



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, February 20, 2017
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

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Members Present: Pat Campbell, Christophe Cloitre, Sue Medbery, Suzanne Petersen (honorary)

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

Members Absent: Jessica Bonello, Tim Paiva

Meeting began at 7:03.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2017:

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

Citizens' Forum: n/a

Election Officers:

Pat nominated Christophe as chair. Sue seconded. Christophe was elected unanimously.

Christophe nominated Jess as vice chair. Pat seconded. Jess was elected unanimously.

Reports:

Gary:

- The budget will be reviewed line by line with the city manager on Thursday. No issues are anticipated.
- Residual damage from the fall flood has mostly been addressed. The hole in the wall through which the water entered the building will be sealed when the weather permits.
- Work on the Henry Law Park playground continues behind the scenes. A model Garrison tower and whale's flukes sculpture are being planned.
- The strategic plan for the recreation department was shared with committee members and comments solicited. It will be finalized soon and will guide future budgets.

Mick:

- Lessons have begun and will continue through June.
- Public high school swimming is over for the season. The schedule will be updated to reflect additional public pool time.



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- Maine and Massachusetts have school vacation this week. New Hampshire will have vacation next week. Parking will be tight because of extra business for the Children's Museum.
- Staff vacancies for teaching have been filled, but help is still needed for life guard staff.

Long-Range Planning: no updates

Finance and Budget:

Six months into the fiscal year, everything is on target.

Parking Lot Discussion:

- Meters could be installed in April.
- Drop-in clients are a minority. There is no plan at present to exempt them from having to pay for parking.
- Managing teams will be complicated. A suggestion was made to supply tokens (for a fee or not?) and have the team coach coordinate distribution.
- Members will probably be issued a pass without extra charge by the pool staff.

Miscellaneous:

- It was noted that patrons who wear perfume are causing difficulties for other patrons who must breathe these substances that linger just above the surface of water. It was also noted that on at least one occasion, a patron removed her swim cap and released baby powder onto the pool's surface. Patrons who swam afterwards had to contend with the baby powder getting into their mouths and noses.
- The process for accepting credit card sales is moving ahead slowly. Equipment has been ordered. A key issue currently is how transaction fees will be assessed and by whom.

Adjournment:

Christophe made a motion to adjourn. Pat seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Submitted by Suzanne Petersen