

**Amherst Leisure Services commission Meeting Minutes  
Amherst Regional Middle School Library  
May 12, 2009, 7:30 p.m.**

**Present:** S. Ziomek, Chair, M. Bell, J. Patulak, A. Torres-Neto,  
**Absent:** P. Blier  
**Guests:** D. Ziomek, N. Malloy

**Call to Order:** S. Ziomek called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

**Minutes:** J. Patulak moved and M. Bell seconded that the minutes from April 7, 2009 be approved. The vote was unanimous.

**Reports:** 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee- S. Ziomek reported that the Town Common would be used as the site for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee's Town-wide Community Picnic on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. It was also reported that the Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce had chosen to honor both the Hadley 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and the Amherst 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee at their Annual Dinner.

Community Preservation Committee, CPAC – S. Ziomek reported that Town Meeting was passing most of what the CPAC Committee had recommended.

**Open Space and Recreation Plan:** D. Ziomek, Town of Amherst Development and Conservation Director, and N. Malloy, Associate Planner, provided a power point presentation of key aspects of the Open Space and Recreation Plan Draft and reviewed required plan maps. Hard copies of the draft plan were left with the Commission for perusal. Sections 6-9 were pointed out as critical for calling out the Action Steps and it was suggested that close attention be given to these areas. The Commission was further asked to consider the plan for questions or suggestions. D. Ziomek and N. Malloy plan to return to the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Commission Meeting when the Commission will vote on whether to accept the plan.

**After School Program Facility Fee-** L. Chalfant updated the Commission on a recent letter from the Amherst Regional School Maintenance Director requesting that LSSE pay a facility fee for use of rooms at Wildwood School for the Prime Time After School Program. It was noted that the Town provides free use of parks and recreation areas to the School and the Parks Department provides free maintenance of School Fields and green areas. J. Patulak moved and M. Bell seconded a motion directing the LSSE Director to draft a letter on behalf of the LSSE Commission opposing and rejecting the fee. The motion was 3 in favor and 1 abstaining.

**FY 10 Budget Process-** L. Chalfant updated the Commission on the new timeline for the Annual Town Meeting.

**Director's Report-** L. Chalfant provided a written report featuring staff and program highlights including; the summer brochure, summer camps, fee subsidy support letter, Cherry Hill Golf Course, July 4<sup>t</sup> Celebration and capital and facility issues including; War Memorial Pool, Plum Brook Recreation Area and the Handicap Accessible Survey.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business: None**

**Adjournment: J. Patulak moved that the meeting be adjourned and M. Bell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.**