

Amherst Leisure Services and Supplemental Education Commission Minutes
Wednesday, August 18, 2010, 6:30 p.m. – War Memorial Pool, 7:30 p.m.- Police Community Room

War Memorial Pool Tour and Inspection Visit

Present: Stan Ziomek, Chair, Peter Blier, Vice Chair, Alan Bonneau, Maryanna Whittemore; Select Board Liaison, Alyssa Brewer, LSSE Director, Linda Chalfant

Absent: Jim Patulak, AB Winograd

Visitors: Max Page, Andy Steinberg

A tour and inspection was made of the pool including the surface, the decking, the locker rooms and the filter room. L. Chalfant exhibited two samples of the carbon steel pool floor that had been earlier removed by Jeff Weeks from Amherst Welding. The samples were cut from a section in the shallow end of the pool and a section in the deep end. Both samples showed negligible wearing of the steel.

Handouts provided included:

Pool Usage Comparison from FY 09-FY 11

July 28th War Memorial Pool Report

War Memorial Pool Facility and Equipment History

Pool Maintenance Timeline

Quote for Pool Repairs from South Shore Gunitite Pool and Spa

Fibre Tech Informational Product Sheets

These handouts are available at the LSSE Department

LSSE Commission Meeting

Present: S. Ziomek, Chair, P. Blier, Vice Chair, A. Bonneau, M. Whittemore, Select Board Liaison, A. Brewer, LSSE Director, L. Chalfant

Absent: J. Patulak, AB Winograd

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

Minutes: The minutes from July 21, 2010 were reviewed. P. Blier moved and A. Bonneau seconded that the minutes be approved. The vote was unanimous.

Aquatics Report and Discussion: S. Ziomek passed out a handout from the RenoSys company which featured a technique for resurfacing a steel pool. S. Ziomek suggested that Commissioners may wish to visit a pool where the RenoSys was used to consider whether or not this would be useful for the War Memorial Pool. The RenoSys handout is available at the LSSE Department. S. Ziomek asked that L. Chalfant make note of the date that the pool sections were removed and their condition.

LSSE Commission Charge Discussion: S. Ziomek tabled this discussion

Mill River Tennis Courts: L. Chalfant updated the Commission on the tennis court project. The renovation project will be handled by the Department of Public Works, DPW and be included in the paving portion of the Town's paving contract. L. Chalfant indicated that the \$50,000 available for the project would likely all be used to complete the work and that it would be more cost effective to use the DPW contract than to put the project out to bid. Warner Brothers is the Town's paving contractor this year and they have experience renovating tennis courts.

Community Preservation Committee Liaison: A. Bonneau moved and M. Whittemore seconded that S. Ziomek be named the LSSE Community Preservation Committee Liaison. The vote was unanimous.

Conflict of Interest Law and Open Meeting Law Discussion: S. Ziomek stated that the Commission would do its best to comply with all of the laws and regulations.

Report on Status of Hawthorne Property: L. Chalfant reported that the Town had taken ownership of the property and the house was being insured. A future decision would be needed to determine if the entire property would remain in Recreation status or if some of the land would be used for Affordable Housing. The determination of this might affect the Commission's ability to obtain future land with Community Preservation Act funding.

Update on No Smoking in the Parks and Recreation Areas: L. Chalfant reported that the Health Department would be covering the cost of the signs for the Parks and Recreation areas. It was suggested that the Community Field sign be the first to be installed. L. Chalfant reported that the Health Director, J. Federman, was open to attending a Commission meeting in October to discuss signage plans, signage language or the policy. L. Chalfant provided a handout called the Inventory of Outdoor Parks and Recreation Areas. This handout was also given to the Health Department to assist in the signage work.

Update on North Amherst Field and Cricket: L. Chalfant reported that the DPW had not yet installed a sign prohibiting field alterations. Contacts to potential cricket teams have been unsuccessful to date.

Director's Report: L. Chalfant provided a Director's Report with the following topics and updates: Summer Programs, Swimming Pools and Wading Pools, Fall Programs, Youth Football Program Update, New Ultimate Programs, e-Brochure, Outreach, Community Field Restroom and Hawthorne Meadows.

Old Business: S. Ziomek asked that the next LSSE Commission meeting be held at the Cherry Hill Golf course and that the Friends of Cherry Hill be invited to attend the meeting.

New Business: S. Ziomek asked that the water line that serves the War Memorial Pool and Wading Pool be replaced by DPW when the Community Field Restroom work is in progress. L. Chalfant announced that I would be on vacation for two weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting and that Barbara Bilz would be Acting Director.

Adjournment: P. Blier moved that the meeting be adjourned. A. Bonneau seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.