



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Indoor Pool, Meeting Room, Henry Law Ave, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: Monday, November 4, 2013
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

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Members Present: Dick Arnold, Jess Bonello, Pat Campbell, Christophe Cloitre, Tim Paiva, Suzanne Petersen (honorary)

City Staff Present: Mick Arsenault, Gary Bannon

Absent: Sue Medbery (excused), Michael Weeden

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Jess made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Tim seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from October 7, 2013:

Tim noted that his absence was excused and should be so noted.

Tim made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Jess seconded. Minutes were passed unanimously.

Reports:

Gary:

Everything seems to be moving along nicely.

Apple Harvest Day went well and many people stopped by the Recreation Department's three booths.

The CIP process is underway. Requests from the Rec. Dept. include electrical and lighting systems upgrades, but these will be a few years out.

The Indoor Pool heating system had some fluctuations, but these seem to be under better control now that the thermostat is more finely tuned. The air handler has been switched to winter mode, so the air should be more stable now, too.

Mick:

Lessons are going well. Winter and spring lessons are being planned.

High school team swim practice will begin November 18, so the recreational swim schedule will change.

Long-Range Planning:

Tim reported that the JTAC group is working to get Maglaras Park borings. Bids for the job were high, so the group is seeking additional bids.

Non-profit 501 (c) (3) paperwork is in process.

A meeting was held with Dover Main Street and resulted in a draft letter of support.



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A meeting was held with the Dover Chamber of Commerce executive and a second meeting is being pursued with the entire Chamber.

Finance and Budget:

Phil Read analyzed the books and noted that the financial status is good. Cash flow is doing better than last year at this time. He did note an irregularity in that \$4000 had been added to the Indoor Pool income and \$5000 had been added to the Jenny Thompson Pool income. Gary looked into the situation and determined that and FY2013 encumbrance for handicap chair lifts had been rolled over into the FY2014 revenue and had resulted in a double recording. This will be adjusted to show one action.

Roofing Project:

Gary reported that a really low bid that did not meet the specifications' for the job and required further investigation set the process off schedule. At this time, the weather is too cold to proceed with the project. The roof leaks, but it will survive the winter. A second round of bids will be sought in February for work to be completed in spring, when all bids could be lower than fall crunch time for the contractors.

Henry Law Park:

The plaza at the corner of Central Ave. and Washington Street is coming along. The Rotary Club is paying for most of the costs. Two poles that can hold two banners will be installed over Henry Law Avenue. One banner is reserved for the Indoor Pool.

DPAC purpose, direction, and goals:

The following comments were offered to help guide the work of the DPAC in the present for as it moves into the future:

- The current mission statement should be amended to specify public pools and aquatic programs.
- The city council should be asked to support DPAC's role as a partner in any discussions, meetings, timelines, and capital investment that involve a private-public relationship where pools are involved.
- As the JTAC progresses, DPAC should be the watchdog to ensure public access to the pools.
- DPAC's role should be to assure continuing public access and work with developers of any proposed pool in Dover.
- DPAC should have review authority over any proposed projects.
- DPAC should serve as the citizens' voice for any proposed aquatic facility if and when the city enters into any joint agreement.



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- DPAC needs to focus on having active city council involvement and engagement.
- DPAC needs to be a participant in joint working relationships and joint meetings.
- DPAC needs to protect and preserve the current pools until and unless something definitive supplants the current pools—we do not want to lose the pools prematurely.
- DPAC should be involved in any transition plan to a new/different pool.

Miscellaneous:

Other pools:

- Voters in York, Maine will be deciding whether to build a pool in town.
- Raymond and Epping have made arrangements to send their kids to the YMCA in Portsmouth for lessons. We perhaps could have gotten that business... a lost opportunity.
- The outdoor pool in Durham will be closed for the 2014 season. We might want to start building a relationship to offer their swimmers a place to go this summer.

Tim noted that a patron suffered what might have been a heart attack this past summer at the Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool. The staff did a great job of keeping her safe until the ambulance arrived. The person is fine now.

Dick noted that after considering leaving DPAC last summer, he is back and involved to make sure DPAC fulfills its role in keeping the pools open for the public to use and enjoy, especially in light of the ongoing development of the JTAC. He wants to make sure he and the rest of the public have a pool to use until he dies or the JTAC is fully operational.

Adjournment:

Tim made motion to adjourn. Christophe seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:02.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne