

**Amherst Leisure Services and Supplemental Education Commission Minutes
January 13, 2010, 7:30 p.m., Middle School Library**

Present: Stan Ziomek, Chair, Peter Blier, Vice Chair, Alan Bonneau, Jim Patulak, Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director

Minutes: Linda Chalfant

Approval of the Minutes: J. Patulak moved to approve the minutes of December 8th, 2009. P. Blier seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

250th Anniversary Committee: S. Ziomek reported that there was a surplus remaining from the fundraising work that the Committee had achieved. He asked if committee members had ideas on projects that could be funded.

Community Preservation Committee, CPAC,: S. Ziomek reported that the CPAC Committee would be reviewing the feasibility of helping to fund the acquisition of the Hawthorne property in an upcoming **January meeting.**

Kendrick Park Committee: P. Blier reported there had been no recent activity and that no meetings were posted. P. Blier answered questions about the contents of the final report and ideas for the park use.

Puffers Pond Committee: J. Patulak reported that Puffers Pond Committee members would be meeting with the University of Massachusetts Land and Regional Planning class, to consider the Puffers Pond area. All of the Puffers Pond subcommittees were currently reviewing rough drafts in preparation for a final Puffers Pond 2020 report. The Puffers Pond Committee is sending various members to other Town committees, including the LSSE Commission, in order to receive input on the draft report. A final report is expected to be provided to the Conservation Committee in April.

Drainage at Community Field: S. Ziomek discussed the need for drainage work on the 3rd base line of the Community Field. There is a proposal to provide a safety fence in front of each of the player's benches and the area is wet. If volunteers fund the purchase of the fence can the Town assist with improving the drainage?

Rotary Club Grant: P. Blier asked if we could request Rotary Club grant funds for the War Memorial Pool repairs. Funds could potentially go to improve the filtration system, provide a liner and assist with repairing the leak. P. Blier moved and J. Patulak seconded that LSSE should apply for the Rotary Club Grant for capital improvements. The vote was unanimous.

Proposal to CPAC: L. Chalfant discussed elements of the Hawthorne proposal that would be coming to the CPAC Committee. There was also a question about whether or not a 9 hole disc golf course could be placed somewhere on the site.

Budget and Program Updates: L. Chalfant reviewed the status of the FY 10, FY 11 and Capital Projects. The LSSE programs are having great difficulty absorbing all of the new costs associated with the FY 10 loss of tax support of 82%. J. Patulak moved and A. Bonneau seconded that the Commission have an opportunity to meet with the architect for the Community Field comfort station. The vote was unanimous.

Special Meeting Request: S. Ziomek inquired as to whether the Commission was interested in holding a special meeting to review capital projects. S. Ziomek commented that the following areas could be considered for capital improvements including: the eroded Mill River Recreation Area that's on and near the Conservation land, curb cuts at the Mill River Recreation Area and a new fence for Community Field. The Chairman also discussed the need for no parking signs on Mattoon Street next to **Community Field.**

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Adjournment: J. Patulak moved the meeting be adjourned. A. Bonneau seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.