

**LSSE Commission Meeting Minutes  
January 15 , 2014 7:30 p.m.  
Bangs Community Center, Glass Room**

**Present:** Stan Ziomek, Chair, Alan Bonneau, Vice Chair, Jim Brissette, Jon Foster, Nate Budington, Anna-Beth Winograd, Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director, Nate Valeri, LSSE Sports Director

**Approval of the Minutes 12/18/14**

N. Budington moved that the minutes from December 18th be approved. J. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Public Comment**

None

**Introductions: Nate Valeri, LSSE Sports Director**

New LSSE Sports Director, Nate Valeri, was introduced to Commissioners. Nate answered questions and provided information about his background and the programs he was handling at LSSE.

**Committee Reports: CPAC by Jim Brissette**

J. Brissette announced the date for the next Community Preservation Committee, CPAC , meeting. J. Brissette conveyed concerns that the \$4,000 equipment item for the Groff Park Wading Pool might not be funded this year.

**Update on East Street as a Relocation Site**

The Town Manager has not yet made a decision about the proposed East Street relocation for LSSE stated L. Chalfant. The LSSE Commission remains opposed to the proposed relocation and expressed concerns.

**Update: Swimming Pool and Groff Wader Repair**

The Commission asked L. Chalfant to ask G. Mooring, DPW Superintendant, for the timeline of the maintenance schedule for opening of the outdoor pools. The Commission would ideally like the pools open for Memorial Day though that early date opening has not occurred for many years. Since the Town has received a PARC grant and funding from CPAC to repair the Mill River Pool, there is considerable work that needs to be addressed at Mill River and some also at the Groff Park Wading Pool. The Commission expressed the importance of meeting the pool opening deadlines and the need to inform the public of the openings.

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### **Review: LSSE Commission Resolution and Duties**

This item was tabled.

### **Accessible Parking and Access to Restrooms**

S. Ziomek correctly pointed out that there is no handicap accessible parking at Community Field or Kiwanis Park. He also noted there are no handicap accessible restrooms at Kiwanis or Plum Brook Recreation Areas. These would be important considerations for upcoming capital projects.

### **Update: Fields and Facilities Meeting**

L. Chalfant announced she scheduled the first Fields and Facilities Meeting, a gathering of School, Town, High School Athletics, DPW and LSSE staff and an LSSE Commissioner, to convene on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The purpose of the meetings will be to foster coordination of shared Town and School fields and facilities and to consider schedules, maintenance needs, timelines, capital projects etc. for the intent of improving efficiencies and communication. The Commission asked L. Chalfant to present the schedule of LSSE upcoming spring activities to the DPW representative at one of the winter meetings.

### **Field Renovations and Commission Approval**

The Commission reiterated the need to have all plans for playing field improvements come before the Commission for coordination and approval. This request would include renovations considered by DPW, the Schools and other organizations. The need for this is to better coordinate scheduling and this is a part of the LSSE Commission's oversight and charge.

### **Afterschool Program and FY 15 Budgets**

The additional \$20,000 funding requested for the Afterschool Program subsidies and the \$20,000 funding requested for fee subsidies for all other LSSE programs was not approved for inclusion in the Town Manager's FY 15 budget.

### **Director's Report**

L. Chalfant offered a report highlighting the staff, program, outreach and capital projects activity for the period of time between mid December through mid January.

### **Agenda Setting and Adjournment**

The Commission agreed to convene on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

A. Bonneau moved the Commission meeting be adjourned. AB Winograd seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

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