

TOWN OF GROTON

Park Commission Town Hall 1st Floor Meeting Room PARK COMMISSION

Mary Jennings, Chair Anna Eliot, Vice-Chair Mark Presti, Clerk Rob Foley, CPC Representative Jeffrey Ohringer, Member

Date: Monday June 23, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room

Members Present: Rob Foley, Anna Eliot, Jeffrey Ohringer, Mary Jennings, Mark Presti

Members Not Present:

Others Present: Laura Fisher

Call to Order: 5:05 p.m.

Mary Jennings Chair, called the meeting.

Public Comments –

None.

Financials

EOY Budget -

Administrative Assistant Fisher gave a report on the updated Capital and Expenses Funds. She reminded the commissioners that the Fiscal year ended on June 30, and would need a designated commissioner to sign remaining invoices to be paid before the next meeting.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ohringer, seconded by Commissioner Foley, that the Parks commission approve Commissioner Presti to sign all remaining invoices for the fiscal year. The motion was passed unanimously.

Old/New Business:

Goal Setting Workshop: FY26

The commissioners brought lists of goals they felt were most important to complete for the next fiscal year and established three SMART goals focused on improving communication with user groups, streamlining permit procedures, and developing a fee structure for field usage, while also discussing the need for strategic planning and park management.

- 1) Needs Assessment of Properties
- 2) Permitting
- 3) Cow Pond Program

Commissioner Foley agreed to draft up a strategic planning process to present at the next meeting.

Lost Lake Equipment Shed

Commissioner Elliot will oversee communication with Nicole from the senior center to discuss the proposed equipment shed location at Lost Lake property and report back to the commission.

Approvals & Permits

Upon motion by Commissioner Ohringer, seconded by Commissioner Foley, that the Parks commission approve the May 12, June 2, and June 16, 2025 minutes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Jennings, seconded by Commissioner Ohringer, to approve the Soccer Group to use CPB Field 1 from 6-9pm only until July 14. They must come to the next commissioners meeting to get the rest of the dates approved. The motion was passed unanimously.

Upon motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by Commissioner Ohringer, to approve the Soccer Group 8-10 on Sundays using CPB Field 2 & 3. The motion was passed unanimously.

Schedule Next Meeting and Adjourn- Monday, July 14, 2025 5:00pm

Rob Foley moved to adjourn at 6:51 pm, Jeff Ohringer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes by Laura Fisher, Administrative Assistant.

APPROVED: September 8, 2025