I. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Griffith E.Harris Golf Course.

II. A motion was made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Mr. Hartwell to approve the Board Minutes from the May 25, 2016 meeting. 7-0-0

III. Ms. Caplan opened the meeting by asking if the Board can be of any assistance to the Golf Course.

IV. Golf Course, Lou Berlingo
Mr. Berlingo introduced the key members of his staff: Rick Massi, Assistant Operations Manager and Jay Collins who is the Turf and Grounds Manager. Mr. Johnson stated the course is in unbelievable shape. Mr. Berlingo further added the course is in excellent shape. The Town Tournament was very successful and exciting. There was more participation than last year, and representation from many of the private clubs.

Key statistics through May
Rounds are up 6% over last year
Carts are up 6.3% from last year
Tokens are up 9% there will be no more tokens (the new ball machine takes credit cards, or you can pay in the pro shop and use a pin #)
Last fiscal year 35,600 rounds were played
This year total rounds are estimated to be 39,000

Work completed during the winter
Tree work, several drainage projects, brush clearing, and new steps on the 9th tee

Work completed since openings
Built 4 new gold tees, this helps with the pace of play policy
Tree stumps cleared out by 8th tee and replaced with bushes
Continue to aerate all the fairways, collars and approaches, the greens are scheduled for August
New plantings by the first tee-the men’s and ladies clubs donated the plants
New yardage and hole layout signs
Course re-measured and re-rated
Any delayed openings or conditions of the course are reported on the Griff website

New Initiatives
Twilight golf and dinner-special dinner rates
Twilight mornings - offers twilight rates for the morning of an afternoon shotgun (this has brought a few more golfers but no additional revenue so it has been discontinued)

Course initiated shotguns – includes a continental breakfast, golf with cart, BBQ lunch, prizes one on Aug. 1st with a health seminar included and one on Aug. 29th with a seminar on personal finances.

Looking into providing an app for reserving tee times

Mr. Hartwell asked that a college membership rate be considered for students.

Mr. Berlingo reported he will work with the Zika task force on any recommendations.

Ms. Caplan commended Mr. Berlingo on a job well done.

V. **Director’s Report, Joseph Siciliano**

Mr. Siciliano reported that the department took on an initiative to print license plate numbers on the vehicle stickers for this beach season. There have been several issues along the way including, the quality of the print, passes lost in the mail, returned, etc.

In the initial batch of parking stickers, 47,000 were issued. Those who have leased vehicles are required to make contact with the department; as a result of the various issues, 8,500 passes were reprinted including those for leased vehicles. The department uses the DMV (previous October) published list of owned vehicles for the auto mailing of the vehicle passes; which does not include leased vehicles.

The extension of the resident vehicle pass requirement to July 11 was a result of having a whole waive of people coming at the same time. The new Director of Purchasing has been in talks with the Greenwich Postmaster and learned that bulk mail leaves Greenwich, is delivered to Shelton, CT then to Hartford, CT back to Greenwich. The Town receives a 10 cent discount for each piece of mail that is sent bulk.

Mr. Greco added, this year the DMV data file came later than normal because of the computer glitch. The department tracks when the stickers are mailed; there were 300 people whose stickers were processed on a specific date that didn’t receive their sticker.

Ms. Yager stated that some people mistook their vehicle stickers for junk mail. Mr. Siciliano stated the department will be assessing the issues going forward and will go back to the drawing board.

Mr. Siciliano reported the Island Beach ferry boat remains out of service with a cracked block on one of the engines. The boat was built in 1961 and it is difficult to find parts for the engine. The shipyard found a used 1961 block to be magnafluxed to determine if it is sound, tested and installed. The installation is currently underway. Mr. Siciliano added that he and Mr. Freidag are going up to the shipyard early tomorrow morning to check on progress. Mr. Freidag has been getting updates twice per day. The goal is to get the boat back in service for the weekend. Once the boat is operational, a sea trial is required with the US Coast Guard.

Mr. Siciliano added that the Coast Guard inspection program for the other two ferries went amazingly well as they had no write-ups despite that they are quite aged. Jeff Devlin and those who maintain the boats have done such a good job.

Upon extensive discussion, Mr. Siciliano stated the department is working closely with the shipyard and they are doing all they can.

Mr. Siciliano reported that the preparations for the firework displays are underway for July 2nd. Ms. Caplan stated the department always does a good job with the fireworks.

VI. **Chairman’s Report, Nancy Caplan**

Ms. Caplan reported she’d like the Board to go through the United Way Needs Assessment Report to see if there are any needs that the Board can get behind. Ms. Caplan called on Mary Lee Kiernan who is used to be on the committee. Ms. Kiernan stated the report focuses on...
human services. Mr. Siciliano stated one of the previous reports generated by the United Way helped the department develop their Scholarship Program. Parks and Recreation works with Social Services on; beach passes, the Youth Conservation Program, and Scholarship Program. Mr. Siciliano stated he will review the document.

Ms. Kiernan stated the Town now has a Youth Services Coordinator; Jenny Byxbee, expanding her role and connecting with the Parks and Recreation Department is a priority. Ms. Caplan suggested Ms. Byxbee attend an upcoming meeting of the Board to discuss her role and how the Board may get involved.

Mr. Dell’Abate inquired if there is a program in Town for families that cannot afford Park Passes. Mr. Siciliano replied that there is a program that works through the Department of Social Services who conducts the screening and Parks and Recreation processes the passes.

The Youth Conservation Program works with Parks and Recreation on park projects and the program is working well.

Ms. Caplan stated she will review the POCD document for an upcoming meeting.

Ms. Caplan advised that the two vacant positions on the Board will be filled in the fall. Ms. Caplan stated she will work the department to update the Board information books to aid in the training of the new members.

Ms. Caplan asked about Board members having access to a Town email address so they may keep their personal email addresses private. Mr. Siciliano replied that yes, Board members can get on the Town network. The IT Department has all the members’ private email addresses and will contact them to setup and provide training information.

Mr. Siciliano stated there is a delay in the opening of the North Concession at Greenwich Point. This was as a result of some building construction issues from the Conservancy that needed to be re-worked and permitted. The building has received the Certificate of Occupancy, the concessionaire has submitted all his documentation to the Health Department and they are under review. If all goes well, the concession will open this Saturday.

Mr. Johnson questioned how some groups obtain approval to open their Greenwich Point events up to the public. Mr. Siciliano replied that he requires a proposal from these groups and assesses them on a case-by-case basis depending on the nature of the event such as; if they are for educational purposes, how wide spread etc. For example, the Shellfish Commission event was for Long Island Sound and impacts more than just Greenwich. This is a one-time permit during the season and the permit is issued for specific times.

Mr. Johnson stated the Bruce Museum is advertising access to Greenwich Point for the Seaside Center. Ms. Caplan stated there are churches advertising “no beach cards necessary” for Sunday service at Greenwich Point. Mr. Siciliano stated there are a few exceptions, each season proposals are reviewed and approved. Mr. Siciliano also added these permits are managed and controlled and will ultimately build a case if challenged for being exclusive. Mr. Siciliano added he has the discretion to approve these requests. Mr. Freidag added that these permits are reviewed annually for legitimacy etc.

VII. **Sub-Committee Reports -EGCC Design**
Mr. Siciliano stated he’d like to meet with the Sub Committee and the same user groups and invite Alan Monelli to talk about the initiatives derived at the first meeting and see how they can work in a potential floor plan. It was agreed upon that July 21 at 6:30 p.m. will be the meeting time.

VIII. **Sub-Committee Reports-Dog Season Extension-Greenwich Point-Gary Dell’Abate**
Mr. Dell’Abate reported that the group has not met; they’ve been trying to coordinate. The woman who initially started the interest group cannot take on the level of commitment; however, Fred Camillo is interested. Ms. Caplan advised she will reach out to Fred and ask if he would co-chair.
Ms. Caplan recapped that the Board backed the Department, Health Board and Police against the extension. The Board asked the interest group to monitor the conditions (dogs on leash and clean up) and it got worse. As a result, there was no justification to revisit the proposal to extend the dog season.

IX. **Sub-Committee Reports- Beach Policy Sub-Committee**
Mr. Slyne reported that the committee met with Deputy Chief of Police, Mark Marino. Mr. Slyne stated he is very pleased with the Police presence at the beach; they are very cooperative and invested. There have not been any complaints about crowding. There are some ongoing issues regarding ball playing. There is a conflict between ball players and non-players. There is a resolution being discussed that would set aside an area where people can play ball. There are other issues with glass on the beach; there is a discussion about having monitors on the beach from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. to cut down on the drinking and glass bottles on the beach. Overall the complaints have gone way down from last year. Mr. Siciliano reported he saw an article in the Stamford Advocate entitled “Out-of-towners are taking over Cove Island beach.” Mr. Siciliano added that the article sounds familiar with the complaints that came in last year. This could be as a result of the new Provisional Beach Policy this year.

X. **Harbor Management Commission-Scott Johnson**
Mr. Johnson reported that the minutes were published. The state’s comments were interesting; they think there is going to be a problem with the mooring process. Mr. Johnson foresees a challenge from a drafting standpoint; as there has been a problem with applications to the state for very long docks. The state wants more specifics on how to handle theses. Concerns about how to handle overuse and overcrowding of harbor areas. Another of their concerns is how the plan will support waterfront business zoning. The Committee is working to integrate the state comments; it is going to be a lengthy process to approval. The Board will have an opportunity to review the report when the next draft is out.

Mr. Johnson stated the Historic District Commission Chairman met with Peter Tesei. The Commission was not consulted in advance of the application for Greenwich Point being filed. The Commission is not going to vote until they hear from the Selectmen on what they want to do and they want the Town Attorney’s Office to make it clear as to the impact on public access.

XI. **Sub-Committee Reports- Field Sub-Committee**
Mr. Dell’Abate reported a resident that lives by Eastern Middle School attended to discuss concerns for artificial turf at the middle school. Mr. Dell’Abate summed up the meeting by stating there was lots of misinformation being passed.

Mr. Siciliano stated that the Board of Education had a professional safety audit completed of Eastern Middle School. The outcome was a punch list of items which includes; neighbors encroaching on the field with holes in the fence from their properties.

Mr. Siciliano reported he doesn’t think people realize the extent of the fallout in changing the school start time. With a later school start time, that means there will be less after school playtime. Schools will be looking to the department for additional field time during times of the year when there will be limited daylight; there will not be enough fields to accommodate all the various user groups. As a result, all programs will be hurt. The topic of lights was discussed.

Donald Mohr emailed the various user groups to let them know how this will impact them. There will be a fall user group meeting next week.

XII. **Unfinished Business**

XIII. **New Business**

XIV. **Public Comments**

XV. **Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.**