

**Guilford
Town Green Committee
Town Hall
July 20, 2016
3:30 pm
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Second Floor**

Present : Chair Jerry Silbert, Tom Pinchbeck, Fran Swietlicki, Vivian Thain, Pat Todd,
John Cunningham, Catherine Kiernan

Town Officials : Rick Maynard, Director, Parks and Recreation

Absent : Colin MacKenzie
Kevin Magee, Town Tree Warden/Environmental Planner

Guests : None

1. Call to Order

At 3:31 pm, Chair Jerry Silbert called the regular meeting to order. All members present were eligible to vote.

2. Approve Agenda

Upon review,

Motion: Fran Swietlicki moved to add to the Agenda discussion on merchants using The Green, seconded by Pat Todd.

Vote: Carried -John Cunningham, Pat Todd, Catherine Kiernan, Vivian Thain, Fran Swietlicki, Tom Pinchbeck

3. Approval of Minutes

Upon review,

Motion: Fran Swietlicki moved to approve the June minutes as presented, seconded by Vivian Thain.

*Vote: Carried - Pat Todd, Vivian Thain, Jerry Silbert, Fran Swietlicki
Abstained - Absent: Tom Pinchbeck, John Cunningham, Catherine Kiernan*

4. Treasurer's Report

GGC revenue for fiscal year 2015-2016 was \$6,750. Also, approximately \$1,870 in revenue fees from event signs posted at the north end. The 2015-2016 Fund Balance as of June 30 was

\$38,691.48. The current balance is \$45,023.60.

5. Public Forum

There were no guests or comments.

6. Green Use - Responsible for Damages

Discussion was held on how to deter, monitor and repair damages caused by those using it for events. Members reviewed several factors for vehicle access and egress.

Town Tree Warden / Environmental Planner, Kevin Magee reported that he had walked The Green with First Selectman Joe Mazza observing normal wear and tear, as well as, ruts, tent stake holes, and areas of dumpster use where reseeding is needed. The Board of Selectmen (BOS) has made exceptions to regulations allowing some vehicles onsite. The Town invoices event organizers for the cost of excessive trash pickup and requires them to leave The Green in the condition they found it. In the past, fines have been levied for damages to benches and to repair ruts left by vehicles.

Parks & Recreation Director Rick Maynard advised that due to the lack of summer rain, it has been frustrating to keep the grass green as his crew can only water between events. Foot traffic for the four day Shoreline Arts Alliance annual exposition and other major events cause substantial need for water and repairs.

Suggestions to improve conditions included: mulch instead of grass for vehicle entry/exit, plywood on the ground, rain can restore the compressed rain, and options for assessing fees. GGC regulations provide permit options only for non-profits organizations who serve Guilford.

Further discussion reviewed use for fundraisers such as bike rides with water/food stops, and that organizations have requested and been given fee waivers by the BOS. Currently, the BOS has the authority to decide who receives a permit, waivers, or damage fees. GCC provides the regulation standards with review by the BOS.

Director Rick Maynard reported that Sector 13 had been seeded and watered by his crew instead of a contractor because none were available to hire.

Chair Silbert reported that, upon request by Dir. Maynard this past month, he had agreed to purchase a water hose for approximately \$260 from Page Hardware, who gave a 10% discount.

Motion: Pat Todd moved to authorize Chair Jerry Silbert, to allocate funds to purchase (needed maintenance supplies) between Green Committee meetings, not to exceed \$1,000, seconded by John Cunningham.

Vote: Carried- Unanimously

Tree Warden Report - Warden Kevin Magee

Tree Warden Kevin Magee reported that Bartlett Tree Service has trimmed all the dead wood from the trees, removed and ground one large tree and will plant a replacement.

8. Parks and Recreation Report - Director Rick Maynard

Discussion held earlier in this meeting.

10. Old Business There was no further business.

11. New Business

The Guilford Rotary Club has recommended installing a bus stop shelter near the corner of Whitfield and Broad Streets. They would donate the cost.

Discussion reviewed the GGC regulations which do not allow permanent structures. In addition to finding ways to shelter riders from the weather, members would like to review other stop options with the bus company, research removal of potential graffiti and ads, and include the Historic District Commission in design discussions.

It was decided that Tom Pinchbeck will contact The Rotary Club and invite them to a GGC meeting to provide a presentation, including the cost and design options.

Chair Jerry Silbert will contact the merchants' association, those located around The Green, to ask whether they would like to have a representative on the GCC.

12. Adjournment

Motion: At 4:26 pm, John Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vivian Thain.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

*Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary*

***The next regular meeting will be September 21, 2016 at 3:30 pm.**