18 because of the weather.
- Mitrano rates will increase by 10% Turf Unlimited has been scheduled. The first application has been done. Turf Unlimited has been asked to adhere to the schedule, so there is no issue with payment.
- Legion Hall Flags were replaced after receiving a complaint about continue of flags
- HDC will revisit site visit for baseball shed with GD Baseball in the fall. John Kelly of GD Baseball has been notified
- The No Dogs request, questions and Town policy about “Dogs on Town Fields” as been resolved. The policy the Town uses is the same policy the Park Commission refers to for the Town Fields.
- The lights at the Basket Ball Court were reported to be staying on all night. Tim MacGregor, Town Electrician addressed the issue.
- The Garden Club donated 3 shrubs and 1 tree to the Christine Hanson Memorial Playground

Moved to accept the minutes of July 10, 2018, seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, September 11, 2018

*Tim Siok moved to the meeting at 8:06 pm. James Gaffney Motion carried 3:0.*

Minutes by Maureen Adema