



**TOWN OF GROTON**  
Park Commission  
Town Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room

**PARK COMMISSION**  
Brian Edmonds, Chair  
Anna Eliot, CPC Representative  
Mary Jennings, Member  
Jeffrey Ohringer, Member  
Rob Foley, Member

Date: Monday February 24, 2025  
Time: 5:30 PM  
Location: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room  
Members Present: Brian Edmonds, Rob Foley, Anna Eliot, Jeffrey Ohringer (via phone)  
Members Not Present:  
Others Present: Laura Fisher, Joshua Pollock, Nick Kiernan, Dawn Dunbar

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**Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.**

Chair Brian Edmonds called the meeting. Because Jeff Ohringer is participating via phone, all votes in this meeting will be taken as roll call votes.

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**No public comments.**

**Community Preservation Committee Representative Report-**

CPC and Activitas suggested that they focus on the design phase of the project. The CPC had sent out letters to applicants and had received public comments. The number of applicants has decreased from 18 to 14. The CPC is now waiting on the deadline in the upcoming weeks to see what the applications are in their final form.

**Carol wheeler Grant Application Update-**

Application has been withdrawn and postponed till next year.

**Discuss CPA Application 2026-05 – (updated 2/24/2025)**

Town Manager Mark Haddad has been serving as the project manager for this project and has requested the Commission to reaffirm their commitment to the revised project that was discussed at the previous meeting on January 24, 2025 for \$250,000 of CPC funds the parks commission would endorse regarding design work. A discussion was had about wanting more specifics to the design and whether it should be more geared to the sports user groups or public safety concerns, particularly the parking lot. **Upon motion by Commissioner Ohringer, to continue with CPA. Application 2026, 0 5 at a reduced amount of \$100,000. seconded by Commissioner Eliot, the motion was passed in a 2:1 roll call:**

<b>Eliot</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ohringer</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Edmonds</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Foley</b>	<b>Abstain</b>

**Charter Review Committee-**

There was some discussion and questions about the letter that was submitted after the previous meeting, that the Park Commission's formal position should remain elected or appointed. The conclusion of the discussion was a divided vote of the Charter Review Committee, 3 in favor and 3 against leaving the Park Commission as is. There will be further discussion at a later date.

**Portable Restroom and Trash Service Bids-**

The Administrative Assistant Laura, is still waiting to hear back from a few more bids to come in.

**Baseball Field Improvement Requests-**

Groton-Dunstable Youth Baseball League rep Joshua Pollock proposed a few requests on behalf of the youth baseball league for permission to make some improvements to be done at the Cow Pond fields this Spring. Specifically, they are requesting \$1,000 in funds to be effectively spent out of our capital budget to cover the cost of infield mix. They will be taking care of all the physical work which is being done by the volunteers. **Upon motion by Chair Edmonds, seconded by Commissioner Foley, to approve the capital improvement done by the baseball volunteers. the motion was unanimously passed in a 4:0 roll call:**

<b>Eliot</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ohringer</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Edmonds</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Foley</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Upon motion by Chairman Edmonds, seconded by Commissioner Foley, for the Parks Department to provide through the capital budget 2 truckloads of infield, mix at an amount not to exceed \$1,000. the motion was unanimously passed in a 4:0 roll call:**

<b>Eliot</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ohringer</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Edmonds</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Foley</b>	<b>Aye</b>

The Commissioners suggested a meeting with the DPW was necessary to set up at one of the next upcoming meetings to get better communication and guidelines with maintenance that needs to be done at fields.

**Hazel Grove/Gratuity Road- (added 2/21/2025)**

Developer is giving away a parcel of land next to Hazel Grove, **upon motion by CPC Rep Eliot, seconded by Chair Edmonds, that the planning board designate the parcel to Parks Commission instead of Conservation. the schedule was unanimously approved in a 4:0 roll call:**

<b>Ohringer</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Eliot</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Foley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Edmonds</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Old/New Business:**

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**Upon motion by Chair Edmonds, seconded by Commissioner Ohringer, the January 27, 2025 minutes were approved in a 3:1 roll call:**

<b>Ohringer</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Eliot</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Foley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Edmonds</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Sign permits/ invoices- Upon motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by Chair Edmonds, to sign permits as long as there is room on the schedule was unanimously approved in a 4:0 roll call:**

<b>Ohringer</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Eliot</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Foley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Edmonds</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Brian Edmonds motioned to start holding regular commissioner meetings on the second and 4th Monday of the month, at 5:15 pm. Rob Foley seconded, and the motion carried unanimously approved in a 4:0 roll call:**

<b>Ohringer</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Eliot</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Foley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Edmonds</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Schedule Next Meeting and Adjourn- Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 5:15pm

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**Brian Edmonds moved to adjourn at 6:58 pm, Rob Foley seconded, and the motion carried unanimously approved in a 4:0 roll call:**

<b>Ohringer</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Eliot</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Foley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Edmonds</b>	<b>Aye</b>

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Minutes by Laura Fisher, Administrative Assistant.

**APPROVED: April 14, 20205**

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