

Amherst Leisure Services and Supplemental Education Commission Minutes
Thursday, May 20, 2010
Community Room, Amherst Police Station

Present: Stan Ziomek, Chair, Alan Bonneau, Jim Patulak, Maryanna Whitmore, Anna-Beth Winograd, Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director
Absent: Peter Blier, Vice Chair
Minutes: Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director

Approval of the Minutes: J. Patulak moved that the minutes of April 14, 2010 be approved. A. Bonneau seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

250th Anniversary Committee: S. Ziomek reported that the 250th Anniversary Committee had held a brief business meeting earlier that day and then adjourned to a social event at The Pub Restaurant in Amherst. A subcommittee was formed to determine the type and location of 250th Anniversary commemorative benches and would be making a report to the full committee.

Community Preservation Committee, CPAC: S. Ziomek reported that he had spoken to the Hawthorne Property article at Town Meeting and Town Meeting had voted to purchase the property. The LSSE commission members and director thanked S. Ziomek for his successful work in gaining CPAC and the Town Meeting's endorsement for the purchase.

Puffer's Pond Project 2020 Committee: J. Patulak reported that the Project 2020 Committee would be finishing its final report shortly and making its recommendation to the Conservation Commission.

Capital Projects

L. Chalfant provided brief status reports on each of the following capital projects.

Community Field Restrooms- Architect Bill Gillen, Town staff and LSSE Subcommittee members were meeting regularly to consider planning options for the project.

Mill River Roofing- This project was completed this spring and came in \$10,000 under budget.

Mill River Tennis Courts-Town Meeting voted to support \$50,000 in funding for renovated tennis courts. This project is scheduled for the fall.

Cherry Hill Well- Town Meeting voted to support \$15,000 in funding for a new well at the Cherry Hill Golf Course. This project is scheduled for the fall.

Hawthorne Property-Due diligence procedures will be done prior to the Town purchasing the property. A public process will occur to receive input on the type of recreational area to develop on the property.

War Memorial Pool and Town Manager's Request- L. Chalfant recommended that the Commission consider asking the Select board or Town Manager to form a LSSE Task Force to study the future use of the War Memorial Pool site. A process similar to the Puffers Pond Project 2020 could be beneficial.

Teen Issues Update-A meeting was convened by L. Chalfant with stakeholders from the Amherst Boys and Girls Club, the Jones Library, the Amherst Senior Center and the Amherst Health Department. Information was shared regarding teen issues at various sites, options and remedies were discussed and ideas were exchanged for future collaboration.

Budget Update- L. Chalfant reported that despite strong attempts to meet this year's financial goals, it was likely that a deficit would occur. The difficult economy coupled with extremely high revenue generating goals were cited as reasons for the failed attempt.

Director's Report- L. Chalfant provided a handout and a summary report on staff and program highlights and capital and facility items.

Old Business-None

New Business- None

Adjournment- J. Patulak moved and A. Bonneau seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The vote was unanimous.