

**Amherst Leisure Services and Supplemental Education Commission Minutes  
Wednesday, February 16, 2011, 7:30 p.m. Police Station Community Room**

**Present:** Stan Ziomek, Chair, Peter Blier, Vice Chair, Alan Bonneau, Maryanna Whittemore, AB Winograd, Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director and from the Housing Partnership Fair Housing Committee- Nancy Gregg, Ellen Kosmer, Claude Tellier

**Absent:** Jim Patulak

**Select Board Liaison:** Alisa Brewer

**Visitors:** Names included are per sign in sheet. Carol Betsch, Robin Karson, Linda Faye, Randi Stein, Glen W. Hawthorne, Janice Doyama, Ellen Kosmer, Claude Tellier, Barbara Dudley, Celia Riahi, Jane Mildred, Norton Starr, Irene Starr

**Call to Order:** S. Ziomek called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Minutes:** AB Winograd moved and M. Whittemore seconded that the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously. AB Winograd moved and A. Bonneau seconded that the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

**Hawthorne Property:** The Commission discussed dates for the next Hawthorne Meadows Joint Public Meeting. March 16<sup>th</sup> was considered and rejected as that date falls during the University's Spring Break. The Commission asked L. Chalfant to investigate reserving a room for a potential meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. S. Ziomek opened the meeting for the public's questions. The questions are included with these minutes. Where possible answers were provided and for other questions more follow up or research is needed. N. Gregg suggested that visitors e-mail current and new questions to the LSSE Director.

**Capital and Operating Budget Updates:** L. Chalfant reviewed the meeting schedule for the Finance Committee and Joint Capital Planning Committee presentations. Handouts were supplied for the LSSE program Revolving Budgets including historical years beginning in FY 09 to FY 12 Proposed. Revenue and Expense Budget handouts and an LSSE Registration History handout was given. The Commission wishes to review the Town Manager's Proposed LSSE Budget at the next meeting.

Cherry Hill, Outdoor Pools and LSSE Capital Budget requests were reviewed. Commissioners suggested that parts or all of the Community Field fencing be considered for repair or replacement in a future Capital Budget and that DPW investigate the current fence condition. Commissioners questioned whether the use of boulders could replace a future Cherry Hill Security Fencing capital request. A. Bonneau moved and M. Whittemore seconded the War Memorial Pool Renovation and Repair, the Cherry Hill Fairway Mower and the Mold Abatement Capital Budget requests.

**Old Landfill Property Agreement:** S. Ziomek reviewed the original Old Landfill Property Agreement and described the conditions of the original capping grant. It was noted that when the landfill was closed it was capped with a \$500,000 grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Environmental Quality Engineering Division of Solid Waste Management. The grant required the recording of a deed restriction which would limit the future uses of the landfill site to active or passive recreation. Under previous town administration that deed recording never occurred. The old landfill is comprised of more than 50 acres.

**Solar Panel Projects:** S. Ziomek updated the Commission on the current planned uses for the Old Landfill. The Town has put forward a Request for Proposals and has received interest from numerous companies proposing to place solar panels on the site in return for payment to the Town. AB Winograd moved and A. Bonneau seconded that the LSSE Director draft a letter for the Town Manager and Select Board that would require the Town set aside a portion of the revenue from any agreements for future LSSE recreational land purchases and development in order to mitigate this lost land opportunity. The motion passed unanimously.

**Director's Report:** L. Chalfant's report updated the Commission on the following topics including the Prime Time After School Program, Wednesday Clubs at Crocker Farm School, the Amherst Youth Basketball Program, the Wizard of Oz Performance, Winter Fest 2011, Swimming Lessons at Totman Pool, grant proposal submissions, the Community Field Restroom project, Kendrick Park project, a bicycle feasibility study proposal to the Community Preservation Committee, and a future Community Field Committee.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.