

Copp Family Park Board of Overseers

Legislative Reference:

Town: Per **“Agreement of Land Restrictions and Covenants”**: recorded in Groton Land Records, Vol 482, page 682.

Other Bylaws and/or Rules of Procedure: Bylaws, and Master Plan.

Type: Permanent.

Geographic Responsibility:

The Copp Family Park Property consists of approximately 240 acres, located directly south of Route 184, opposite Gungywamp Road.

History:

Acquired by purchase from the Copp Family in part by sale (\$3,000,000) and in part by gift (\$1,500,000) approved through the passage of a referendum ordinance on land acquisition for open space, conservation and recreation purchases on November 8, 1988.

Powers and Duties:

General: The Board enforces the provisions of the recorded agreement; interprets its provisions, specifies how the land shall be used and managed, and provides a plan for its use; the land shall be used only for public purposes as open space, park and recreation. (Agreement)

Specific: Such use may include natural, forest and wildlife habitat areas and such buildings, improvements, swimming pools, playing fields, ball courts, public gardens and such other facilities as the Overseers shall agree are authorized. No motorized vehicles of any kind may be used for recreational or amusement purposes. The board shall adopt by-laws. (Agreement)

Appointing Authority: Initially appointed by the Mayor, thence self-perpetuating. (Agreement)

Term of Office: None specified.

Membership:

Number: Five (5) members. (Agreement)

Requirements: Need not be residents of the Town. (Agreement)

Meeting Schedule and Location:

At least two per year (Agreement), currently in May and in September at Spicer House (Parks and Recreation offices) in Noank. Other locations may be cited in meeting notices.

Staff: Department of Parks and Recreation.

Records:

Located in the Parks and Recreation Department, Spicer House, Noank.
Agendas and minutes also on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Further information: Department of Parks and Recreation: 536-5680.