

Guilford
Town Green Committee Minutes
Town Hall
May 13, 2016
3:30 pm
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Second Floor

Present : Chair Jerry Silbert, John Cunningham, Colin MacKenzie, Tom Pinchbeck, Annis Homer, Vivian Thain, Pat Todd.

Town Officials : Rick Maynard, Director, Parks and Recreation, Kevin Magee Environ. Planner

Absent : Catherine Kiernan

Guests : Ed Lazarus, President of the Shoreline Chamber

Call to Order At 3:35 pm, Chair Jerry Silbert called the regular meeting to order

Update on Fees

Chair Silbert had attended a Board of Selectman meeting on April 4th to discuss potential fee changes to increase maintenance funds for The Green. Currently, the annual revenue from events on The Green is about \$6,300. Funding to maintain The Green is not included in the Annual Town Budget. The Board of Selectmen tabled the request to approve the Permission to Use the Guilford Green because of questions about the fee schedule with regards to charging like the Boy Scouts, and other non-profits that operate on a voluntary basis without any paid staff.

Guest Ed Lazarus had questions about the fee schedule regarding the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce that were addressed by explaining the fee schedule below. For example, The Chamber's participation in the Christmas tree lighting would not be charged as it was not a fund raising event. However, other events where funds are raised for the Chamber would be charged under item three of the fee schedule.

Chair Silbert reviewed all the request for events on the Green for 2014 and 20 15 and revised the fee schedule as follows:

1. Town of Guilford Departments and Guilford Schools: **No Charge.**
2. Guilford Civic Nonprofit organizations with no paid staff: **No Charge.**
3. Nonprofit organizations with paid staff - fund raising event with no entry fee: **\$50 per section per day not to exceed \$300 for the total event.**
4. Nonprofit with paid staff that will charge an entry fee for services or products provided at the event on the Green: **\$50 per section per day and \$30.00 per exhibitor and concession who are charged a fee.**

Based on review of event on the Green in 2014 and 2015 Chair Silbert estimate that this would provide an additional \$3,100 for maintenance of the Green's lawns. This still fell short of our goal of \$4,200 but was fair in that the increase in fees reflected inflation since 2005 when the fee schedule was established.

A motion to approve of the Permission to Use the Guilford Green was made by John Cunningham and Seconded by Tom Pinchbeck. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Adjournment

The meeting closed at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



*J. A. Silbert, Chairman for Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary.*