

Lyme Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

10/15/09

Approved: 11/23/2009

In Attendance

Dina Cutting (chair), Robert Couture, Paul Sansone, Tom Yurkosky, Peter Mulvihill (alternate), Steve Small (AD)

David Celone (member of the public)

David Celone asked the RC whether he could help spearhead an effort install a bike path between Post Pond and the Lyme School. Dave had the misfortune of witnessing a child falling while biking along the shoulder of Route 10 in the narrow turning section ascending from Post Pond. This incident brought home the dangers inherent in a near shoulder-less roadway combined with children on bicycles. Mr. Celone offered to help foster a contact with John Morton who has some familiarity with sources of Federal funds to assist in the construction of bicycle paths leading to schools from municipal athletic facilities. The RC identified this project has having primary jurisdiction within Lyme's Transportation Commission. That said the RC was supportive of David's initiative and Paul Sansone and Peter Mulvihill offered to assist in introductions to Dan Brand of the Transportation Commission and to voice RC support for this effort.

Steve Small provided preliminary financials for the 2009 soccer season showing a modest profit. Peter Mulvihill as Soccer Commissioner reported that conditions at Post Pond field were materially better this season with the water level of Post Pond lower under the Conservation Commissions new water release policy. Mr. Mulvihill reported that all games have taken place and none had been cancelled this year.

Steve Small reported on the start of the Basketball season. Registrations will begin on November 7th. The 19 teams in the Upper Valley have now been divided into two divisions the Southern and the Northern. Lyme will play in the Northern division with no material change in opponents.

Steve Small reported that Lyme's Ski program will continue this year with the same Commissioner as last year.

The RC next discussed the status of the Town's pending Dredge and Fill permit to improve the Chase beach and ball field. The RC sent a notice of the upcoming public hearing on October 21st on the permit over the Lyme Listserv to urge supporters of the Town's refurbishment of Chase to attend or otherwise voice support through correspondence to the NH DES.

Members of the RC then requested that Chair Cutting inquire with the Town's attorney Jay Whitelaw concerning the question of whether the proposed amended language to the Chaffee Easement restrictions provided to the Upper Valley Land Trust should incorporate the present Water Release Policy of the Conservation Commission (knowing that it could be amended) but in this way avoiding any circularity to paragraph 1.b of the Easement.

The next meeting of the RC was set for October 26th.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Mulvihill