

Town of Hartford, Vermont

Pool Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 7, 2018

Present: Chris Hamilton, Scott Hausler (Director, Parks & Recreation), Joe James, Skip Nalette, Hilde Ojibway, Scott Snyder, Joseph Trottier, Mike Vanesse (Field Use Committee Liaison)

Unable to attend: Steve Lagasse, Dave Sherman, Brett Mayfield.

Meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. in Room 317, Town Hall.

The meeting started with Scott Hausler making sure everyone had the packet with the agenda and contact info. Questions immediately arose about the history of the pool—for example: When was the pool built? Where did residents swim before the pool was built? Who built the pool?—as well as about the timeline and budget for the present committee’s work.

Mr. Hausler explained the date of November 6th, 2018, is the effective deadline for the Town to allocate funds towards design, engineering, and/or construction related to the pool, informed by the reports of this committee. About \$8,000 is available in the current budget for pool O&M, including feasibility studies. All responses to the RFP issued in April proposed fees far exceeding that budget, therefore Mr. Hausler recommended the responders be evaluated primarily in terms of their qualifications and scope offered.

Mr. Hausler gave some background on pool issues and repairs since 2014, when water loss became evident. The pool was closed during the summer of 2015 for some repairs and upgrades, while the new field house was built. In 2016 and 2017, the pool was open but continued to leak considerable amounts of water despite repairs in 2015. South Shore Gunitite (SSG) performed tests and determined the source of some of the most recent leaks. There followed a number of more specific questions about how the problems were identified and possible options to correct them.

We then turned back to the agenda and started with introductions of all present and how much time that person may have to devote to the work of the committee:

Hilde Ojibway – estimating about 4 hours a week, but time can be flexible

Scott Snyder – also an average of 4 hours

Joe James – time can be adjusted to the committee. Evenings best.

Mike Vanesse – flexible but is coaching a spring sport (evenings best)

Joe Trottier – work demands limit time available but can make some adjustments

Chris Hamilton – schedule is flexible spring/summer

Scott Hausler – will attend meetings or arrange for other staff rep. to attend.

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Elected Chair (Hilde Ojibway), Vice Chair (Steve Lagasse), Recording Secretary (Scott Snyder). Mr. Lagasse was not present at the meeting but folks thought he would be a good Vice Chair. Mr. James offered to be back-up Vice Chair to Mr. Lagasse.

Review of the Pool Committee Charge was postponed, as was further review of the specific criteria for analyzing the pool assessment proposals until members had a chance to read the RFP itself, which Mr. Hausler offered to provide along with prior reports and presentations.

Committee members expressed shared interest in understanding how the community feels about a pool. Mr. Hausler advised that any surveys should follow methods to obtain statistically valid results.

Next three meetings were scheduled for Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on May 15, 22, and 29, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectively submitted by: Scott Snyder, Recording Secretary