



CITY OF DOVER

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD & POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH 03820,
Room 224
Meeting Date: Monday, April 08, 2024
Meeting Time: **6:00pm**

Call to order at 6:00pm

Roll Call

Present: David Beaulieu (Secretary), Heather Twombly (Chair), Rick Mikulis (Vice-Chair), Shellie Lemelin, John O'Connor, Krysta Gingue (Alternate), Tamara Whittman, Christophe Cloitre, Jessica Nyby, Erika Friedman (Aquatics Facility Manager), Erika Holton (Rec Program Supervisor Aquatics), Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), Anthony Retrosi (City Council Liaison)

Guests: Bob Carrier (Mayor), Ricky Conway (Assistant Recreation Director)

Citizen Volunteer: Suzanne Petersen

Absent: Alicia Rooney, Jessica Bonello, Pat Campbell

Approval of Minutes for March 11, 2024

Approved by Shelly Lemelin; Seconded by John O'Connor

Public Forum:

Mayor Bob Carrier wished Gary well in retirement.

Election of Officers:

Due to the upcoming merger of the Recreation Advisory Board and the Pool Advisory Commission, elections have been delayed to next month to allow all members to be eligible for positions.

Reports:

Advisory Board:

- There is a downed tree between Watson Road and the Spaulding overpass.
- There was discussion about the consideration of Arena Commission merging with Recreation Advisory Committee at some point in the future (TBD)

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- Weston & Sampson reviewing Jenny Thompson Pool renovation.
- Fields are wet resulting in spring sports outside activities being delayed
- April 27th is Don't trash Dover clean-up day.
- Reviewing list of projects through CIP

Old Business:

Update on Recreation Advisory Board Reorganization:

- Final approval is happening in April so we can wait until May to officially be restarted with Pool Committee members as part of the Recreation Advisory board.



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Jenny Thompson Pool Project Update:

- Weston & Sampson preparing to submit a bid package. Project proposed for winter 2024 into spring 2025.

Staffing Update:

- Interviews begin Mid-April for a new Recreation Director.
- Lifeguard training to begin soon in preparation for summer.

New Business:

- Shellie noted a few areas of concern for patrons with disabilities.
- The community trail is difficult to follow in certain areas. ie: Rutland Street to the Train Station, and from the Station to the Fourth Street entrance. Community Trail Committee to review.
- Garrison Hill Tower limits access & viewpoints. Suggestions ranged from a lower ground-level deck with viewing scope to better tree management to increase vistas. Given the Tower Renovation project is not designed yet it's a good opportunity to consider potential changes.
- Mayor Bob Carrier also suggested the Arts Commission study how the concrete tank could be enhanced for improved aesthetics.

Budget Status:

- Considering how to address lighting at the Indoor Pool. A temporary fix is required for lights currently out.

Department Future Direction Priorities:

- Gary noted the ability of the community to work together to move projects in the right direction.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by John O'Connor. Motion was seconded by Rick Mikulis. Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Next Meeting will be May 13th.

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu