

Lyme Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Lyme Center Academy Building  
5/08/08

Minute Taker: Peter Mulvihill

In attendance: Selectman Charles Regan, Dina Cutting (chair), Tom Yurkosky, Kathleen Henriques, Robert Couture, and Peter Mulvihill (alternate)

Members were appraised of the potential problem with the warning for the Town's February Budget Committee meeting and the implications for all money articles and the budget passed at Town Meeting. Pending waiver with the State's House of Representatives and the Governor's office should be resolved or not by June 1.

Update on Chase Beach and Ball field improvement:

- Six-seven contractors contacted and are interested
- Pathways given the green light to commence engineering drawings
- Mulvihill and Greg Hanlon will coordinate the receipt of construction bids. No binding action until Town Budget issue resolved
- Julie Goodrich and Peter Mulvihill will coordinate communication with donors
- Happily the project has attracted the interest and support of local contractors from Lyme

Steve Small delivered preliminary financial results for the baseball season. While there are several expense items yet to accrue, as of this date, baseball produced a net income of \$1,923.

Jules and Rob McCutcheon coordinated a lacrosse clinic of 1-6 grade children at the Lyme school who do not participate in outside programs for 7&8 grades in Hanover and elsewhere.

Play Soccer dates have been set for July 21-25 at 9:00 -12:00 for ages 7-14 and for August 4-8 at 1:30-3:00 for ages 4-7. The July date presently conflicts with the Lyme Pond Program. Steve Small will attempt to move the date. If that is not possible, at minimum the location will be changed to the Lyme School.

Steve Dano has expressed an interest in conduction tennis instructional clinics at Post Pond. For reasons of insurance indemnity, Mr. Dano will have to be an employee of the Town and file a w-2 for instructional income earned. This will allow Mr. Dano and his students to be covered under the Town's umbrella insurance policy. The Recreation Commission concluded that there was no alternative to achieve insurance coverage for this activity short of Mr. Dano formally becoming a temporary employee of the Town.

The Recreation Commission reviewed the Post Pond Recreation Area Bylaws and proposed Ordinances concerning the Boat Launch. The Commission concluded the Bylaws should be unchanged with the single exception of the deletion of section six, which will be replaced with a

separate Boat Launch Ordinance.

Ross McIntire joined the Recreation Commission meeting at this time. Consistent with the Recreation Commission's meeting on May 1, Mr. McIntire agreed to head an effort to install (and indeed to largely underwrite with private donations) a rack for canoes and kayaks, along the bank at Post Pond just West of the Boat Launch area. Initially the rack will accommodate six boats and shall be available to Lyme residents only.

With regard to the overnight parking policy at Post Pond it was agreed that Lyme residents with summer cottages on the south and west sides of Post Pond would be permitted to park overnight and to tie up motorized boats overnight at Post Pond in order to access their cabins and cottages. This privilege is exclusively available to this group out of necessity as these residences are not accessible by road or car.

The Recreation Commission reviewed the draft Operating Agreement with Crossroads Academy regarding the use of Crossroads' field at Shoestrap Road. While the Commission remains grateful to Crossroads for their support, the Commission must insist that the term of the contact extend to August 31, 2009 and permit the use for summer 2009 activities of Softball and Summer Play Soccer. Based on the timing of the reconstruction of the John Balch Memorial Field, play cannot begin again on the John Balch field until September 2009, thus the more lengthy need by Lyme for the Shoestrap field.

The Recreation Commission will next meet on Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the Academy Building.