



**TOWN OF GROTON**  
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Minutes

**Groton Park Commission**  
**Monday, January 28, 2019**  
**Town Hall 2nd floor meeting room**  
**Joint Meeting with Select Board 7:30 PM**  
**Move to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor lunch room**

**7:30 pm Meeting called to order**

**Members Present:** Evan Boucher, Anna Eliot, Timothy Siok  
**Members Absent:** Kenneth Bushnell  
**Select Board:** Barry Pease, Alison Manugian, John Giger, Joshua Degen, Rebecca Pine

**Others in attendance:** Chris Clinton, GDLAX. Jeff Laundenslager, GDLAX, Carolyn Southwick, GDLAX

**7:45 pm – Don Black appointment to Groton Park Commission**

Select Board members, Pease, Manugian, Giger, Degen and Pine along with Park Commission Members Boucher, Eliot, and Siok were present for the joint appointment of the vacated seat on the Park Commission.

Evan Boucher stated the Park Commission placed an ad in the Herald advertising the open seat. Don Black was the only applicant. The Park Commission interviewed Don at their regular monthly meeting on January 8, 2019, The Commission confirmed he would run for the seat in the Town election. Evan stated the Park Commission unanimously supports the appointment of Don Black to the open Park Commission seat.

Mark Haddad, Town Manager informed the group that Mr. Black was not present at the meeting because he is ill. Mr. Haddad stated Mr. Black served on the Park Commission in the past for many years and is quite experienced in the Park Commission's responsibilities.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Motion made to appoint Don Black to open Park Commission seat with the intent for him to run in the Town election.**

**Select Board**

**Pease – aye, Manugian – aye, Giger – aye, Degen – aye, Pine – aye,**

**Park Commission**

**Boucher – aye, Eliot -aye, Siok – aye**

**Motion passed**

## **Groton Dunstable Youth Lacrosse – Chris Clinton, Jeff Landenslage, Carolyn Southwick**

GD Youth Lacrosse stated their program works well and shares the Town fields very well with Ultimate Frisbee program. GD Soccer and GDLAX have worked on sharing the fields for both programs to be successful each season. The fall is more challenging because of the use of the football fields. The two programs have been sharing their schedules.

GD Youth Baseball and GD youth Lacrosse work well together. There is not much conflict or overlay of field use with baseball, but the programs share schedules. Moving lacrosse to Cutler has improved the relationships with other youth programs.

Carolyn Southwick, provide a copy of the LAX insurance and LAX Spring Schedule were Given to the Park Commission.

The GD Lax reps stated that

- The Dunstable fields are not being used
- The dog use of the fields has been a bit of a problem with dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs.

The Commission informed the GDLax reps that they are planning on doing improvements to the Forge Village/Woitowicz park property that is currently a tennis court. They told them a meeting was held on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> for neighborhood and Town input. A take away from the meeting was improving the parking lot used by lacrosse.

### **Field Use Permit Requests –**

***Evan Boucher made a motion to approve the field use request from Groton Dunstable Youth Lacrosse for Woitowicz Field beginning April 1 – June 16, 2019 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 4pm too 730pm. Anna Eliot seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 to 0.***

***Evan Boucher made a motion to approve the field use request from Groton Dunstable Youth Lacrosse for Cow Pond Field 5 and Cow Pond Field 6 April 1 – June 15, 2019. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 5pm to 8pm. Anna Eliot seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 to 0.***

***Evan Boucher made a motion to approve the field use request from Groton Dunstable Youth Lacrosse practice at Cow Pond Field 5 and Cow Pond Field 6 from April 1 to June 15, 2019 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 5pm to 8pm. Anna Eliot seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 to 0.***

### **Invoice and GL Account Balance Review**

**Tim Siok made a motion to approve and pay the submitted invoices. Anna Eliot seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 to 0.**

The Park Accounts are being spent down. Come March and April the available funds will need to be monitored closely.

## **Capital Projects**

Discussion proponed to next meeting.

## **Commissioner Updates**

- Anna Eliot reminded the Commission that the OSRP review meeting is taking place on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 7pm at the Groton Inn.
- Evan Boucher called John Brooks about the repair of the Cannon in the Common. Mr. Brooks has not returned his phone call.

## **Admin Updates**

- Hazel Grove annual report has been received. Everyone received one in their packet.
- Town Report – reviewed and approved for insertion in Annual Town Report.
- Town Election papers can be pulled starting on February 4, 2019.
- GD Soccer has not replied to meeting invite. Will email again for March meeting.
- Cricket Program request. Commissioner asked Maureen to invite the requestor to the March meeting to give presentation.
- Sent email to CPC informing, Commission that the Park Commission CPC application is on hold and will be submitted in the next cycle.

## **Policy and Procedure on bid submittals**

Tim Siok will work on getting bids for park property work. He will start with one vendor/work type for this spring.

Maureen will invite the individual asking to speak with Commissioners about submitting a bid for porta potties to the next meeting.

***Anna Eliot made a motion to accept the minutes of January 8, 2019 and January 23, 2019. Tim Siok seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0.***

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

**Next meeting**

**March 5, 2019**