

**Guilford
Town Green Committee
Town Hall
August 19, 2015,
3:30 pm
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Second Floor**

Present : Chair Stephen Page, Annis Homer, Jerry Silbert, Colin MacKenzie, Catherine Kiernan
Town Officials : Rick Maynard, Director, Parks and Recreation

Absent : Vivian Thain, John Cunningham, Ann Erda
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: Ann Erda moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Jerry Silbert.

Vote: Carried - Silbert, MacKenzie, Kiernan, Homer, Page

Approval of June Minutes

Upon review,

Motion: Colin MacKenzie moved to approve the July minutes, with amendment to adjourn at 3:50 pm, seconded by Jerry Silbert.

Vote: Carried - Silbert, MacKenzie, Homer, Page

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Catherine Kiernan had emailed a report to members. The current financial status remains solvent with a current balance of \$28,638.33, after \$10,000 expenditure for the new north end sidewalk. The \$10,000 was donated by the 375th Guilford Anniversary Committee and deposited during this month for payment to the construction company. Replacement reimbursement had been received from the person who, two years ago, had driven into a light pole at the northwest corner of The Green. Payment has not been received from The Shoreline Alliance for the Arts for use of The Green for their Annual four day Exposition in July. Chair Page will contact First Selectman Mazza regarding this payment.

Public Forum There was no discussion.

Parks and Recreation - Director Rick Maynard

Director Rick Maynard reported that The Green is in poor condition at this time. Much of the grass is brown and worn by use of The Green for several large summer events. Some organizations have used grilling equipment at their events, which is a fire hazard.

Discussion was held on safety issues and dangers to the public by grilling food on The Green. It is unknown whether permits are currently available. It was decided that Chair Page will contact the Board of Selectmen regarding a "No Open Flame" regulation. With additional information, further discussion will take place in September.

Tree Warden Report Tree Warden/Environmental Planner Kevin Magee was unable to be present.

Jerry Silbert reported that he had met with Parks and Recreation Foreman Tony Annicelli to review planting organic seed in Sector 7 near Boston and Park Streets. This is a pilot program which, if successful, could be used in other sectors in the spring 2016. A salt solution weed killer named "Adios" could be tested as well. The outcome will also assist with the cost of regular maintenance and determining a criteria for Green use fees to be included in the budget.

Motion: Jerry Silbert moved to authorize a \$300 expenditure, for a pilot program, planting organic seed in Sector 7, seconded by Catherine Kiernan.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Updates on Fees

Chair Page advised that review of fee schedules continue to be done.

Conclusion of East / West Sidewalk

Chair Stephen Page reported that word corrections will be made on the two engraved granite plaques to be installed on the new east/west sidewalk at the north end of The Green. A dedication, photos and news article will be done upon completion of the project. GGC paid for the engraving of two granite plaques. The granite was donated by the Stony Creek Quarry.

Rob Leete replacement from Keeping Society

The Keeping Society has been requested to assign a representative to fill Rob Leete's position on the GGC.

Old Business

There was no business to review.

New Business

Chair Page advised :

- Tom Pinchbeck will be the new representative from The Guilford Foundation.
- Recommended that the Board of Selectmen inform GGC of those who have permits to drive vehicles, especially trucks, onto The Green. Permits must be visible in the vehicle window at all times.

Adjournment

Motion: At 3:52 pm, Catherine Kiernan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jerry Silbert.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

*Judith Anderson Castellano,
Recording Secretary*

The next meeting will be September 16 at 3:30 pm.