

**Guilford
Town Green Committee
Town Hall
February 19, 2020
3:30 pm
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Second Floor**

Present : Chair Jerry Silbert, Katherine Frydenborg, John Cunningham, Pat Todd, Fran Swietlicki,
Grace Zimmer, Vivian Thain
Absent : Tom Pinchbeck
Town Officials: Rick Maynard, Parks and Recreation Director
Kevin Magee, Environmental Planner/Tree Warden
Guests : None

1. Call to Order At 3:35 pm, Chair Jerry Silbert called the regular meeting to order. The Chair and six regular members were present to provide a quorum.

2. Approve Agenda

*Motion: John Cunningham moved to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Grace Zimmer.
Vote: Carried - Fran Swietlicki, Katherine Frydenborg, John Cunningham, Grace Zimmer, Pat Todd,
Vivian Thain.*

3. Public Forum There were no citizens present.

4. Approval of January 15, 2020 and July 17, 2019 Minutes

*Upon review,
Motion: John Cunningham moved to approve the January 17, 2020 minutes, seconded by Vivian Thain..
Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

The July 2019 minutes have not been approved until now due to the absence of a quorum of members who had attended the July meeting.

*Motion: Vivian Thain moved to approve the July 17, 2019 minutes, seconded by John Cunningham.
Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

Old Business

6. Update on the plaque for the well on The Green across from St. George Church

Chair Jerry Silbert reported that work on the installation of the history plaque on the fire well cannot be done until warmer weather in the spring. He will try to contact Public Works Dir. Tom Fillion for their assistance.

7. Review and Discussion on the Lafayette Trail Proposal

Historian Julien Icher, of France, has requested that Guilford install a sign marking French General Marquis de Lafayette's, 1825 U.S. tour. The sign for each municipality, designed and funded by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, would be 2 feet by 3 feet cast aluminum, on a pole, three feet into the ground,

with four feet above ground. Presently, the Town has a plaque on the corner house at Whitfield and Broad Streets.

Chair Silbert read the history of General Lafayette, who is considered a hero of both the French and American Revolutionary Wars. He was a friend of Presidents George Washington and James Monroe and had visited Guilford during his tour. A parade and celebration was held and published in local newspapers.

Discussion reviewed possible locations, size concerns and conflict with the GCC Monument Policy. Chair Silbert will contact Julien Icher about these issues and contact First Selectman Hoey regarding the policy.

Motion: John Cunningham moved to Table a decision on the request until additional information is obtained, seconded by Fran Swietlicki.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Each GGC member will advise their organizations of the Lafayette sign request and obtain feedback. This issue will be added to the next GGC Agenda.

8. Parks and Recreation (P&R) Report - Dir. Rick Maynard

Dir. Rick Maynard reported that the northwest corner of The Green is mostly brown and will be seeded. Parks and Recreation Foreman Tony Annicelli will use organic fertilizer and "better" grass seed. Three applications will be done with contractor Chuck Sherwood. Spot seeding can be done in April. Dir. Maynard requested that GGC assist by funding the \$5,899.43 project.

Motion: Vivian Thain moved to allocate \$5,899.43 to Parks and Recreation Dept. for turf maintenance on The Green, seconded by Pat Todd.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

9. Tree Warden Report

Town Tree Warden and Environmental Planner, Kevin Magee, reported that he will obtain quotes for replacing diseased/dead trees and planting new ones in the spring, donated by The Guilford Garden Club. One Pink Chestnut will be planted as a memorial. There will be no plaque.

P&R Dir. Maynard advised that his department can remove wood chips but does not grind tree stumps.

10. New Business There was no business.

5. Bills and Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Motion: John Cunningham moved to approve the Recording Secretary January invoice for \$52.50, seconded by Vivian Thain.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

11. Adjourn

Motion: At 4:07 pm, John Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Fran Swietlicki.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary