



TOWN OF GROTON
Park Commission
Town Hall
1st Floor Meeting Room

PARK COMMISSION
Brenden Mahoney, Chair
Anna Eliot, Vice Chair
Mary Jennings, Member
Jeffrey Ohringer, Member
Gail Chalmers, Member

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room
Members Present: Brenden Mahoney, Anna Eliot, Mary Jennings
Members Not Present: Jeffrey Ohringer, Gail Chalmers
Others Present: Linda Murphy, Brian Edmonds, Darlene Derosas

Brenden Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Woitowitz Field Grub Control (BRENDEN MAHONEY)- Waitowitz grub control was tabled to discussion more detail after we get estimate on adding to our fertilizing schedule.

Dog Signage Discussion (BRENDEN MAHONEY)- The present commission members had a brief discussion around posting dog signage at parks properties.

General Condition of Park Properties- Commissioner updates and estimates.

Town Fields/ New Town Common/ Minuteman Common/Orchard Common (MARY JENNINGS)- Mary Jennings will contact Don Black regarding status of new ball field at Lawrence field.

Woitowicz Field/ Prescott Common/ Veterans Memorial Common/Hazel Grove Park/Lawrence Memorial Playground (ANNA ELIOT)- Anna Eliot was contacted by Peter Cunningham regarding the shed at Lawrence fields as to whether the Trails committee could use it to store equipment there. More research can be done as to space needs and availability. User survey at Cow Pond: discussion of distribution of survey to more towns people. Brendan Mahoney volunteered to check with IT and other media exposure.

Badger Common/ Firemen's Common/ Legion Common/Cow Pond (JEFFREY OHRINGER)- no updates.

Cutler Field/ Armstrong Memorial Common/ Lost Lake Pickleball Court/Carol Wheeler (GAIL CHALMERS)

CPA Project Updates (ANNA ELIOT)- Anna Eliot reported on the CPC meeting 11/13/23 and the need to have letters of support from field user groups. Mary Jennings moved to invite the chairs of the several user groups to our December meeting to discuss their possible support for the CPA application. The motion passed unanimously. Brendan Mahoney to work with Katie Berry, Administrator, on the invitation.

Park Commission Budget Review (BRENDEN MAHONEY)- Discussion of requiring fees for users; fee structure, maintenance plans and budgets; hourly costs and man hours from DPW.

Other Discussion- Flags: it is the understanding of present commission members that Don Black will assume responsibility of flag protocol.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS:

Sign permits/ invoices- Anna Eliot motioned to approve the list of invoices for EW-11 and signed by chair Brenden Mahoney tomorrow, Mary Jennings seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Schedule Next Meeting and Commissioner Updates- Tuesday December 12th, 2023 1:00PM

Brenden Mahoney moved to adjourn at 6:45pm, Anna Eliot seconded, and the motion carried.

Minutes by Katie Berry.

APPROVED: 12/12/23
