

Lyme Recreation Commission
Minutes of the July 26, 2010 Meeting

Approved: August 16th, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

In attendance

Dina Cutting, Dick Jones, Peter Mulvihill, Bob Couture, Tom Yurkosky
From the public – Dan Freihofer

Minutes

Minutes from the last meeting were not available.

Alan Hewitt Funds

Dan Freihofer is administering the Alan Hewitt Memorial Funds. The Fund has purchased a granite bench and would like to place the bench in the Chase Beach area at Post Pond. The Fund would also like to remove and replace the 2 picnic tables that are in disrepair. A motion was made by Jones, seconded by Couture, to permit the bench to be placed by the beach (once the work begins on the beach) and to accept a gift of up to \$750 from the Fund to pay for the cost of the 2 new picnic tables. Approved unanimously.

Pond Plodders

A discussion took place regarding the use of the Post Pond facilities by the Pond Plodders, a group headed up by Denby Coyle and others. A motion was made by Jones, seconded by Couture to allow the Pond Plodder to use the Post Pond facilities on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 5-6 pm starting the first week in August and running 4 weeks. Approved unanimously.

Post Pond Boat Rack

There was discussion regarding damage done to a canoe at the boat rack, and to damage to the rack itself due to boats left on the rack over the winter. Dina drafted language to be added to the Recreation Area Bylaws to clarify boat rack regulations. A public hearing will need to be held regarding the language. A motion was made by Couture, seconded by Mulvihill to approve the amended language in Section 5.1 of the Recreation Area Bylaws.

Post Pond Tennis Courts

Couture reported that he has continued to pursue bids to do more extensive work on the tennis courts. He has not heard back from potential contractors. The Commission advised him to keep pursuing bids.

Balch Field and Chase Beach

A discussion took place regarding the current status of the permit to do the work on the Chase Beach and Balch Ballfield. The Town Attorney, Jae, has drafted changes to the management plan and is waiting to hear back from UVLT and DES. Mulvihill stated that he feels the language in Section IV of the management plan is ambiguous. Mulvihill asked Jones to answer four questions concerning how the last two sentences in Section IV of the management plan draft protected the Town's legislative mandate to keep the Post Pond water level under control and not render our plan refurbishment plan for the Chase beach and John Balch ball field unworkable. Jones did not answer the questions, and stated that Jae knows the Town's objectives and he is relying on her to include the proper language in these documents. Couture brought up a concern as to whether any change to the current water release policy made in the management plan would require a public hearing. This question will be passed by Jae. Jones stated that the Recreation Commission will be notified when any substantive changes are made to the easement and management plans.

A motion was made by Jones, seconded by Couture to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Yurkosky