

11/24/08 Draft

Recreation Commission  
6:00pm  
Lyme Center Academy Building

Attendees:

Dina Cutting, Pete Mulvihill, Tom Yurkosky, Robert Couture, Steve Small, Charles Reagan

Public: Lou Anne Conroy, Tom Morrissey

Special Guest: Jim Kennedy (wetland scientist)

Minutes taken by Robert Couture

Minutes from (10/27)  
Move to accept by Pete  
Second by Tom  
Approved unanimous.

- Dina asked to have everybody think about replacing her as chair at least, and possibly leave the whole committee.
- Pete and Tom went and looked at the highland area of the Chaffee, in consideration to put the ball fields within Chaffee. Both Tom and Pete concluded nothing wide enough to hold the ball fields. Pete communicated that to Tom Morrissey, and invited Tom to look at it with Pete. Tom is looking at other options.

If we were to even consider this (assuming it was big enough), we'd need to build a bridge over Trout Brook, de-commission the ball field to allow it to flood back (ie, remove burms, etc.), building curb cut on rt 10, parking lot, permits for new field, as well as scale up the parking lot (for the beach), permits for picnic area,

Tom Morrissey suggested we look at the land across Rt (owned by Elizabeth Belder). Lives in the Netherlands. According to Tom, she is still interested in selling. Conservation Commission has made a site visit to the parcel.

Upon further discussion, the commission all agreed, we believe this isn't an option at all.

- Jim Kennedy. Wants to update us on where we stand with the state and the permitting process. State sees it as 3 projects. A). Beaver dam work, B). Filling of low areas prior to 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, C) Future work on the ball field.

If you are going to impact more than 10,000 sq. feet, you need to mitigate for that. We are at about 55,000 sq. feet. Need to consider options instead of mitigation – minimization and alternatives. With those not as options, move on to mitigation.

There is no conservation easement on the Chaffee property. DES suggested legalizing the easement, and it would solve all the issues. EPA was invited to the table, as well as Corps of Engineers – and they are all in favor of it.

Need to go into Town Meeting to get approved to turn Chaffee into a legal easement

Approvable project – but will cost some money to just start it.

- a). \$11,000 application
- b). \$1,200 alteration of terrain
- c). \$100 Shore line fee
- d). Our cost to prepare
- e). endowment fee to UVLT
- f). Legal fees
- g). Possibly a survey (if never done before)
- h). Wetlands creation (about \$5000)
- i). Wetlands preservation (about \$2500)

Upper Valley Land Trust was asked if they would consider taking the easement. They said yes they would consider it, but would be a cost to it.

Tasks:

- a). Derby mountain - Pete
- b). Fund raiser confirmation - All
- c). Jim K to tell us the cost of the additional pieces

Jim K also wants to make sure the quote from Derby is “what we want and need”. Pete to coordinate getting that information to Jim.

Next Budget Committee meetings: 12/3 and 12/10

Tom Morrissey asked the cost difference between the 2 foot level and 3 foot level. Tom is suggesting if we don't consider other options. Claims he will fight vigorously in Concord to stop this project if requires to keep the 2 foot level.

Steve's report. Accepted and approved.

Next meeting at 6pm on 12/1/08 at the Lyme Center Academy Building

