

Lyme Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2008
Lyme Center Academy Building
6:00pm

Commission Attendees: Dina Cutting, Bob Couture, Tom Yurkosky, Charles Ragan, Peter Mulvihill, Kathleen Henriques

Public Attendees: Lou-Anne Conroy, Tom Morrissey, James Graham, Faith Catlin

The meeting opened with an overview of the beach and field project.

1. Because portions of the field and beach areas were mapped as jurisdictional wetlands, permitting from the NHDES is required.
2. The project is considered a major wetlands project, there for requires a permit at substantial costs.
3. Jim Kennedy, wetland scientist working with Pathways Consulting, LLC preformed the wetland delineation.
4. Because the area affected is considered to fall in to a major permit the state will require mitigation of land. An easement can be placed on the Chaffee Wildlife sanctuary for this purpose.
5. The RC felt the easement decision should be brought to the town for a vote.

Concerns about the rising cost of this project were discussed at this time. The whole project would need to go back to the town for another vote. More money for the project and the easement would need to be voted. Timing concerning the budget committee meetings was discussed.

James Graham who did not want to speak for the CC thought the CC supported placing the easement on the Chaffee Sanctuary if it was voted on at Town Meeting.

It was noted that, the existing water release policy would not be affected if the Chaffee land has an easement. The Recreation Commission would want the policy to be written into this easement.

A review of the To Do list from the last meeting:

1. Private donations were confirmed.
2. Pete will speak with Derby Mtn.

The new costs of the project were discussed. The RC feels the project as submitted tonight is now unaffordable, Dina will ask Jim Kennedy and Rod Finley to review the new proposal and shave off excess if possible as the RC feels the price increase is too great to present to the town. If this is possible an additional meeting will be needed very soon.

An alternative to the project was discussed. Move ahead with a plan to do routine maintenance to the field which would include aeration and re-seeding of the ball field, filling in low areas and restoration/creation in the beach area. It was estimated that this price tag would be about \$30,000 including necessary permits for the beach area.

Next Meeting: December 22nd, 2008 unless an emergency meeting is needed sooner.

Submitted by Kathleen Henriques