

LSSE Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 24, 2016
Amherst Leisure Services Conference Room
Voted and Amended 4-27-16

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

Minutes of 2-29-16

M. Rosa moved and N. Budington seconded that the minutes from 2-29-16 2016 be accepted. The motion was unanimous with 6-0 in favor of the motion.

Public Comment- None

CPAC Report, Jim Brissette

J. Brissette reported the Community Preservation Committee, CPA, did a great job of meeting the CPA budget while juggling many project requests. The Commission discussed the possibility of asking the CPA Chair if a date certain could be established for the Town Meeting vote in order to have an opportunity for the public to come forward to speak to the Commission's proposed Groff Park project.

Discussion with Rich Ferro, Amherst High School Athletic Director

Although Amherst High School Athletic Director, Rich Ferro, was not able to attend the meeting, the LSSE Commission did pursue a discussion regarding the various ways that youth sports are organized in the community. Some youth sports programs are organized privately include Amherst Hockey, Amherst Youth Soccer Association, Amherst Baseball, Amherst Youth Lacrosse and the Tritons Youth Swimming Program. In Amherst, LSSE, administers youth sports leagues that include; youth basketball and travel basketball, the summer ultimate league and the youth football program and partners with the Sugarloaf Youth Track League. Clinics held include Indoor Futsal, Flag Football, Youth Volleyball, Youth Cross Country, Middle School Ultimate Clinic, High School Ultimate Rec League, and a variety of summer and vacation week sports camps. Rich Ferro will be invited back during a future meeting.

Tour of the LSSE Offices at the Middle School

The Commission toured the LSSE offices and the LSSE Director answered questions about the ongoing renovation. Some portions of the office renovation are continuing and will be addressed as part of a punch list with the Assistant Town Manager and the Director of Facilities and Maintenance over the coming months including the installation of air conditioning, additional signs, noise reduction, etc.

The Commission discussed the need to create a vision statement for a future recreation center at the Amherst Regional Middle School and ways that this statement could be introduced to the Amherst Regional School Committee.

Director's Report

The Director reported that most of the spring's activity for LSSE staff involved preparing for the move to the Amherst Regional Middle School while trying to keep enrollment steady in spring programs.

Agenda Setting and Next Meeting

The next LSSE Commission meeting was set for Wednesday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. at LSSE's office.

Adjournment

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