

**LSSE Commission Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2014 , 7:30 p.m.
Amherst Police Station Community Room**

Present: Stan Ziomek, Chair, Jim Brissette, Jon Foster, Nate Budington, Anna-Beth Winograd,
Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director

Absent: Alan Bonneau

Approval of the Minutes 11/20/13

J. Brissette moved that the minutes from November 20, 2013 be approved. AB Winograd seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

None

Capital Budget s Discussion and JCPC

Jim Brissette summarized his recent meeting with
the Community Preservation Commission.

The Commission reviewed and discussed the operating and capital budgets including the goals and long range objectives. The Commission would like to see a comparison of the tax support that other communities receive to support recreation programs.

East Street as a Relocation Site for LSSE

J. Brissette read the letter he had drafted for the Town Manager regarding East Street as a relocation site for LSSE. The Commission discussed some wording changes including broadening the statement about the absence of an elevator and access to the second floor to specify a limitation to LSSE volunteers as well as staff. AB Winograd moved to approve the letter and send it on and J. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Use of Middle School Pool for Lap Swim

J. Brissette stated that members of Town Meeting were asking why there was no lap swimming available at the Middle School Pool. Commissioners would like to know if the Town would be charged a fee to use the Middle School Pool.

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War Memorial Wading Pool Status

The Commission reviewed the status of the War Memorial Wading Pool. L. Chalfant provided two handouts entitled "Summary of Status of Amherst Wading Pools at Groff Park and

Community Field” and “War Memorial Pool Issues” and reported that due to needed repairs and DPW’s cost estimate for the repairs and the lack of funds to make such repairs, the War Memorial Wading Pool would remain closed. AB. Winograd moved that the War Memorial Wading Pool be left as is until a Community Field Committee has convened and made a long range plan with recommendations. J. Brisette seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Town Swimming Pools Staffing and Pool Fees

The Commission discussed and reviewed the pool staffing for the Outdoor Pool Program. The pool fees for FY 15 as presented for the proposed FY 15 Operating Budget were considered.

New LSSE Commissioners

The Commission considered various possibilities for additional LSSE Commission members for remaining vacancies.

Director’s Report and Budget

L. Chalfant provided a report highlighting the staff, program, outreach and capital projects activity for the period of time between mid October and Mid November.

Agenda Setting and Adjournment

The Commission agreed to convene on Wednesday, December 18th at 7:30 p.m. J. Foster moved the meeting be adjourned. AB Winograd seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Handouts:

December 18, 2013 Agenda

November 7, 2013 Minutes

LSSE Community Services Mission, Goals, Accomplishments, Service Levels, pages

Draft of Letter to Town Manger Regarding Proposed Relocation to East Street

Summary of Status of Amherst Wading Pools at Groff Park and Community Field

War Memorial Pool Issues Director’s Report