



TOWN OF GROTON

Park Commission
Town Hall
1st Floor Meeting Room

PARK COMMISSION

Mary Jennings, Chair
Anna Eliot, Vice-Chair; CPC
Representative
Mark Presti, Clerk
Jack Petropoulos, Member
Jeffrey Ohringer, Member

Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2026
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room
Members Present: Anna Eliot, Mary Jennings, Mark Presti, Jeffrey Ohringer, Jack Petropoulos
Members Not Present:
Others Present: Laura Fisher, Judy Anderson, Megan Buczynski

Call to Order: 5:04 p.m.

Mary Jennings, Chair, called the meeting.

The Commissioners reviewed a handout from Monday's meeting regarding contacting surrounding towns for permitting processes and costs. Commissioner Petropoulos created a spreadsheet for collecting cost data from neighboring towns, with specific instructions on how to categorize different types of costs.

The meeting focused on preparing for an upcoming town meeting regarding the \$4.8 million recreational facility project at Cow Pond. The Commissioners reviewed value engineering changes made to reduce costs, including eliminating lighting at the new field, reducing granite curbing, and simplifying dugout structures. They discussed presentation strategies for Megan's 7-minute presentation, emphasizing the need to highlight problem-solving aspects and grant funding while addressing concerns about project costs and environmental compliance issues. The Commissioners assigned specific people to handle various questions during the town meeting, including Bruce Easom for CPA cost discussions and Mark Haddad for bonding-related questions. They also planned to create a handout with a simplified map and key financial information to be distributed before the meeting.

Schedule Next Meeting and Adjourn- Monday, May 18, 2026 5:00pm

Mark Presti moved to adjourn at 6:52 pm, Jack Petropoulos seconded, and the motion carried unanimously

Minutes by Laura Fisher, Administrative Assistant.

APPROVED: July 13, 2026
