

Amherst Leisure Services Commission Meeting Minutes  
November 3, 2009, 7:30 p.m.  
Amherst Regional Middle School Library

Present: S. Ziomek, Chair, P. Blier, Vice Chair, M. Bell, A Torres-Neto, L. Chalfant, LSSE Director  
Absent: J. Patulak

Call to Order: S. Ziomek called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>- M. Bell moved that the minutes be approved as amended. A. Torres-Neto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Minutes of Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>- M. Bell moved that the minutes be approved. A. Torres-Neto seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with one member abstaining.

250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Report- S. Ziomek informed the Commission of the controversy regarding the issue of the ACTV produced parade video and the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee contracted video. The rain insurance purchased by the 250<sup>th</sup> Parade Committee was noted to be a good financial decision.

Community Preservation Committee, CPAC- S. Ziomek reported that the CPAC Committee met recently to discuss projects and submissions. A potential LSSE project has been mentioned to the CPAC Committee.

Kendrick Park Committee- P. Blier reported that a University of Massachusetts Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture class was meeting with the Kendrick Park Committee. The class is reviewing the work of the Kendrick Park Committee, speaking to various Committee members and may use material from the Committee report to inform their class project on Kendrick Park.

Puffers Pond committee- J. Patulak was absent and did not provide a report.

Aquatics Program Discussion- The LSSE Director provided the Commission with additional data including fees charged for the 2009 and 2007 outdoor pools season and season schedules. Information for the 2008 season will be provided at a future meeting. S. Ziomek wished to know how many memberships were sold out of the School District region.

Middle School Pool- S. Ziomek reported that the School Facilities Director believes the Town owes funds from the previous year's usage of the Middle School Pool. The LSSD Director stated that the rented timed was shortened last year due to the drain repair and according to the contract an amended payment was in order. S. Ziomek reported on his research with former School Superintendents regarding the current practice of charging the Town for use of the Middle School Pool.

Budget Update- L. Chalfant updated the Commission on the Town Manager's request for FY 11 budget cuts and provided a variety of strategies for meeting the 10% cut.

New Business- S. Ziomek announced that he has begun a conversation with Amherst architect Bill Gillen regarding a Community Field renovation design. The design would place permanent bleachers into the embankment and site baseball dugouts on the field. An anonymous donor has signaled interest in the project.

M. Bell announced that as of December he would be relocating his residence to Belchertown and would no longer be able to continue his work as an LSSE Commissioner.

Commissioner A. Torres-Neto also confirmed that he was relocating out of the country and would be unable to continue his work as an LSSE Commissioner.

Adjournment- M. Bell moved that the meeting be adjourned. A. Torres-Neto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.