



**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, September 15, 2014  
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

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

City Staff Present: Mick Arsenault, Gary Bannon, John O'Connor

Absent: Tim Paiva (excused)

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

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

Approval of Minutes from August 18, 2014: Pat made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sue seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Citizens' Forum: n/a

### Reports:

#### Gary:

- Summer was quick, full, and successful at the outdoor pool. Meets brought 5-6,000 visitors to Dover. All hotel rooms were taken.
- The outdoor pool is being prepared for winter with only normal maintenance needed.
- The grounds at the outdoor pool were kept nicely this summer by the same person who tends to the ice arena gardens.

#### Mick:

- Swim lesson sign-ups for Dover residents will take place this weekend and next weekend for non-residents. Fall lessons will begin in a few weeks.
- SSA is back to its regular practice schedule.
- Henry Law Park has been extra busy lately, but some users' behavior is inappropriate. The police were asked to be more of a presence and the problematic behavior has been abated.
- SSA gave Mick a nice framed photo of the outdoor pool at night illuminated by lights used for a swim meet. The photo might be used for publicity if we ever want to offer night-time swimming.

### Long-Range Planning:

- Gary reported that the JTAC folks were still waiting for non-profit 501-C-3 status.
- Outreach to potential sponsors continues.



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### Finance and Budget:

- End of year figures look good:
  - expenses for both pools: \$495,760
  - revenue: \$239,567
  - net cost to city: \$256,567, lowest ever!
- From published, generic figures, a typical family spends \$500 for an out-of-town sports event for a child. If we assume 800 visitors, that translates to about \$400,000 extra for a city. It would be interesting to see if that works here in Dover and, if so, how a meet weekend compares to a regular weekend.

### Rotary Pavilion Trim Project:

The old trim will be replaced with low maintenance, high endurance trim in the next week or so, but definitely before Apple Harvest Day.

### Henry Law Park Project:

About \$350,000 has been raised so far. Gary would like to raise another \$50,000 before actual work begins, now scheduled for spring 2015. The drawings for the plan are at Gary's office, but a copy should be displayed at city hall, also. Gary will have a booth at Apple Harvest Day so folks can see the plans and see how the park will look in the future.

### Chamber of Commerce Relationship:

The CoC currently has a brochure of things to do in Dover that includes the city's recreational facilities. What can the pools offer to the CoC to further its cause and what more can the CoC do for the pools?

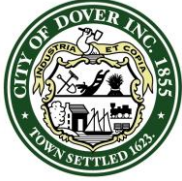
### Credit Cards:

Still no action; Might ATMs be placed in lobbies as an alternative?

### Other:

- Despite a two week closure for repairs, patrons have noted that the locker rooms are not especially clean. The janitor at the indoor pool works Monday- Friday, so no cleaning occurs on weekends currently. Mick will look for a replacement when the former weekend janitor's paperwork is finalized.
- Youth swim teams sometimes leave debris (food, wrappers, bottles, clothing) strewn on the floors and benches. Coaches should be reminded to have team swimmers pick up their messes.
- With swim lessons' beginning soon, Mick was asked to remind mothers that the ladies' locker room is not the place for little boys. Kids should use the gang shower near the door for a quick rinse prior to their lesson.

### Adjournment:



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Christophe made a motion to adjourn. Jess seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Submitted by Suzanne Petersen

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