

Recreation Commission
Minutes 3/31/08
LCAB 7:00pm
Approved April 10th, 2008

Recorder for this meeting: Robert Couture

The minutes from the meeting on 3/17/08 were moved by Kathleen. Seconded by Tom Correction were offered. Voted unanimously in favor as amended.

Pond Program: Going to run for 4 weeks. Torey Cutting will again be the Pond Program Coordinator. 5 days a week. Starting 7/7/08, running through 8/1/08.

Basketball camp: Peter can't switch the times of his camp. So, he will have one week that is competing with pond program for attendance. Next year touch base before dates are set.

Ski Program: Finished in the positive. But we are missing two weeks bills for bus service. We will still make a good amount of money, even after we get the two bills for the bus service. No changes recommended for next years fees.

Basketball: Didn't cover its expenses this year. At some point we need to consider if we should raise the program fee. Discussion about "does each program need to cover expenses?" A point to think about for next year.

Baseball: Looks like a major and minor league boy's team, plus a girl's softball team. Plenty of coaches and help for these teams. Should be able to make some money this year, because last year most all equipment was replaced and therefore shouldn't have to replace much equipment.

LAX: have 7 people signed up thus far. Forms went late to Lyme School, so enrollment could go up.

Sub Committee

Save Chase Beach and John Balch Memorial Ball Field. The three community members are Julie Goodrich, Greg Hanlon, and Barbara Balch.

Tom moved to accept the above listed sub-committee members. Seconded by Kathleen. Unanimously approved.

Sub committee needs to keep minutes, and needs to post their upcoming meetings if they have any meetings on their own.

Dina reported she had a discussion with Matt Stevens prior to tonight's meeting. The idea of having a liaison from each commission attend the other commission's meeting was discussed. The following points were discussed:

- The CC is going to act on the current information they have not history.
- The CC has not met since Town Meeting therefore they have not made any decision based on the current information.
- The CC certainly got the message from Town Meeting that both Commissions need to work together to "make this work". They heard the voters.
- The CC has the impression the RC isn't willing to "compromise" at all.

The Recreation Commission discussed the following issues:

- Would like to know the reason why the CC feels they need to do another study?
- It would be more beneficial if this study were done to gauge the volume of water flow from Clay Brook.
- The CC paying an outside group to manage the dam and water level.

It was suggested we go to the 4/7 meeting with a clear message that we have strict timelines, and to consider that seriously. We should communicate to the CC what we would like to discuss with them at their next meeting. In order to allow the CC to have time to consider the RC position it was the sense of the RC to send a letter to the CC prior to the April 7th, 2008 meeting.

Our communication should include the following:

- 1) If you are inclined to change the water release policy, we need it changed soon, as we will need to hire contractors soon, for an August start date. We need a decision no later than 5/1/08.
- 2). We have a concern waiting for the results of a second duplicate study. The RC already endorses the Normandeau Study. The results from the 2nd study will not be known in time for us to move forward with our projects.

At 8:45 Kathleen moved to adjourn. Seconded by Tom. Voted unanimously in favor.

Reminder:

CC meeting April 7th be there around 8:00pm LCAB

Next Recreation Commission and Sub-Committee meeting is Thursday 4/10 at 6pm at LCAB.

