



**Board of Parks & Recreation**  
Meeting Minutes  
January 27, 2016

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**Board Attendees:** Nancy Caplan, Hans Christian Thalheim, Cathy Weisenburger, Patrick Slyne, Scott Johnson, John Hartwell, and Rick Loh

**Staff Attendees:** Joe Siciliano, Rich Ernye, Susan Snyder, Bruce Spaman, and Tom Greco

**Ex-Officio Attendees:** None

**Guest Attendees:** Leslie Yager, and Nancy Chapin

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. at the Dorothy Hamill Rink.
- II. A motion was made by Mr. Hartwell seconded by Ms. Weisenburger to approve the Board Minutes from the December 2, 2015 meeting. 5-0-0

**III. Dorothy Hamill Rink, Rich Ernye**

Mr. Ernye began the meeting by providing attendance numbers for the skating and hockey programs.

The 39<sup>th</sup> annual Town Skating competition will be held on February 21<sup>st</sup>, there are 125 skaters registered.

There have not been any major equipment issues like there were last year. Mr. Ernye reported that he is expecting delivery of a new Zamboni towards the end of February. Preparations will be made for the old Zamboni to be bid; the money will go to the general fund. There is an air conditioning unit in the budget for 2016-17; this will help to increase the summer turf rentals.

Mr. Ernye reported that the Rink has a large skating school; among the top 5 in the nation. Public skating has generated more revenue this year than in recent years.

Mr. Siciliano added that the golf course picked up several extra rounds in December because of the nice weather.

Mr. Slyne inquired if the men's league had been pushed out because of a lack of ice time. Mr. Ernye replied that the Rink doesn't have a men's league; there was a men's league, but they disbanded in 2002 due to a lack of interest. This was partially due to the competition of Twin Rinks because of their other amenities. There are men's clubs, however adults get the less desirable ice times. Kids' times need to be at a reasonable hour. A discussion ensued about trends. Mr. Ernye expressed that improvements to the Rink will increase demand.

Ms. Weisenburger reported that she received letters of support for pond skating in Binney Park from Pro Hockey player, Cam Atkinson and other residents. Ms. Weisenburger reminded all that Dr. Ripici has starting a campaign aimed at bringing pond skating back to Binney Park.

Mr. Siciliano conveyed that the last time funding was in the budget for pond skating was in 2001-02. The department was asked to prioritize expenditures and as a result of budget cuts, the pond skating program was eliminated. Mr. Siciliano reviewed the concerns with pond skating; the program is not consistent, 10" or more ice is required, involves equipment to maintain the ice, the ice must be tested daily; skating guards must be available *if* the conditions are right, and this program is a liability to the Town. Mr. Siciliano added the Rink is a much safer environment to skate.

Mr. Siciliano described that the water exchange chamber is designed to store salt water and back up into the pond, as a result, the pond doesn't freeze as well as it once did. It takes an extreme winter to get the 10" of ice required to skate in Binney.

Mr. Loh suggested that a seasonal rink be placed on the Havemeyer Field or perhaps to freeze the oval. Mr. Siciliano stated this option is viable but will hurt the revenue at the rink for public sessions. Upon extensive discussion, Ms. Caplan acknowledged the extent of the projects on the table for Parks and Recreation; and suggested that the Board be sensitive to this. She did ask Mr. Loh to follow up with Mr. Siciliano regarding next steps to evaluate an outside rink.

Mr. Johnson reported that the Harbor Management Commission, (HMC) sent out a draft of their plan. The Commission is requesting comment from the various Town agencies. Mr. Johnson stated he met with Sue Baker, Denise Savageau and Katie Deluca to discuss their comments on the plan. They've submitted some feedback to Lyle Gibbons who is redrafting the document. The Harbor Management Plan is a tool for how the inventory of the Greenwich Harbor is managed. It is really important in the land use system because when one does a project that affects the waterfront or water usage, the request must go to the HMC. The biggest criticism from other departments is that there needs to be a mechanism in place for applications to be cycled through the HMC and all of the appropriate Town Agencies (wetlands, P&Z, P&R, DPW and Conservation).

Mr. Johnson advised that he drafted a memo on statutory structure, which was offered to the Board for review. In addition, Mr. Johnson reported, he drafted a memo to the HMC (subject to any feedback from fellow Board of P&R members). This memo includes concerns about the HMC's input on fees, collection of fees as well as natural resource implications for applications. Mr. Johnson expressed the importance of the HMC utilizing the expertise of existing Town agencies.

Mr. Johnson added that there are a number of areas with degraded conditions, important habitats, and breeding areas and there is an inventory of the creeks and coves but they are not ranked based on environmental significance. Mr. Johnson expressed the need for the plan to be more detailed in this area.

Mr. Johnson further added that the Harbor Master is involved; he must adhere to the principals of the new plan. The HMC has the final decision on applications; however by state statute, they cannot trump the Board of Health or the Shellfish Commission.

Mr. Johnson expressed that it is important to finalize the Harbor Management Plan as projects cannot be refused if there is no plan in place.

Mr. Siciliano added that this plan was designed as a template for all communities and in some communities, the fees collected by Harbor Management covers all related expenses. The Town of Greenwich has a significant investment in the dock structures, maintenance of the docks, operations and upland structures. If the commission will collect the fees, they should be responsible for the maintenance and operations of the facilities. There will need to be justification for collecting fees but not having the expense of operating and maintaining the facilities. The Town has a significant expense in maintaining the facilities.

#### **IV. Director's Report**

Mr. Siciliano thanked the Beach Policy Subcommittee for their input; the Board of Selectmen approved the proposed fee structure and Provisional Beach Policy for the 2016 season. The Department has an agreement with the Chief of Police for police coverage at Greenwich Point on weekends and holidays beginning Memorial Day weekend. The Department is drafting a Memo of Understanding, (MOU) as an outline to identify principal issues that the police should focus on while on patrol at Greenwich Point.

Additional operational changes have been made and approved by the First Selectmen such as; Daily park passes are now for single entry use and can be purchased online by residents who have proved their residency for the season. Single entry passes will be available for purchase at the Eastern and Western Civic Centers Monday-Friday from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm. Passes will no longer be available for purchase at Town Hall or on weekends. The number of passes one can purchase at a time has decreased from 8 to 5. The entry gate will be manned from 6:00 am. All of these changes result in a better managed facility.

Mr. Siciliano reported that the department has reviewed the 2001 study of the Eastern Greenwich Civic Center prepared by the Friends of the Old Greenwich Civic Center, as well as additional work that was performed in 2007 with Alan Monelli to work towards developing criteria for a new building. From these reviews, Mr. Monelli developed a floor plan with his team that includes parking, use of field, and OGRCC. There is \$200,000 in the current budget to develop (project information sheet attached–**ATTACHMENT A**) the design to 30%. There is \$500,000 in the 2016-17 budget (project information sheet attached – **ATTACHMENT B**) to bring the design phase to 100%. These plans will be biddable documents and can be used for demonstrations and approvals through the various Town agencies. Mr. Monelli has placed \$12M in the budget for 2017-18 as a placeholder for the Civic Center. This number was derived by multiplying the square footage and an estimated cost per square foot. The actual cost will depend on the amenities and finishes. This amount is just a placeholder. Ms. Caplan advised that the EGCC Subcommittee is chaired by Mr. Dell'Abate, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Thalheim will join the committee. Mr. Siciliano stated he'd like to meet with the Committee before the next Board Meeting and will reach out for other community support.

Mr. Siciliano advised that the Byram Park work is ongoing, most of the walkways and tree work has been completed. Some of the additional site work is being worked on as weather permits. In addition, a meeting took place with a playground specialist to design a new playground. The tennis court lighting will be reinstated.

Mr. Siciliano provided an update on the Byram Pool; the project is out to bid, the bids are due back mid-February. The goal is to get the money released from the BET in April to commence with construction. The remediation is complete. Currently working on the backfill and re-grading as weather permits, better than expected due to the great weather. The expected completion for the pool is May 2017.

Mr. Siciliano informed that there is a \$100,000 request for next years' budget in addition to the current balance of \$130,000 in this years' budget plus the additional \$30,000 of private funds for the Binney Park landscape plan. Mr. Siciliano reported that members of the department are scheduled to meet with Martha Lyon in early February to review the draft of the planting plan for Binney Park; a future meeting will be scheduled with the Master Plan Committee. Mr. Siciliano advised that he was approached regarding signage at Binney Park, residents would like to see an entrance sign and uniformed signs throughout the park-this will be included in the landscape plan.

Mr. Siciliano reported that there is an appropriation for the Pemberwick Park sidewalk that connects the main building down Pemberwick Road to the playground. A significant amount of paving for the existing walkways has been completed. The funds for the playground are in the 15 year capital plan.

Mr. Siciliano reported that the concession bids for Greenwich Point and Island Beach were due today. The bids will first be reviewed by the Purchasing Department, then forwarded to the Department to review and evaluate.

A proposal is on the agenda for the next Board of Selectmen meeting from a group of residents to name the Cos Cob Park Field after Benny Benvenuto. Benny was instrumental in obtaining that property for the Town of Greenwich.

#### **IV. Chairman's Report**

Ms. Caplan thanked Mr. Slyne and the Beach Policy Subcommittee as well as the Department staff regarding the presentation on the Beach Policy and fees; it was well received by the First Selectman.

Ms. Caplan informed that the P&R Foundation added a new fund with a balance of \$80,000 from the remaining funds of the Bruce Museum's "Save Our Strays" program. Bruce Museum will establish a committee that will authorize the use of the funds.

##### **Sub-Committee Reports- Field Sub-Committee**

Mr. Johnson reported that the Field Subcommittee met, and conveyed that the spring user group meeting went well. There are two new applications that Donald Mohr will handle.

Mr. Siciliano communicated that the Department has been working with various artificial turf layouts and schematics of the various middle school fields. Milone and MacBroom have crunched some numbers utilizing various materials, however not to any specific specifications. These are just concept overviews of some considerations. These schematics have been reviewed on a staff level, and will be reviewed with the Field Subcommittee, and will then be discussed with the Board of Education and their Administration.

Mr. Siciliano said that the hope is to obtain serious budget numbers and possibly include in the 2017-18 budget year for a field(s). The Board of Education previously stated that artificial turf fields would not be a priority for them in their capital plan, thus the \$40,000 appropriation for the study is in the P&R budget.

Mr. Siciliano reiterated that the work that has been done thus far is very preliminary--just to get the conversation started. By budget time next year, Mr. Siciliano is hopeful that there is a design plan for the field(s) and cost estimates as well as a consensus from the BOE and Administration.

Mr. Siciliano reported that to date no environmental samples have been taken at any of the sites--nor has he consulted with any environmental engineers. The benefits of taking on this project would aid in the juggling of scheduling field time, play will be more consistent, usable in early spring and later into the fall.

Mr. Siciliano advised that the infill industry is changing rapidly and they are identifying various products that are not presumed to be hazardous. Mr. Siciliano distributed an article from the state of CT Health Department regarding artificial turf fields that reassures that they are standing by their original findings from the study they conducted on Greenwich fields a few years back. **(ATTACHMENT C)**

##### **Sub-Committee Reports- Beach Policy Sub-Committee**

Mr. Slyne expressed his gratitude to those who participated on the Beach Policy Subcommittee and to the department for all the assistance and support with the beach recommendations.

Mr. Siciliano added that all the complaints received from the 2015 season were reviewed and all of which were tied to existing policies in the Town Code, and are enforceable by the Police. **(ATTACHMENT D)**

#### **VI. Unfinished Business**

#### **VII. New Business**

#### **VIII. Public Comments**

#### **IX. Meeting adjourned 8:28 pm.**

# TOWN OF GREENWICH

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2016 - 2031

### PART I - PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Attachment A page 1 of 2

#1

**PROJECT DATA:**

**Project Name:** Eastern Greenwich Civic Center - Facility Design

*Origination Year:* 2015

*Termination Year:* 2016

*Department:* Public Works - BC&M

*Account Code* 345-59560

**STATEMENT OF NEED**

The requirements to upkeep this building have been growing as it ages. Capital maintenance requests for repair of this building date back to 1998 when the first request to replace the roof and windows was denied. Again, in the 08/09 budget, the roof was requested to be replaced and again denied until finally in 2011 it was approved. A facility report dating back to 2001 reported that major repairs to the roof, thermal insulation, heating system and structure were needed. The building is unable to meet various building codes including accessibility issues. A plan to improve the heating system in phases was finally denied in FY13/14 and it was requested that P&R and DPW coordinate a plan for the building's replacement.

**ISSUES**

The highest priority that impacts the existing building is its ability to keep it heated. Funds to make temporary emergency repairs are in place, but there will come a point in time when no further repairs can be made without complete replacement. The need to begin planning a replacement building is imperative to avoid costly repairs that will only be destroyed when the building is ultimately replaced.

Revenue Dependent

Operating Costs At Completion

**FINANCIALS:**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Project Costs</u>	<u>Operating Costs</u>	<u>Project Revenues</u>
Prior Year(s)			
2015/2016	200,000		
2016/2017	300,000		
2017/2018	12,000,000		
2018/2019			
2019/2020			
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,500,000</b>	-	-

Alan E. Monelli

Division Head

Amy J. Siebert

Department Head

12/26/2014

Date

**TOWN OF GREENWICH  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2016 - 2031  
PART II - PROJECT COST WORKSHEET**

<b>Project Name:</b>		<b>Eastern Greenwich Civic Center - Facility Design</b>				
Description	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017	2017-2018	2018 - 2019	2019 - 200X	Total
30% Architectural Design	200,000					200,000
100% Architectural Design		300,000				300,000
Construction			12,000,000			12,000,000
						-
						-
						-
						-
						-
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>12,000,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,500,000</b>
<b>Contingencies</b>						-
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>12,000,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,500,000</b>
<b>Comments</b>						

# TOWN OF GREENWICH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2017 - 2031 PART I - PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

**PROJECT DATA:**

**Project Name:** Eastern Greenwich Civic Center - Facility Design II

**Origination Year:** 2015

**Termination Year:** 2017

**Department:** Public Works - BC&M

**Account Code:** 345

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This project would continue the design of a new building to replace the existing building which has been in service since 1950.

**STATEMENT OF NEED**

The requirements to upkeep this building, have been growing as it ages. The buildings internal systems are failing due to their age and there are also code compliance issues such as ADA accessibility that must be addressed. Multiple issues with sanitary, electrical, heating, plumbing, structural systems along with poor utilization of space are detriments to the function of the building. Several requests for Capital Maintenance over the last 17 years have mostly been denied resulting in patch work repairs. In 1998 a request to replace the roof and windows was denied. In the 08/09 budget another request to replace the roof was denied. Not until 2011, 12 years after the original request, was the roof replaced. A 2001 Facility Report found that the roof, thermal insulation, heating systems and structure all required major repairs at that time. It has a score of 22 points on the most recent Facility Index report and the worst possible score a building can receive is 27.

**ISSUES**

Funds were appropriated in FY15/16 to begin an initial design and develop drawings so that the project could be submitted to Planning & Zoning for Municipal Improvement and Preliminary Site Plan Approval. This work amounts to approximately 20% of the total design. This request will complete the design to gain Final Site Plan Approval and produce full construction drawings and specifications for the new structure. It is imperative to keep this project moving forward as it becomes more and more difficult to keep the building functioning. Heating has become a primary concern and is an ongoing difficulty. The heating system is nearing a point where it will be beyond repair and complete replacement will create a cost redundancy that is not fiscally responsible if the building is to remain open.

- Revenue Dependent
- Operating Costs At Completion

**FINANCIALS:**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Project Costs</u>	<u>Operating Costs</u>	<u>Project Revenues</u>
Prior Year(s)	\$200,000		
2016/2017	520,000		
2017/2018			
2018/2019	12,000,000		
2019/2020			
2020/2021			
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,520,000</b>	-	-

Alan E. Monelli  
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Amy J. Siebert 12/1/2015  
Department Head Date

**TOWN OF GREENWICH  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2017 - 2031  
PART II - PROJECT COST WORKSHEET**

<b>Project Name:</b>		<b>Eastern Greenwich Civic Center - Facility Design II</b>				
Description	2016 - 2017	2017-2018	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020	2020 - 200X	Total
30%-100% Architectural Design	520,000.00					520,000.00
Full Construction Drawings & Specs Construction Estimate - subject to change			12,000,000.00			12,000,000.00
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						-
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<u>520,000.00</u>	-	<u>12,000,000.00</u>	-	-	<u>12,520,000.00</u>
<b>Contingencies</b>						-
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<u>520,000.00</u>	-	<u>12,000,000.00</u>	-	-	<u>12,520,000.00</u>
<b>Comments</b>						
Construction estimate for the Civic Center replacement is based on dated information. Current work to develop new design will provide a more up to date estimate when complete.						

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**EHS Circular Letter #2015-02**  
**(Follow up to Circular Letter #2014-26a)**

DATE: January 20, 2015  
TO: Local Health Departments and Districts  
FROM: Brian Toal, Gary Ginsberg  
Environmental and Occupational Health Assessment  
RE: Recent News Concerning Artificial Turf Fields



**Brief Video Clip for Local Health Departments – *Click Here* →**

This letter and video clip are being sent to update you regarding the news story that has circulated since last spring regarding potential cancer risks at artificial turf fields. Various media outlets have continued to run this story and a number of local health departments have inquired as to its validity. Since many Connecticut towns have installed or are considering artificial turf fields an elevated cancer risk would be an important consideration. However, this news story is still based upon very preliminary information and does not change CTDPH's position that outdoor artificial turf fields do not represent an elevated health risk.

The Connecticut Department of Public Health has evaluated the potential exposures and risks from athletic use of artificial turf fields. Our study of 5 fields in Connecticut in 2010-2011 was a comprehensive investigation of releases from the fields during active play. This study was conducted as a joint project with the CT DEEP and the University of CT Health Center and was peer-reviewed by the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering. Our study did not find a large amount of vapor or particle release from the fields confirming prior reports from Europe and the US. We put these exposures into a public health context by performing a risk assessment. Our risk assessment did not find elevated cancer risk. These results have been published as a set of 3 articles in a peer review journal and are available on the DPH artificial turf webpage (<http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3140&q=464068> ).

The news story suggests soccer players and especially goalies may have an elevated cancer risk from playing on artificial turf fields. This is based upon anecdotal observations of a university soccer coach (<http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Soccer-coach-Could-field-turf-be-causing-cancer-259895701.html> ). Reportedly the coach is developing a list of soccer players who have contracted cancer. However, the types of cancer are undocumented and so it is impossible to say whether they



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represent a common effect and there has been no reporting on how long the goalies played on artificial turf fields to see if there was plausible exposure and latency. There are many reasons why someone collecting a list of cancer cases may appear to find a cluster including the fact that when you have a single-minded focus on finding cases you do not capture all the non-cases that would tend to disprove the cluster. Documentation of an increased rate in soccer players would require an epidemiological study in which the total number who play on turf fields in a given region was also known so that a cancer rate could be established and compared to those that do not play on artificial turf fields. The current news report does not constitute epidemiological evidence and thus is very preliminary.

Our risk assessment did cover carcinogens that are known to be in recycled tires and the crumb rubber used to cushion fields. Once again, we found there to be very little exposure of any substances, carcinogenic or not, in the vapors and dust that these fields generate under active use, summer conditions. Background levels of chemicals in urban and suburban air from heating sources and automobile traffic are much more significant sources of airborne carcinogens. The fact that we sampled 5 fields (4 outdoor and 1 indoor) of different ages and composition suggests that the results can be generalized to other fields, a conclusion supported by the fact that results were similar to what was found in California, USEPA and European studies. Our study did not evaluate ingestion of the crumb rubber itself as players are unlikely to ingest an entire rubber pellet. However, two studies, one in California and one at Rutgers University did evaluate the cancer risk if children ingested a mouthable chunk of playground rubber (10 gram), using laboratory extraction methods to estimate the amount of chemicals that might become available in the stomach and absorbed into the body. Both studies found very low cancer risk from this scenario (Cal OEHHA 2007; Pavilonis et al. 2014). Thus, CT DPH finds no scientific support for a finding of elevated cancer risk from inhalation or ingestion of chemicals derived from recycled tires used on artificial turf fields. US EPA has a similar position: "At this point, EPA does not believe that the field monitoring data collected provides evidence of an elevated health risk resulting from the use of recycled tire crumb in playgrounds or in synthetic turf athletic fields." (<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserve/materials/tires/health.htm>)

In summary, federal and state authorities have taken seriously the concerns that artificial turf fields may present a health risk due to contaminants in recycled rubber. The best way to investigate these concerns is via an exposure investigation. Studies conducted in Connecticut and elsewhere have shown a very low exposure potential, less than from typical outdoor sources of air pollution. The current news reports of a list of soccer players with cancer does not constitute a correlation or causality and thus raises a concern that currently lacks scientific support. Thus, the CT DPH position expressed in 2011 at the conclusion of the Connecticut study, that outdoor artificial turf fields do not represent an elevated health risk, remains unchanged. For further information please contact Brian Toal or Gary Ginsberg at 860-509-7740.

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**2016 Provisional Beach Policy**

During the period from May 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016 prior to 7:00 am and after 5:00 pm, only vehicle permits for residents and vehicle fees for non-residents will be required, no per person entry fees will be charged. An Annual Park Pass or Single Entry Pass and a Vehicle Permit / Single Entry Parking Pass are required between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm.

During the period from November 1 through April 30, no fees will be charged to enter Greenwich Point Park and Byram Park.

The Town of Greenwich non-discriminatory policy is included as part of the park pass application.

ACTIVITY	TO BE IMPLEMENTED	Change from prior year		BOS VOTE
		CURRENT FEE 2015-16	APPROVED FEE 2016-17	
DAILY ADMISSIONS & PARKING FEES				1/14/16
SINGLE ENTRY PARK PASS-Non-card holders (AGES 5-64)	1/2016	\$6	\$7	2-1-0*
PARKING SINGLE ENTRY PASS NON-CARD HOLDER-PRIVATE PASSENGER VEHICLES	1/2016	\$25	\$35	2-1-0*
PARK PASS				
Adult (16-64 years old)	1/2016	\$32	\$33	2-1-0*
Child (5-15 years old)	1/2016	\$6	\$6	3-0-0
PARKING STICKER RESIDENT				
Greenwich registered vehicle	1/2016	No Charge	No Charge	3-0-0
Non-Greenwich registered vehicle	1/2016	\$125/vehicle	\$125/vehicle	3-0-0

\*Opposed: Marzullo

**Single Entry Park Passes and Parking Passes will be sold:**

EGCC M-F 9:00 am – 6:00 pm May-October  
 WGCC M-F 9:00 am – 6:00 pm May-October

Fees Approved 1/14/16

Required proof of residency must be submitted and approved in order to purchase Single Entry Passes online.

\*Single Entry Park and Parking passes will no longer be sold at Town Hall\*

**2016 Beach Recommendations**

**I. Safety and security: Police coverage:**

- a. To ensure safety and security at Greenwich Point, "Police Coverage" is necessary starting Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day (minimum of 2 full-time shifts/day - weekends and holidays): **33 days x \$1,600/day=\$52,800**
- b. If possible, this coverage should be handled by 1-2 police officers to ensure consistency.
- c. Additionally, there needs to be a communication system (process) established so that employees (lifeguards, park employees) and police understand the escalation process.
- d. Violations to park regulations be posted at ticket sale locations and at the park to ensure beachgoers understand the rules. Police may use their discretion to issue warnings or to fine for violations.
- e. Continue to place traffic speed monitors around the park to ensure traffic spend adherence.
- f. Use of radar monitoring device to reduce speeding.
- g. Improve signage to avoid wrong way driving.

**II. Staffing and Single Entry Passes:**

- a. Staff gatehouse from 6:00 am on weekends and holidays. Vehicle permits required.
- b. Single Entry Park Passes good for (1) time access to park locations, fee increase to \$7.
- c. Five (5) Single Entry Park Passes can be purchased per person/day.
- d. Single Entry Parking = \$35.00/vehicle-one time use only-up to five (5) Single Entry Parking Passes can be purchased per person/day.
- e. Single Entry Park Passes and Parking Passes will be sold:

EGCC M-F 9:00 am – 6:00 pm May-October  
 WGCC M-F 9:00 am – 6:00 pm May-October

- f. Required proof of residency must be submitted and approved in order to purchase Single Entry Passes online.
- g. \*Single Entry Park and Parking passes will no longer be sold at Town Hall\*

**Enforcement Greenwich Town Code (Sec. 7)**

- III. **Overcrowding:** (Article 3-Sec.7-36) The Town Recognizes that said beaches, recreation places and facilities have a limited capacity and are insufficient to accommodate all persons and to avoid excessive congestion, prevent breakdown, collapse and deterioration of said facilities and places, to protect the environment and prevent further ecological destruction, to encourage acquisition of additional beaches, recreation places and facilities by the Town and to promote health, comfort, convenience and welfare.

IV. Sanitation: Sec. 7-27.

1. All persons shall use only such restrooms as provided in a park and shall cooperate in maintaining restrooms in a neat and sanitary condition.
2. No person shall dress or undress in any portion of any park except in buildings or areas designated for such purpose.
3. No person shall throw, discharge or otherwise place or cause to be placed in any streams, springs, ponds, fountains or any other waters, natural or artificial, any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of said waters.
4. No person shall dump or deposit bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, plastics, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, water, garbage, rubbish or other trash or refuse in a park, except as provided in Section 6.5 hereof.
5. No person shall leave any trash or refuse that may originate from picnicking or other activities, except in proper receptacles provided for the purpose. Where receptacles are not provided, all refuse or trash shall be carried away from a park by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere.
6. The use of public drinking faucets for any washing purposes is prohibited.

V. Conduct and Behavior: Sec. 7-28.

2. No person shall take part in or abet the playing of any games involving horseshoes, arrows, stones, balls or other propelled objects, except in areas designated for such activities.
7. No person shall engage in motorized toy or model aviation, model boating or model automobiling, except at such times and at such places designated or maintained therefor by the Director or his agent.
9. No person shall enter or be in a park under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
11. No one shall build or attempt to build a fire, except in fireplaces at picnic areas or at such other locations as may be specifically permitted by the Director or his authorized agent.
12. No person shall drop, throw or otherwise scatter matches, burning cigarettes or cigars or other burning material within a park.
16. No person shall use any public address system or amplifying equipment, except as expressly permitted by the Director or his authorized agent.
17. No person shall use any mechanical, magnetic, electrical or other device constructed or designed for the purpose of locating or discovering any lost, abandoned or mislaid articles or goods in, under or upon said areas, except as authorized by the Director.

**VI. Traffic: Sec. 7-29.**

1. No person shall operate any vehicle on any trail or road in a park except to and from parking areas or as expressly permitted by the Director or his authorized agent. The use of minibikes, snowmobiles or unlicensed vehicles is expressly prohibited in all town parks.
2. No person shall fail to obey the directions of any traffic officers or town employees authorized and instructed to direct traffic in a park.
3. No person shall attempt to stop or stop by any visible or audible sign or signal any vehicle for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the driver of such vehicle.
4. No person shall operate any vehicle in a park in excess of the posted speed limit or, where not posted, in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour.
5. No person shall operate any vehicle except in accordance with the state motor vehicle laws regarding equipment and operation of vehicles, except as provided herein.
7. No person shall park a motor vehicle other than in an designated parking area except as expressly permitted by the Director or his authorized agent.

**VII. Swimming Confined: Sec. 7-40.**

Bathing or swimming at beaches shall be confined to those areas designated by the Board of Selectmen and at such times as posted by the Director. No person shall swim beyond or outside of such designated areas or at times other than at posted times.

**VIII. Use of swimming area: Sec. 7-42.**

In any area designated by the Board of Selectmen as a swimming or bathing beach area or the waters thereof, no person shall:

- a) Engage in any athletic game, sport or contest, except swimming or bathing, on any portion of any such areas, except in areas designated for that purpose by the Director;
- b) Use of any inner tubes, rafts, boat cushions, kick boards, surf boards, or artificial means of body flotation of any kind upon such waters, except life saving jackets or vests approved by the United States Coast Guard, and worn in the approved manner;
- c) Fish, angle, or spearfish;
- d) Use scuba diving equipment except for supervised instruction authorized by the Director. Equipment includes masks, fins, snorkels or tanks.

**IX. Prohibited Activities:** Sec. 7-50.

The following activities are prohibited on all Town owned beaches, recreation places and facilities and no person shall:

- e) Swim to or from boats moored or standing beyond designated swimming areas;
- g) Bring or carry any glass bottle, glass jar, glass drinking utensil or glass container into or use same in any designated swimming or bathing area or within two hundred (200) feet of same;
- h) Litter, deface or damage any bathing beach of the facilities thereof.

**X. Life guards may enforce:** Sec. 7-54.

Any life guard duly employed, authorized by the Director and on duty shall have the power and duty to enforce the provisions of this ordinance and the provisions of every other applicable ordinance and regulation, under and in accordance with regulations duly issued by the Director.

**XI. Refusal to obey life guard:** Sec. 7-55.

No person shall refuse to obey the order of any life guard while said life guard is on duty.