

LSSE Commission Meeting Minutes

February 29, 2016

Amherst Leisure Services Conference Room

Present: Chair, Angela Mills, Jim Brissette, Becky Demling, Nate Budington, Meg Rosa, Linda Chalfant, Director

Absent: Jon Foster, Vice Chair

Visitor: Andrew Steinberg, LSSE Select Board Liaison, David Ziomek, Assistant Town Manager,

Minutes of 1-21-16

N. Budington moved and M. Rosa seconded that the minutes from January 21, 2016 be accepted. The motion was unanimous with 5-0

Public Comment- None

CPAC Report, Jim Brissette

J. Brissette reported there are more CPA projects than available funding so some projects will be cut during the upcoming CPA meetings. He announced the next CPA meeting was Monday, March 7, 2016.

Discussion with Dave Ziomek, Assistant Town Manager, Plans for LSSE Move

The Temporary Town Manager was scheduled to come to the meeting but was unable to attend. The Assistant Town Manager attended in his place. A lengthy discussion took place with all Commissioners, the Assistant Town Manager, and Select Board liaison regarding various aspects and concerns about LSSE's move to the Amherst Regional Middle School. D. Ziomek offered that the move could create an opportunity to shape what happens if a portion of the Middle School were to become a recreation center. Commissioners raised concerns about the yearly license (lease) agreement for \$10,218 becoming a part of the LSSE budget even though there would be tax support this year to cover the cost of the license. The license has a clause which allows the fee to increase yearly. A. Steinberg mentioned the license agreement could be viewed on the Town website. Other questions from the Commission included: Would there be signage at the PVTA bus stops indicating LSSE's new location? Would there be a new bus route and stop to the Middle School? Would there be designated LSSE customer parking at the Middle School? It was suggested that Commissioners may wish to attend Regional and Amherst School Committee meetings to talk to the board and superintendent about expanding the use of the building to create a recreation center.

Groff Park Improvements and Grants- tabled

Capital Project Review

At the Joint Capital Planning Committee meeting, JCPC members asked if it was possible to move the Aquatics Climbing Wall up to FY 17 in the Capital Plan. The Commission discussed this option but chose not to do this at this time due to the pending aquatics capital project with CPA among other reasons.

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Other ideas for capital projects included snowmaking equipment for Cherry Hill, new outdoor basketball backboards, underwater lights and sound system for the outdoor pools, fixing the irrigation at Plum Brook, Disc Golf equipment, etc.

Director's Report

A written report highlighting the staff, program and capital activities was distributed.

Agenda Setting and Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for Thursday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in LSSE's relocated offices.

Adjournment

N. Budington moved the meeting be adjourned. J. Brissette seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 in favor of adjournment.