

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, April 21, 2014  
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

### DRAFT

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

City staff present: Gary Bannon, John O'Connor

Absent: Mick Arsenault (excused), Jess Bonello, Sue Medbery,

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Approval of Minutes from March 3, 2014: Pat made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Christophe seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Citizens' Forum: n/a

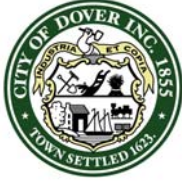
#### Reports:

##### Gary:

- John O'Connor was welcomed to the group as the city council's new liaison and members introduced themselves to him.
- The opening process is under way for the Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool. It should be ready for swimmers early-late May.
- The air handler at the indoor pool is still not quite right and requires frequent tweaking. The issue should be corrected when Siemens does a city-wide overhaul. The goal is to be able to adjust the system remotely.
- Summer staff is being hired and trained.
- Swim lessons are filled to capacity.
- The pools are in good shape overall.

##### Long-Range Planning:

- The outdoor pool will host a three-day championship in July. The age group was previously reported as 12 and under, but it is actually 14 and under. New England Swimming is looking at providing portable solar-powered lights to ensure that all events can occur each day even if the competition is interrupted by a lightning storm. If the lights are procured, they might be left a bit longer as a gift to the city for hosting the event.



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- Jenny Thompson Aquatics Center project;
  - Speedo has agreed to be a sponsor.
  - Former Councilor Crago will continue to represent the city on the JTAC board of directors.
  - Sen. Ayotte's office is researching the possibility of accessing federal grant money to help with building the facility.
  - The bidding process for test borings at Maglaras Park has begun.
  - USA Swimming has sent a letter of support.

Finance and Budget: The budget is currently \$19,400 better this year than YTD for 2013. Revenue is up and expenses are down.

### Budget Process:

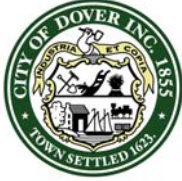
- The city's budget is within the tax cap, so major cuts are not anticipated. Gary will present the recreation department budget at the April 23 city council meeting.
- The recreation department will have a net cost of \$540,000 of the total city and school budget of \$94 million. This works out to about .57%. The average household will pay \$32.37 for all recreational services or about \$11.00 for the pools.

### Indoor Pool Roof:

- Skyline Roofs won the job with its bid of \$126,000.
- Construction is scheduled to start May 19 and continue through the first week of June.
- The indoor pool will need to be closed to swimmers while the roof is being removed to avoid dust. Patrons will be able to swim at the outdoor pool during this time.

### Henry Law Park Improvement Project:

- Pool banners have been ordered. They will be placed on lighted poles near the flagpole near the intersection of Central Ave. and Henry Law Ave. They should be installed before June.
- The playground has received a donation of \$100,000 from a local family. This is in addition to \$250,000 from the CIP. Another \$100,000 will bring to the project to its goal.
- The gundalow Captain Adams might be permanently retired at the park. This would be a huge draw for visitors. The vessel is not licensed to carry passengers and a new gundalow was recently built for that purpose.
- The Rotary Pavilion will be spruced up this summer with fresh paint, general tidying, and upgraded advertising.
- The parking situation is still being discussed. The deed at the park stipulates that Dover citizens have free access to the park if they cannot afford the parking fees if they were implemented. It was noted that therapy swimmers often cannot use the pool due to lack of parking.
- Murals for the garage doors will be put on hold until the design of the playground is finalized.



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adjournment:

Christophe made a motion to adjourn. Dick seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Submitted by Suzanne Petersen