

**LSSE Commission Meeting Minutes
July 16 2014 7:30 p.m.
Glass Room, Bangs Community Center**

Present: Jim Brissette, Nate Budington, Jon Foster, Angela Mills, Anna-Beth Winograd, Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director

Visitors : Vince O’Conner, Andy Steinberg, Select Board Liaison

Resignation: L. Chalfant reported that A. Bonneau was stepping down as a Commissioner.

Meeting Chair

AB Winograd moved we have a temporary Chair until the August Meeting. N. Budington seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous with one abstaining. Jim Brissette agreed to serve as the Chair for the July 16th meeting while all Commissioners considered who was interested in the vacant office. An election will occur at the August 27th meeting.

Approval of the Minutes from 6/18/2014

N. Budington moved to accept the minutes from June 18, 2014. J. Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed with 4 Commissioners in favor and 1 abstaining.

Public Comment

Vince O’Conner spoke to the benefit of increasing the CPA surcharge percentage since this would allow more funding. V. O’Conner stated there were more funding needs and since the funds could now be used to improve recreation facilities that had not been purchased with CPA funds, many improvements could be put forward. He offered that the Commission could vote to endorse the CPA ballot question at a future meeting; however, no public funds could be used for the support.

V. O’Conner also discussed the need for additional fee subsidy support for LSSE programs stating that currently up to 50% of kids are receiving the Free and Reduced Lunch Program in the Amherst schools. He suggested that the Commission should return to the old subsidy policy of providing 33% and 66% subsidy as opposed to the current 25% and 50% V. O’Conner also stated when children he assisted attended LSSE summer programs there was less backsliding over the summer academically.

Committee Report: CPAC

J. Brissette stated that since there had not been another CPAC meeting since June there was nothing to report.

LSSE Commission Liaison to CPAC

AB Winograd nominated J. Brissette as the LSSE Commission representative for the CPAC Committee. A. Mills seconded the motion. J. Brissette abstained from voting. The vote was 4 in favor with 1 abstaining.

East Street Building Status

L. Chalfant reported that the Town Manager suggested another walk through of the building might be beneficial. L. Chalfant stated she would provide times for a potential walk through and inform the Commission.

East Street Building Status

There was no news about when the renovations to the East Street Building would begin.

Town Meeting Update

The Annual Town Meeting approved the FY 15 operating and capital budgets for LSSE.

Discussion of Capital Budget Proposals for FY 16

AB Winograd suggested we collect the lists from all of the Capital project discussions over the last year for review and table the discussion until the next meeting. Other items to review might include the history of capital funds provided to LSSE for the last 10 years.

Discussion of Budget Priorities for FY 16

Tabled until the next meeting

Director's Report

L. Chalfant provided a handout of her Director's Report which included: current staff activity, outreach and development, marketing efforts, and summer program enrollment year to date.

Agenda Setting, Next Meeting, Adjournment

Angela Mills moved and N. Budington seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. The vote was unanimous.

Next Meeting: August 27, 2014

Handouts:

July 16, 2014 Agenda, June 18, 2014 Minutes, LSSE Director's Report