## Meeting Minutes

## Park Commissioners

Donald Black, Chair

Brenden Mahoney, Vice Chair

Anna Eliot

Gail Chalmers

## TOWN OF GROTON

Park Commission

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**Date: Tuesday August 9, 2022**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**Location: Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room**

**Commissioners Present: Donald Black, Anna Eliot, Gail Chalmers, Brenden Mahoney**

**Others Present: Donna Main- Parks Assistant David Pitkin, Jeff Ohringer**

**7:00 PM**  Chairman Donald Black calls meeting to order.

**Sprinkler System at Cow Pond:**  B. Mahoney came prepared with examples of what the sprinkler heads look like to show everyone present how they work and how they should all be set up. One of the main issues with irrigation at Cow Pond is the flow from the system is incorrect because the pump really is insufficient for the size of the well. What Brendan has suggested is to change all of the heads toa lower flow and allow the irrigation system to run for a longer time to get sufficient water from the system to water Cow Pond Fields.

**Cow Pond 1 Overseeding;** Groton Dunstable Soccer Club would like to aerate and hire a company to have Cow Pond Soccer Field 1 overseeded in an effort to repair and improve the playing surface of that field. All work done would be at the expense of the Soccer club but that field would be unusable for the season. David Pitkin will make adjustments and work with other user groups to ensure that it does not interfere with any other teams or user groups.

Upon a motion made by G. Chalmers, seconded by B. Mahoney, it was;

Voted to close and overseed Cow Pond Soccer Field 1.

***The motion passed by a roll call vote (Yes: AE, GC, BM, DB)***

**Cow Pond Lighting:** The Soccer user groups would also like to replace the existing mercury vapor lighting at Cow Pond with, more efficient LED lighting. They are working on quotes

**Woitowicz Irrigation:** After looking at the GELD bills Donna was concerned about the high cost at Woitowicz Field. The only power that we should have running out there is for the irrigation system so, we have had both Turf Unlimited and New England Well look at it and everything seems to be running fine. We will continue to watch the bills.

**Memorial Tree for Bob Johnson:** The tree for Bob Johnson was planted on Veterans common by Sawyers Way and has a water gator to keep it from getting too dry. Some of the neighbors have agreed to keep an eye on it and make sure it is watered.

**Superstar Repairs:** The Superstar infield groomer is in need of a new started and solenoid. The cost of repairs is estimated at about $700 from our normal service company Toreku Tractor.

Upon a motion made by A. Eliot, seconded by G. Chalmers, it was;

Voted to repair the Superstar at a cost not to exceed $800.

***The motion passed by a roll call vote. (Yes: AE, GC, BM, DB)***

**Budget Report:** YTD we have spent approx. $7,267.64, or 13%, of our $55,759 budget leaving about $48,491.36 in our account.

**Bills:** All invoices were reviewed:

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| Groton Electric | $1247.91 |
| Turf Unlimited | $3,973.71 |
| Regional Restrooms | $1,342.50 |
| E.L. Harvey | $323.00 |
| G.W. Shaw | $280.00 |
| Carrot Top | $78.43 |
| Moison Ace Hardware | $21.99 |
| Total | $7,267.64 |

Upon a motion made by A. Eliot, seconded by G. Chalmers, it was:

Voted to approve all invoices due.

***The motion passed by a roll call vote. (Yes: AE, GC, BM, DB)***

**Capital Improvement Budget:**

Our Capital Improvement budget sits at $25,000

**Donna’s new hours and Vacation reminder:** Donna will be working a new schedule for the rest of the summer she will be in Town Hall on Mondays from 10-2 and one other day as needed and then will be on call for the rest of her weekly hours. She has been getting a lot of weekend calls for service at fields etc. so to compensate for those hours in the summer she will be on call. Also, Donna will be on vacation from August 15-22.

**Election of Officers and Appointments:**

***Parks Commission Chair*:**

G. Chalmers nominates Don Black, seconded by A. Eliot.

No other volunteers

***The nomination passed by roll call vote (Yes: AE, GC, BM, DB abstain)***

***Parks Commission Vice Chair:***

G. Chalmers nominates Brenden Mahoney, seconded by A. Eliot.

No other volunteers

***The nomination passed by roll call vote (Yes: AE, GC, DB, BM abstain)***

***CPC Representative:***

G. Chalmers nominates Anna Eliot, seconded by B. Mahoney.

No other volunteers

***The nomination passed by roll call vote (Yes: GC, DB, BM, AE abstain)***

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the June 28, 2022 meeting were emailed to all commissioners for review.

Upon a motion made by A, Eliot, seconded by G. Chalmers, it was;

Voted to approve the minutes from June 28, 2022 as presented

***The motion passed by a roll call vote. (Yes: AE, GC, BM, DB)***

**Adjourn:** Commissioner D. Black calls to adjourn at 8:46PM

Upon a motion made by A, Eliot, seconded by G. Chalmers, it was;

Voted to adjourn the August Parks Commission meeting.

***The motion passed by a roll call vote. (Yes: AE, GC, BM, DB)***

**Next Meeting: September 13, 2022**

**Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Donna K. Main, Parks Assistant**

Date Approved: September 13, 2022