

**Guilford  
Town Green Committee  
Town Hall  
June 17, 2015  
3:30 pm  
Selectmen's Meeting Room,  
Second Floor**

Present : Chair Stephen Page, Ann Erda, Jerry Silbert, Colin MacKenzie, Vivian Thain, Annis Homer

Town Officials : Rick Maynard, Director, Parks and Recreation

Absent : Catherine Kiernan, Rob Leete, John Cunningham  
Kevin Magee, Tree Warden / Environmental Planner

Guests : None

**Call to Order**

At 3:35 pm, Chair Stephen Page called the regular meeting to order.

**Approve Agenda**

Upon review,

*Motion: Vivian Thain moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Colin MacKenzie.*

*Vote: Carried - Silbert, MacKenzie, Thain, Erda, Homer*

**Approval of April Minutes**

Upon review,

*Motion: Colin MacKenzie moved to approve the April minutes with amendments, seconded by Jerry Silbert.*

*Vote: Carried - Silbert, MacKenzie, Thain, Homer, Erda*

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Catherine Kiernan was unable to be present yet had emailed a report to members. The Guilford 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has provided a \$10,000 grant. The current fund balance increased to \$38,804.52.

**Public Forum** There was no discussion.

**Tree Warden Report** Tree Warden Kevin Magee was unable to be present to report.

**Request to use The Green Update and Fees Discussion**

Tabled to the July meeting.

### **Parks and Recreation - Director Rick Maynard**

Jerry Silbert reported that he had met with Parks and Recreation Foreman, Tony Annicelli, to walk The Green and observe grass and bare area conditions recommending a pilot project for organic fertilization. There is 300,000 square feet of grounds to maintain. Compost will be used only in areas that have a need. Seeding and water at the southeast corner and adding topsoil to exposed tree roots may be beneficial. This would provide information that could be useful for fall planting.

Chair Stephen Page, Jerry Silbert, P&R Dir. Rick Maynard and P&R Foreman Tony Annicelli will meet to decide the best practices and lowest cost for this project.

Parks and Recreation Dir. Rick Maynard will review the summer impact of the bandstand, including the possibility of changing the use of corner sidewalk areas to bring equipment onto the grounds. Discussion was held on the use of the water tank and its capacity. P&R had edged the sidewalks for the high school graduation.

Chair Page advised that event signs for non-profits have been removed on time after the two week limit. There is no more trash can clutter.

P&R Dir. Maynard advised that the Guilford Preservation Alliance sponsored Visitor Kiosk is being constructed on the Community Center grounds. It will be a very small building with a large patio, bench and bike rack.

### **Update on East / West Sidewalk**

Chair Stephen Page reported that the \$10,000 grant from the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has been included in the budget toward the installation of the proposed east / west sidewalk on the north end of The Green. Stephen has met with First Selectman Mazza and Town Engineer Portley regarding this project which could begin later this summer.

Discussion was held on the appropriate sidewalk dimensions, distance from the road, pedestrian safety, snow removal, grass mowing, event signs currently placed in this area, bus stop with bench, parking, and impact to trees and roots.

It was decided that Chair Page, Dir. Maynard and other members would walk and observe the north end after this meeting.

The 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee grant was provided with the stipulation that the GGC install an engraved plaque, of pink Stony Creek granite, on the concrete sidewalk. A dedication, photos and news article will be done upon completion of the project.

**Old Business**      There was no discussion.

### **New Business**

Chair Page and P&R Dir. Maynard advised that Town Economic Development officer, Brian McGlone, has requested that GGC consider installing a bike rack on The Green, across from The Marketplace (former Guilford Food Center).

Discussion reviewed GGC policy of no permanent structures on the grounds. There is a bike rack near the ATM at Page Hardware parking area across from The Green, which had been donated by Zane Bicycles. It has a safe area with 24 hour camera security.

*Motion:*            *Ann Erda moved that in considering this request, GGC regulations in effect for many years do not allow permanent structures on The Green and that there is a safe bike rack alternative in proximity to the requested are, seconded by Annis Homer.*

*Vote:*                *Carried - Unanimously*

Discussion was held on food vendor vehicles, with state and local permits, that are allowed to use parking spaces around The Green for certain daily hours with parking limitations. Vehicle generator noise may become an issue over the summer. GGC does not have jurisdiction over street vendors unless they begin to use The Green. P&R has contracted with the taco vendors for Jacobs Beach events.

The next meeting will be July 15 at 3:30 pm.

**Adjournment**

*Motion: At 4:15 pm, Ann Erda moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Annis Homer.*

*Vote: Carried - Unanimously*

Respectfully submitted,

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*Judith Anderson Castellano*  
*Recording Secretary*