



CITY OF DOVER

POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Dover Indoor Pool Meeting Room, 6 Henry Law Ave, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: Monday, November 15, 2021
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:01.

Roll Call: Jess Bonello, Christophe Cloitre, Tim Paiva, Suzanne Petersen (citizen volunteer), Steve Wyman

City Personnel Present: Gary Bannon, Kelsey Boese, John O'Connor

Members Absent: Pat Campbell, excused

Approval of Agenda: n/a

Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2021:

Tim Paiva made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Christophe Cloitre seconded. Minutes accepted unanimously.

Citizens' Forum: n/a

Reports:

Gary:

- Winter preparations are under way.
- The price of natural gas is rising quickly, but the city has locked-in rates. The new boilers should help to contain costs.
- This will be John O'Connor's last meeting with us as a City Councilor. The committee is most thankful to John for his efforts on behalf of the pool and pool community.
- COVID numbers are again rising, but state protocols have not changed. High school teams must mask on deck and no spectators allowed during meets.

Kelsey:

- Fall swim lessons are wrapping up. Weekend sessions were completely full and weekday sessions were mostly full. Adult lessons proved popular and more lessons are planned.
- Two new hydro-fitness instructors have been hired.
- A new kids' therapy program is going well.

Long-range Planning: N/a

Finance & Budget:

- No change from September report.
- Kelsey and Erika were offered kudos for a great job in containing costs and minimizing the impact of reduced revenue this past year.



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Old Business:

Athletic Facility Proposal Status

- City-wide recreational needs and possible improvements continue to be discussed.
- A massive new private-public athletic complex seems to be the focus: What amenities should be offered? Where should it be located? The committee requested a copy of the proposal.

Jenny Thompson Pool Renovation Plan Update:

- Gary is continuing to push for progress on the outdoor pool upgrades, primarily better defining needs and crafting the Request for Proposals.
- The storage shed will be included in that RFP.

Work at the skatepark at Guppy Park is under way. The base excavated and prepped. Build-out will begin in spring and the park should be open in summer.

New Business:

Winter Programs and Schedule Status:

- High school teams will begin practicing on November 15 and will continue through mid-February. The overall schedule changed to accommodate their needs. Five teams will be routinely using the pool.
- Swim lessons put on hold until the high school swim season has concluded.

Strategic Plan Update Schedule:

- The Strategic Plan revisions are under way, as is required every five years.
- The pool committee should have something to review at the January meeting.

Budget Development Schedule:

- The FY2023 budget cycle is beginning and the initial budget is due at the end of November.
- Gary does not foresee any significant changes; just some updates for inflation.

Other Business:

- John O'Connor urged all members to remain vigilant and continue to speak up for recreation at City Council sessions and to seek support from councilors.
- Concern was noted that Dover's rapid increase in population is not being matched by access to recreational facilities, especially those that typically take place outdoors. Do the city's Master Plan and the planned athletic facility mesh?

Adjournment:

Tim Paiva made a motion to adjourn. Christophe seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:47.