



**TOWN OF GROTON**  
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Minutes

**Groton Park Commission**  
**Tuesday, October 2, 2018**

**Town Hall 2nd floor meeting room 7:00 PM**

**7:00 pm**                      **Call meeting to order**

**Members Present:**        **Kenneth Bushnell, Anna Eliot, Timothy Siok**  
**Members Absent:**        **Evan Boucher, James Gaffney**  
**Others in attendance** **Penny Hommeyer, Garden Club,**  
   **Thomas Onishi, Eagle Scout Project Proposal, Steven Onishi**

**1. Field Use Permit Requests –**

- a. Sawyer Common/Minuteman Common, Veteran Garden Brick Benefit Fund Raiser**  
Anna Eliot made a motion to approve the request from Groton at Play, for the Veteran Garden Brick Benefit Fund Raiser, to use Sawyer Common/Minuteman Common on September 29, 2018, Saturday 9am to 4pm. for fund raising purposes. Tim Siok seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 to 0.
- b. Cow Pond A – GD Youth Lacrosse U9**  
Anna Eliot made a motion to approve the request from the Groton Dunstable Youth Lacrosse U9 to use Cow Pond A Field starting on September 16 through October 21, 2018 from 1pm to 3pm daily. Tim Siok seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0.
- c. Town Field – Lawrence Academy 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Soccer Practice**  
Anna Eliot made a motion to approve the request from Lawrence Academy for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade boy soccer to use Town Field, baseball outfield starting on September 18 through November 9, 2018 for soccer practice. Tim Siok seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 to 0.
- d. Cow Pond A – Groton Dunstable Lacrosse Clinic**  
Anna Eliot made a motion to approve the request from the Groton Dunstable Youth Lacrosse to host a Lacrosse Clinic on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 from 11am to 1pm at Cow Pond A Field. Tim Siok seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 to 0.
- e. Cutler Field – Cub Scout Pack 12 Meeting**  
Anna Eliot made a motion to approve the request from Cub Scout Pack 12 to use Cutler Field on October 19, 2018 for a Cub Scout pack meeting from 6pm to 8pm. Tim Siok seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 to 0.
- f. Woitowicz -Girls Lacrosse**  
Anna Eliot made a motion to approve the request from Girls Youth Lacrosse to use Woitowicz Field to host Girls Youth Lacrosse Round Robin Games on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 2pm to 6pm. Tim Siok seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 to 0.

2. **Garden Club, Penny Hommeyer.**

Ms. Hommeyer, from the Groton Garden Club attended the meeting to discuss working more often with the Park Commission. Ms. Hommeyer informed the Commission that the Garden Club has a 45-person membership and cares for 20 Town properties. She also stated that the Garden Club would be happy to clean up the over growth at the bench outside Legion Hall and make the area pretty and presentable again. The Garden Club would be willing to organize/work on community service work with the schools and other organization looking to garden/landscape at Town properties.

3. **Eagle Scout Project Proposal Thomas Onishi**

Thomas Onishi is a scout with Groton Troop 3. He is interested in earning his Eagle Scout Badge in the upcoming year. He presented the Commission with a proposal for a new baseball shed at Town Field. The Commission believes the project has merit and encouraged Thomas to reach out to John Kelly the President of Groton-Dunstable Baseball. Thomas was also instructed to meet with the Historic Districts Commission for approval, because Town Field is in the Historic District.

4. **Groton School Community Days of Service** – Commissioner Tim Siok worked with the students from The Groton School on their second service day of the school year on October 2, 2018. The location for the work was the Town Playground. The day was a raining day; therefore, a minimum amount of work was done. The students raked, weeded and cleaned up the playing area.

5. **Basketball Court Signs** – The new policy signs for Cutler Field and Town Field were approved by the Groton Sign Committee and The Groton Historic District Commission. Maureen will place an order for six signs tomorrow with Sign Safety. Six signs should cover all Park locations that would benefit from the signs. The cost is \$65.00 per sign plus \$21.00 for the graffiti proof application. After the signs arrive Kenny will have them installed.

6. **Town Field Fence** – Kenny reported that the Town Field fence will be installed this month.

7. **Commission Member Input- Updates**

***Carol Wheeler Tree Removal***

Tim stated the Commission must address the dead tree hanging over the parking lot at Carol Wheeler Park. It should first be determined if the tree is on private or Town property. The real estate purchase for the abutting property fell through, so the Town may not own the tree. Maureen will check with the Conservation agent, tomorrow to clarify the process on having the tree removed. The Commission stated at the time the tree is removed it would be a good idea to work on the back side of Carol Wheeler Park. The additional work would be tree removals, removal of dead brush, landscaping and general clean up.

***CPC Applications***

Anna informed the Commission that the CPC applications are due on October 29, 2018.

8. **Capital Projects** – The Commission discussed the projects earmarked as Capital improvements that will utilizing the Parks Field Improvement Article balance of \$36,335.02.

- After discussion, the Legion Hall Walkway will not be activity pursued at this time.
- The fence replacement and painting will be finished within this fiscal year
- The signage for the fields will be complete within this fiscal year

The Commission discussed changing the Forge Village Road tennis courts into a basketball court for the neighborhood. The Commission will submit a CPC application requesting funds for

the project. The remaining capital funds will be applied to this project. This project will be an agenda item at the next meeting. Anna and Maureen will work on the CPC application.

**9. Admin. Updates**

- a. Garden Club will be taking care of Legion Hall bench over growth.
- b. Confirmation of meeting dates for 2019. Continued to next meeting
- c. Master Plan survey submitted to Planning Board
- d. Letter to West Groton residents regarding Cutler Field and Basketball Court sent. There has not been a response.
- e. Grotonfest signage and flyer request. Grotonfest organizers requested placing a sign/banner in front of First Parish Church. The request was made because the annual banner could not be hung due to the Town Meeting banner being hung. Planning and HDC denied the request.
- f. Flag change outs have been started by Don Black. Don has been updating and changing Park property flags over the past couple of weeks. He will have the change outs done for Veteran Day.

**10. Review pending invoices -**

The Commissioners reviewed the pending invoices.

**Kenny Bushnell made a motion to approve and pay pending invoices. Anna Eliot seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0.**

11. Review Park expense and account balances

12. Review Minutes of September 11, 2018 – Minutes approval continued to next meeting.

**Kenny Bushnell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Tim Siok seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 to 0.**

**Next meetings**

**November 13, 2018**

**December 4, 2018**