

**Amherst Leisure Services and Supplemental Education Commission Minutes
Monday, January 23, 2012, 7:30 p.m. Community Room, Police Station**

Present Stan Ziomek, Chair, Peter Blier, Vice Chair, Jon Foster, Maryanna Whittemore, AB Winograd, Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director, Dave Ziomek, Director of Conservation and Development

Absent Alan Bonneau, James Patulak

Visitors Norton Starr and Irene Starr

Call to Order and New Member Welcome

S. Ziomek called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Jon Foster was welcomed as the newest member appointed to the LSSE Commission

Minutes

December 14th, 2011 Minutes- AB Winograd moved and P. Blier seconded that the minutes be approved. The vote was unanimous.

War Memorial Pool Grant and Bid Status

The PARC Grant was awarded to the Town for the War Memorial Pool Project for the full amount requested. As per requirement of the PARC grant, 1.3 acres of land at Community Field will be recorded at the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds preserving this land as permanent recreation and park land into perpetuity. Outside of the Cherry Hill Golf Course, this is the only Town of Amherst park and recreation land that has such a designation.

P. Blier moved and M. Whittemore seconded that the Commission sign the PARC Grant agreement. The vote was unanimous and the agreement signed and given to D. Ziomek.

L. Chalfant described the steps for the bid process for the War Memorial Pool renovations. S. Ziomek requested that the Commissioners receive copies of the War Memorial bid specifications documents at a future meeting. M. Whittemore agreed to serve on the rededication committee for the pool and to assist in updating Commissioners on the process.

Parks and Recreation Areas Update

L. Chalfant updated the Commission on Alan Snow, Director of Trees and Grounds, report of progress made in cleaning up the Mill River Recreation Area and Groff Park following the October snowstorm. Clean up is ongoing with particular attention needed for removal of tree debris in the river at the Mill River Recreation Area. The status of the playing fields and an update on plans for maintenance are being developed and more specifics would be available in the spring. Commissioners asked that A. Snow be invited to a future meeting to explore the idea of a Parks Serve Day with community volunteers.

Hawthorne Meadow Report

D. Ziomek reviewed the January draft of the Hawthorne Meadow Report. Commissioner changes and revisions were noted for the final report. A completed bound report will be presented to the Town

Manager and provided to Commissioners in the future. AB Winograd asked if there would be a report copy provided with all of the appendices included such as those listed on the Hawthorne Meadow's Town web page. AB Winograd thanked D. Ziomek and L. Chalfant for their report work. D. Ziomek suggested the LSSE Commission request an opportunity to attend a future Amherst Select Board meeting to present the document.

Director's Report

L. Chalfant provided a hard copy Director's Report and presented these topics including: FY 13 Budget, Future Budget Meetings, Prime Time After School Program Update, Prime Time Enrichment Program Information, Winter Program's Report, Fall Youth and Adult Education Programs, Changes in School Day Hours, Outreach and Development, Animal Welfare Officer Visit, Senior Center Plans, Bangs Center Security Issues, LSSE Office Space

Girls Sports Meeting

It was agreed the meeting date for the future girls sports forum would be finalized at the February Commission meeting. A subcommittee of AB Winograd, J. Foster and M. Whittemore would meet to consider plans for the upcoming forum.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

P. Blier moved and AB Winograd seconded the meeting be adjourned. The vote was unanimous.

Handouts Provided:

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Article from Letter to the Editor by Olivia Feyre Febonio, GazetteNet

Hawthorne Meadow Draft Report

LSSE Future Meetings Listing

Approved