

LSSE Commission Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Bangs Community Center, LSSE Conference Room

Present: Angela Mills, Chair, Jon Foster, Vice Chair, Jim Brissette, Nate Budington, Becki Demling, Meg Rosa Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director, Sandy Pooler, Town of Amherst Finance Director

Welcome and Introductions

Two new members, Meg Rosa and Becky Demling, were welcomed to the Commission and each provided an introduction to themselves highlighting their leadership experiences, interests and involvement with the community.

Approval of the Minutes

N. Budington moved the minutes from June 2015 be approved as amended. J. Brissette seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Public Comment- None

CPAC Report, Jim Brissette

Jim Brissette reported that two CPAC proposals with recreation impact were approved in a special round of grant funding this fall including a handicap accessible preschool playground at Crocker Farm School and the North Common Project. J. Brissette suggested we prioritize projects as the funding is available and proposed submitting a proposal for Groff Park. J. Brissette moved that LSSE staff prepare a grant application for a spray pool, playground, pavilion and other needed renovations. N. Budington seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. J. Brissette asked Commissioners for input on key goals and important attributes as qualifiers for obtaining a CPA grant as CPAC considers grant criteria.

Update on LSSE Administrative Offices Move

L. Chalfant updated the Commission on the Town Manager's proposal to move the LSSE administrative offices from the Bangs Community Center to the Amherst Regional Middle School.

Access/ Scholarship Funds

The Town Finance Director, Sandy Pooler joined L. Chalfant in updating the Commission on strategies to use the \$105,000 that was voted at the Annual Town Meeting in May 2015 to support access. The overall plan was to make more financial support available to Amherst youth to enable greater participation. The Commission suggested informing school guidance counselors, the Survival Center, other social service agencies of the new resources.

Director's Report

A written report and handouts were distributed highlighting outdoor pools usage, summer camp program enrollment, development and outreach and fall sports program enrollment.

Adjournment

J. Foster moved to adjourn the meeting and J. Brissette seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.