

Recreation Commission
Lyme Center Academy Building
September 27th, 2010
6:00PM

Present: Robert Couture, Dina Cutting, Dick Jones, Pete Mulvihill, Steve Small & Tom Yurkosky

No minutes at this meeting: Dina will check on what has been approved and what has not for the next meeting.

The sub-committee reported on the 2 possible properties identified as mitigation for easement for DES permit. There are still some questions pending with Rod. The contract with Pathways has been expended and is over budget. Questions were asked about specific payments. In order to answer these questions invoices would need to be pulled and or Rod should be asked these questions.

Pete reviewed the past costs and potential future costs: After all soft cost considered it looks like the total could go from \$160,000.00 to \$180,000.00. The Commission needs to consider can we support this extra expense? Because we ran in to trouble with the mitigation, management plan agreements it has increased the cost of this section of the project considerably. It was discussed we had spent a significant amount to get this far and would like to continue. Even if the water level stayed low the drainage in the field is very poor. It will not be a safe and or playable field when rain and high water hits.

Pete and Rod went to walk 2 properties:

1. 19.6 acres on the south side of Post Pond. This property is not surveyed.
2. 70 acres bordering the Town Forrest. This property was just purchased by the town and does have a survey.

Dina will be organizing a site visit in the coming week for DES, Upper Valley Land Trust, Conservation Commission and Rod to consider both sites.

Per Pete's calculations we may need another \$22,500.00 to complete this stage of the project. Dina reported a discussion at the last Budget Committee meeting concerning the unassigned fund balance. The Budget Committee and Selectmen have put on the table for discussion using this unassigned fund balance to bring a few under funded Capital Reserve Fund up to the level they should be. The Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve fund would be one of these under funded funds. This way the additional funds would not have to come from the tax payers pock as an increase in taxes.

After a lengthy discussion it was the sense of the Commission and Tom moved to request the Selectmen consider an additional (above and beyond the \$11,000.00 scheduled to go in to this fund in 2011) \$40,000.00 of the unassigned fund balance be applied to the Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve fund. Seconded by Robert. Voted 3 in favor with 1 abstention (Dick). The funds will be as listed below:

- Tennis court repairs: \$11,600.00
- \$22,500.00 additional cost for permit
- \$11,000.00 to be put into the Capital Reserve Fund as scheduled

Tom will touch base with Rod about cost projections

Pete will go out and GPS the Post Pond site (because there is no survey) to enable the group to look it over more thoroughly on the site visit. The unassigned request will be brought to the Selectmen.

Robert moved to recommend to the Selectmen Pete Mulvihill, now an alternate, be appointed to the empty seat on the Recreation Commission made by Paul Sansone's resignation. Seconded by Tom. The Commission had received word from Aaron Rich of his interest in becoming a Recreation Commission member also. Dina will contact him and see if he will consider serving as an alternate. Voted 2 in favor with 1 abstention (Dick).

At 7:45 Robert moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dina. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dina Cutting