



**CITY OF DOVER**

## POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
Meeting Location: Indoor Pool, Meeting Room, Henry Law Ave, Dover, NH  
Meeting Date: Monday, April 20, 2015  
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

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

City Staff Present: Gary Bannon, John O'Connor

Meeting began at 7:00.

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

Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2015: Pat made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Tim seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Citizens' Forum: n/a

### Reports:

#### Gary and Mick (from notes):

- Pool activity is busy and going well.
- Gary is trying to get the dehumidifier and heat control to integrate with the automated controls. The power outage and surge earlier this month disabled the reset functions, forcing the system to manual adjustment. Very little modulation and energy efficiency remain. Siemens has recommended a new system control which will cost \$13-15,000. This is now the highest maintenance/repair priority.
- The Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool is being readied for the expected season opening in mid-May.
- Spring lessons filled quickly, so additional lessons were added. Mick will be trying to tweak the schedule so that lesson sessions will be closer together for better continuity.
- As a result of suggestions to reduce locker room overlap between user groups, a modified schedule has been implemented. No complaints have been expressed and several patrons have noted their appreciation.
- Summer staff members are being hired.
- Mick is now working predominantly downstairs in the life guard office. Mick, staff members, and patrons have shared positive feedback.
- A new weekend custodian has been hired and will be trained this week.

#### Long-Range Planning:

- The planning group has been busy working on the proposal.
- JSA Architects have rendered a more detailed building design. The main pool will have ten 50 meter lanes length-wise and twenty-five 25 yard lanes width-wise. The main pool will have a shallow end with a 5 or 6 foot depth and a 14 foot depth deep end. Both the big racing pool and



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the smaller warm-up pool will have their own locker rooms. The two pool areas will be designed to have a flexible barrier that will allow isolation or shared open space. The design currently lacks family/unisex changing areas and it was recommended that these be included.

- The Cocheco Waterfront Development Corporation and a few construction firms have indicated their interest in the project.
- An update will be presented to the city council on June 3.
- Next steps:
  - Undertake site planning for the facility layout.
  - Start raising capital for seed money, transition to a massive capital campaign, and create an endowment for ongoing costs and to help ensure access to all regardless of ability to pay.
  - Work with the city to look at roads, traffic, and infrastructure.

### Finance and Budget:

- Gary reported that year-to-date net costs are about \$9000 greater than last year, probably due to expenses associated with the tough winter weather.
- The boilers at the indoor pool are 15-18 years old and have been exposed to two floods. They work, but are not energy efficient. Gary hopes to convert them in the next few years.
- Membership and day-use sales seem to be up, resulting in slightly higher revenues.

### City Budget Update:

- The overall recreation department budget for FY2016 is 1.1% higher than FY2015.
- New lane buoys have been requested for both pools.
- Gary does not anticipate any problems.

### Indoor Pool Lighting Proposal:

- The city council has approved new LED lights at the ice arena and it is expected that new LED lights will be approved for the pool, also. The installers were asked to ensure that the lights will not blind swimmers when they do the backstroke.

### Signage:

- Paper signs have been removed and laminated signs have been placed in the locker room entryways. Signs for the family changing areas off the lobby were requested.
- Pool murals/signs for the garage doors will be created eventually, but plans for the Henry Law park upgrade need to be finalized first.



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### Other:

- A request was made to power wash the anti-skid mat from the locker rooms to the pool. The mat is working well, but it is ready for a good cleaning.
- Showers in the ladies' locker room are not consistently providing hot water. Fixing the problem will require draining the lines and replacing the mixing valves. This will be part of the Siemens upgrade. Gary hopes to close the pool for a half day before summer to take care of these issues.

### Adjournment:

Jess made a motion to adjourn. Tim seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Submitted by Suzanne Petersen