

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, March 21, 2016
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

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

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

Meeting began at 7:03.

Approval of Minutes from February 15, 2016: Christophe made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Tim seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Citizens' Forum: n/a

Reports:

Gary Bannon:

- The Indoor Pool got through the mild winter without incident. With spring's arrival, much is going on preparing for summer.
- A full-time night-time custodian is being sought.
- A representative from Siemens visited to assess the boiler and provide an estimate to replace it.

Mick Arsenault:

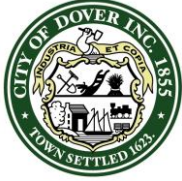
- Spring lesson registrations have taken place; 25 people were not able to get into a class and are on the waiting list. They will be accommodated as possible, but classes are limited by the number of available instructors.
- Preparations for the opening of the outdoor pool have begun and summer plans for both pools are under way.
- A significant turnover of lifeguards and instructors is expected this year. New staff members are being recruited and Mick is filling in as needed.
- Few qualified life guard trainers are available to train new staff and Mick currently has little extra time to lead these important classes.

Long-Range Planning:

Tim reported that the aquatic center committee is trying to find suitable capital campaign leadership.

Finance and Budget:

Budget year to date is on track. There are no big capital expenses pending.



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Henry Law Park Update:

- Construction is ahead of schedule due to the mild weather.
- Lighting will consist of programmable and dimmable LED lights.
- Water features are being planned.
- At least one of the pool garage doors will probably be replaced with windows to admit natural light into the pool and allow park visitors to see an actively utilized pool.
- A climbable art feature utilizing left-over granite has been funded by a generous donation.
- The play area will be fenced in the same manner as the Rotary Pavilion. Four openings are planned but no locked gates.
- The pool entry way will be reconfigured to a circular brick plaza.
- Parking might become metered in some way, but planners will need to incorporate the needs of pool members and teams to have on-going access to the pool.

Budget:

The city council will receive the proposed budget for FY 2017 on March 23. The recreation department will do a presentation on April 20. The new budget has only minor modifications from the FY 2016 budget, namely a 7% increase in health insurance premiums that have gone into effect for all city employees resulting in an overall 2% increase in the department budget.

Adjournment: Tim made a motion to adjourn. Christophe seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45.