

**Amherst Leisure Services and Supplemental Education Commission Minutes
Wednesday, August 8, 2012, 7:30 p.m.
Community Room, Amherst Police Station**

Present: Stan Ziomek, Chair, Peter Blier, Vice Chair, Alan Bonneau, Jon Foster, Maryanna Whittemore, Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director

Absent: AB Winograd

Call to Order: S. Ziomek called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes of June 20, 2012 were approved with one correction. Alan Bonneau's name was added to the list of those present. J. Foster moved and A. Bonneau seconded that the minutes be approved. The vote was unanimous.

The minutes of July 18, 2012 were approved by the Commission in a unanimous vote. P.Blier made the motion and M. Whittemore seconded the motion to approve.

Report of 8/2/12 Sign Meeting with Town Staff

L. Chalfant reported on the work of the first Sign Task Force Meeting. Ben Krogh Grabbe, Director of the Business Improvement District, and Kathryn Grandonico, President of the Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting along with staff from the Department of Public Works and the Development and Planning Department. The Task Force considered parking signs needs for downtown Amherst at the meeting.

Twelve Month Calendar of Topics

Given the upcoming Town budget process, the Commission would like to see examples of the tax support provided to recreation programs in other communities.

Ways to Get Children Involved in Sports and Other Activities

The Commission offered various suggestions for ways to increase youth participation in sports and other recreation activities. It was suggested that Middle School youth might be a good age group to target. It was noted that cross country skiing is popular at the high school level and perhaps should be tried at the elementary school level.

Report on the Rededication of War Memorial Pool

S. Ziomek, M. Whittemore, A. Bonneau, and L. Chalfant all commented on the positive program that was held during the Rededication of the War Memorial Pool.

Initial Discussion of Capital Budget

S. Ziomek and J. Foster asked to see the Town Budget for the Tree and Grounds Division. S. Ziomek asked the LSSE Director to solicit ideas for capital improvements from LSSE staff for the next meeting.

Attendance and Income Comparisons- Mill River and War Memorial Pools

**L. Chalfant provided a report showing the attendance of each pool and income received to date.
Updated credit card machines and membership bracelets were suggested for future pool budgets.**

Maintenance of Community Field - Editorial Comments

S. Ziomek reported that the Editorial Comment in the Amherst Bulletin was focusing on how shabby the area was around the War Memorial Pool at Community Field.

Safety of Equipment at Parks- Who Is Responsible?

S. Ziomek asked the question who is responsible for the safety of the Parks equipment.

Report of the 8/6/12 Meeting with the Town Manager

S. Ziomek reported on his recent meeting with the Town Manager and reviewed the topics discussed.

Director's Report

L. Chalfant provided a handout of staff, programs and facility activity for the previous month.

Next Meeting, Agenda Items, Adjournment

The Commission chose September 12th as the next meeting for the Commission. J . Foster moved and A. Bonneau seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously.

Handouts

Agenda

June 2012 Minutes

July 2012 Minutes

Director's Report

Topical List for LSSE Future Meetings

LSSE Enrollment Numbers Pools FY 13 as of 8-7-12 for Mill River and War Memorial Pools

Kopelman and Paige, P.C. Memo entitled Significant Amendments to the Community Preservation Act- Use of Funds

LSSE Budget FY 13 Status of Summer Sports Camps

