

Lyme Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2009 – 6:00

Lyme Center Academy Building

Commission Attendees: Dina Cutting, Bob Couture, Peter Mulvihill, Kathleen Henriques, Tom Yurkosky and Rec Director Steve Small

Public Attendees: Lou-Anne Conroy, Tom Morrissey, James Graham, Simon Carr, Rod Finley, Jim Kennedy

Steve gave his report on basketball and skiing results to date. Basketball has 68 participants. There has been a little problem getting referees, but we should be covered thru the end of the season. Skiing has 88 participants. Depending on bus and instructor costs we may lose \$500-600, but this amount may come down.

Minutes from the 12/1/08 meeting were reviewed, Kathleen made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Tom Y and approved by a unanimous vote.

The main topic of discussion was reviewing the costs of repairing the Chase Beach and Balch Ballfield. Rod gave an overview of the "Post Pond Recreation Area and Chase Beach" summary of costs prepared by Pathways Consulting on 12/11/08. This document gave detailed costs for several phases of work, broken out by Engineering, Permitting, Construction and Other Costs. After much discussion, the group defined and priced 5 different scenarios of work as follows:

- 1) Just remove the sand dumped in the area behind the beach last summer without filing for any formal construction permits - \$8,100
- 2) Obtain an "After the Fact" permit that would allow us to leave the sand dumped last summer and also do some drainage work in the beach area only - \$21,300
- 3) Prepare a Wetlands Application for the beach only and construct improvements at the beach - \$32,400
- 4) Prepare a Wetlands Application for the beach and field, construct improvements at the beach in 2009, set up a capital reserve fund to pay for construction work on the field – This scenario represents \$63,400 of costs in 2009, with the balance paid over 4-5 years out of a capital reserve fund.
- 5) Prepare a Wetlands Application for the beach and field and do the construction for the beach and field in 2009 - \$149,621, to be spent entirely in 2009.

(Scenarios 1-5 are costs in addition to the approximately \$12,000 spent to date)

Several other points were made regarding the process:

If all applications are approved, we would have a 5 year window to do construction work on the field.

If we set up a capital reserve fund it would need to be approved at Town Meeting this year. All funding of this fund would need to be approved at future Town Meetings.

We could re-grade the infield and maintain the field during the 5 year permit window without further permits

After more discussion Bob made a motion to go forward with option #4 above, seconded by Tom Y, and approved unanimously.

Simon and Jim agreed to follow up with the Upper Valley Land Trust and NH DES to get a more definitive reading on their position regarding the 2' water level as it pertains to the Conservation Easement. They will do this prior to our next meeting.

We scheduled our next meeting on Tuesday 1/13 at 6:00 at the LCAB in order to prepare for the Town Budget Committee Public Hearing on 1/21.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Yurkosky