



TOWN OF GROTON
Park Commission
Town Hall
2nd Floor Meeting Room

PARK COMMISSION
Brian Edmonds, Vice Chair
Anna Eliot, CPC Rep
Mary Jennings, Member
Jeffrey Ohringer, Member
Vacancy

Date: Monday, December 30, 2024

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: ZOOM meeting:

Members Present: Brian Edmonds, Anna Eliot, Mary Jennings

Members Not Present: Jeff Ohringer

Others Present: Mark Haddad, Megan Buczynski, Jon Strauss, Rob Foley, Tom Delaney, Mike Johnson, Joshua Pollock, Peter Cunningham

CALL TO ORDER: Brian Edmonds, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. NOTE: all votes to be Roll Call Votes because this is a ZOOM meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mark Haddad announced the selection of Laura Scott as DPW Administrative Assistant. Her appointment will be sent to the Select Board January 6. She will begin duties on February 3.

Mary Jennings volunteered to act as Clerk and take minutes etc. until Laura comes on board.

BUSINESS:

Presentation on Design of Proposed Cow Pond Brook Fields:

Megan Buczynski of Activas Assoc. Presented a powerpoint presentation of the revised proposal for the layout and design of Cow Pond Brook fields, revised from the last Parks Commission meeting. (see attached slides of Presentation for these minutes).

Commission members and members of the public discussed the proposal and the three possible funding options.

Action Items Letters of Support from Parks Commission for CPA 2026 Proposals

- 1. Letter of Support: CPA Project 2026-05 Cow Pond Brook Fields, Town of Groton**

Moved by Brian Edmonds, Seconded by Mary Jennings to send a Letter of Support for CPA Project 2026-05 Cow Pond Brook Fields, for Items 1-7 of Design Proposal, \$4,811,944.

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote: Edmonds: Aye; Eliot: Aye; Jennings, Aye

Motion passed. Letter to be sent

2. Letter of Support: CPA Project 2026-14, Town Fields, Town of Groton

Moved by Brian Edmonds, Seconded by Anna Eliot to send a Letter of Support for CPA Project 2026-14 Town Fields to rebuild the major league baseball diamond and possibly relocate the little league field for an amount not to exceed \$400,000.

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote: Edmonds: Aye; Eliot: Aye; Jennings, Aye

Motion passed. Letter to be sent

3. Letter of Support: CPA Project 2026-11, Cow Pond Baseball Field Improvements, Groton-Dunstable Youth Baseball League

Moved by Mary Jennings, Seconded by Anna Eliot to send a Letter of Support for the GDYB League CPA Project 2026-11

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote: Edmonds: Nay; Eliot: Aye; Jennings, Nay

Motion failed

Moved by Mary Jennings, Seconded by Brian Edmonds to send a Letter of Support for the GDYB League CPA Project 2026-11 in the event the CPC does not recommend CPA Project 2026-05 to the Town Meeting.

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote: Edmonds: Aye; Eliot: Abstain; Jennings, Nay

Motion Failed

Moved by Mary Jennings Seconded by Anna Eliotto reconsider the previous motion to send a Letter of Support for the GDYB League CPA Project 2026-11

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote: Edmonds, Abstain; Eliot: Aye, Jennings, Aye

Motion passed. Letter to be sent.

Interview and Appointment of Interim Park Commissioner

The Commission interviewed two candidates to fill the vacancy on the Commission left by the resignation of Brenden Mahoney. Rob Foley and Jon Strauss came forward to volunteer their services for appointment to the remainder of Mahoney's term of office.

After interviewing both candidates, Candidate Strauss withdrew his application and recommended the election of Rob Foley to the Commission

Moved and seconded to appoint Rob Foley to the Parks Commission for the remainder of the term.

Roll Call Vote: Edmonds, Aye; Eliot, Aye; Jennings, Aye

Motion Passed: The Commission will bring Foley's appointment to the Select Board at an upcoming joint meeting.

Park Commission Property Up-dates

All trash and porta-potties have been removed from Park properties. Nothing to report from the Commissioners

Policy and Procedures Manual Update

Members read the recent edition of the Manual with edits from Town Counsel. Item postponed until next meeting.

Old/New Business

Field Permits:

- 1. Moved by Jennings and seconded by Edmonds to approve Field Permit for CowPond Brook field by GDYBaseball**

Roll Call Vote: Edmonds, Aye; Eliot, Aye; Jennings, Aye.

Motion Passed. Permit approved

- 2. Permits re Cow Pond Brook soccer fields** The Chair will ask the Groton Dunstable Youth Soccer League representative Sten Petersto come to the next meeting to discuss these permits in more detail.

- 3. Moved by Edmonds and seconded by Jennings to approve Field Permits (2) Cow Pond Brook and Waitowicz Fields, Youth Lacrosse**

Roll Call Vote: Edmonds, Aye; Eliot, Aye; Jennings, Aye.

Motion Passed. Permit approved.

Invoice Approval:

Moved by Eliot and seconded by Jennings to approve \$415.00 Invoice for reconstruction of park bench..

Roll call Vote: Edmonds, Aye; Eliot, Aye; Jennings, Aye.

Motion Passed. Invoice approved for signature by Chair

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Eliot and seconded by Jennings to approve the minutes of December 10, 2024.

Roll call Vote: Edmonds, Aye; Eliot, Aye; Jennings, Aye.

Motion Passed. Minutes approved

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is set for Tuesday 5:30 p.m January 7.

Adjournment

Moved by Eliot, seconded by Edmonds to adjourn

Roll call Vote: Edmonds, Aye; Eliot, Aye; Jennings, Aye.

Motion passed: Meeting adjourned

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Jennings, Clerk 1/2/2025.**

Minutes approved 1/7/25