

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, December 21, 2015
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

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

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:02.

Approval of Agenda:

Jess made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Christophe seconded. Agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from November 21, 2015:

Christophe made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jess seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Citizens' Forum: n/a

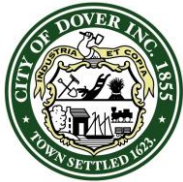
Reports:

Gary:

- Pool operations heading into the year's end are going well.
- City councilors toured the indoor pool last week to see the new LED lights, new lane lines, and the old boiler room that is in need of upgrading.
- Training for staff to tweak the new environmental controls, if needed, continues.
- The unusually warm weather is keeping fuel costs low.
- Gary and Mick continue to investigate options for improving the deck tiles. If anyone has seen a different deck type elsewhere, please let them know.
- A Great Bay Masters swimmer informed Gary that the Laconia pool has closed suddenly. Several masters' swimmers are traveling to Dover to use the pool here.

Mick:

- The next session for swim lessons will begin in January, with registration occurring Jan 8 & 9.
- Unused lesson time was reportedly going to be used as extra rec. swim time in November. This did not happen due to fire fighter training and other groups' use of the pool.
- Several lifeguards will be back on a temporary basis during winter break from college. Twenty-five life guards are on the pay roll, but only twelve are active when college is in session.



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Long-Range Planning:

Tim reported that the Jenny Thompson Aquatic Center has entered its active fundraising stage following receipt of test borings at Maglaras Park that produced no problematic results. As reported in Foster's on Dec. 20, three major tiers will be pursued: individuals, major capital campaign, and endowment.

Finance & Budget:

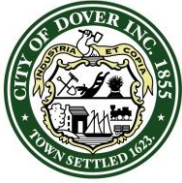
Net is on target year to date. The expense side of the FY 2017 budget was submitted last week. Only minor changes on the revenue side are expected.

Henry Law Park Update:

Warmer weather has allowed intensive work at the park. A lot of old construction material has been removed. Some bricks and granite pavers will be cleaned and reinstalled in the park. The garage door overhang is in poor condition and will be removed. At least one garage door will be modified to allow natural illumination into the pool area. The goal is to have the project at least 90% complete by July 4, 2016.

Miscellaneous:

- Gary drafts the agenda each month. If any representatives have any suggestions, please contact Gary.
- A question was asked about public notification of swim meets at the outdoor pool. Patrons sometimes arrive at the pool and must be turned away. Mick noted that meets are posted on the summer flyer that defines fees and hours of operation, on the website, and at both pools. During meets in the summer, the indoor pool has extended hours to accommodate displaced users of the outdoor pool.
- A suggestion was made to post quick announcements, such as unforeseen closures or team practice cancellations, on Twitter. This would be a one-way exchange of information only.
- A suggestion was made to survey patrons about why they use the pool. Broadcast surveys that make use of the Dover e-news or Fosters would be helpful, but targeting recreation patrons would probably yield a higher rate of response. UNH has a department that designs and administers surveys. We might ask a group of students needing a real-world project to help us.
- A 10% New Year's discount will be offered again this year for patrons purchasing or renewing 6 month and 12 month pool memberships. The special will be available the first week of January. Publicity will be posted soon.
- A request was made to install clocks in the locker rooms.
- It was noted that the floor drains in the women's locker room are draining poorly. A service company is scheduled to clear the drains Dec. 22.
- Payment by credit cards continues to be an elusive goal. It remains on the radar.
- The January meeting is scheduled for the third Monday, Martin Luther King Day. It will be held as usual.



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Adjournment:

Tim made a motion to adjourn. Christophe seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:52.