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 August 11, 2025
Time:	5:00 PM
Location:	1st Floor Meeting Room
Members Present:	Anna Eliot, Jeffrey Ohringer (via Zoom), Mary Jennings
Members Not Present:	Mark Presti, Rob Foley
Others Present:	Laura Fisher, Josh Pollock, Alex Miller

Call to Order: 5:15 p.m.
Mary Jennings acting chair, called the meeting.

Public Comments –
None.

Reports

Chair-
Chair Mary Jennings spoke with Don Barry of the GD Youth Softball League in reference to maintenance at Cutler Field. She stated that DPW would be assisting in restoring the fields. Commissioner Eliot is in contact with the Nashoba Schools to progress on building the shed in the next few weeks. Commissioner Foley, while not present at the meeting, sent in deadline dates for the CPC applications. With the submission deadline being November 19th, the Commissioners agreed to have their application submitted by October 15th.

Financials-
Administrative Assistant Fisher reported that she had found a few different gift funds that were not known about previously that had been given to the Parks Department.

Old/New Business:

Goal #1 Cow Pond Improvement Project:
Josh Pollock spoke of concerns with the design cutting into the baseball fields and sacrificing a baseball field with the new renovation. Commissioner Eliot added that the major issue with the new design is the hill at Cow Pond. More information will be discussed at their next meeting on August 8th.

Alex Miller from Ghost Pig Inc. came in to ask permission to use the soccer parking lot for their employees while filming Super Troopers 3 down the street for easy transportation. He will be gifting the Parks Department $2500 for use of parking lots.

Upon motion by Mary Jennings, Jeff Ohringer seconded, to approve Ghost Pig Inc. use of the soccer parking lot only from Thursday to Friday evening and accept a gift in the amount of $2500. The motion carried with a 3:0 roll call:

Anna Eliot – Aye
Mary Jennings – Aye
Jeff Ohringer – Aye

Goal #2 Permitting:
Commissioners Jennings & Ohringer have come up with a draft of permitting strategies. A discussion on strategies, fees and liabilities ensued. The commissioners want to reach out to surrounding towns on their permitting fees and processes. They are interested in what user groups opinions are on the fees and expectations.

Goal #3 Strategic Plan Needs Assessment:
Commissioners Eliot & Foley drafted a list of brainstorming ways to get feedback from user groups and create a needs assessment survey to distribute. More discussion was had to create a step by step process of ways to execute plans and achieve parks goals.

Sign permits/ invoices-

Upon motion by Commissioner Eliot, seconded by Commissioner Ohringer, to authorize the chair to sign the invoices as opposed to every member of the committee sign the invoices for this evening. the motion carried with a 3:0 roll call:

Anna Eliot – Aye
Mary Jennings – Aye
Jeff Ohringer – Aye

Schedule Next Meeting and Adjourn- Monday, August 25, 2025 5:00pm

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Anna Eliot moved to adjourn at 6:40 pm, Mary Jennings seconded, the motion carried with a 3:0 roll call:

Anna Eliot – Aye
Mary Jennings – Aye
Jeff Ohringer – Aye

Minutes by Laura Fisher, Administrative Assistant.

APPROVED: September 8, 2025