Town of Hartford, Vermont  
Pool Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Present: Scott Hausler, Joe James, Mark Mariano (Weston & Sampson), Hilde Ojibway, Scott Snyder, Kim Souza, Mike Vanasse.

Unable to attend: Chris Hamilton, Steve Lagasse, Brett Mayfield, Skip Nalette, David Sherman, Joseph Trottier.

Meeting commenced at 6:05 p.m. in the Selectboard Chamber, Town Hall.

Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves for the benefit of Mr. Mariano, Project Engineer at Weston & Sampson, who was in attendance to present progress on the Sherman Manning (SM) Pools assessment being conducted by his firm. No other non-committee members were in attendance, thus there were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting two weeks prior on August 7 were reviewed and Mr. Vanasse made a motion to approve them. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Mr. James asked if those minutes had been forwarded to Mr. Mariano—they had not, although Mr. Hausler had updated him on the committee’s previous discussions—and then raised two unresolved questions: whether use of a School property for an alternate pool site was possible, and whether the pool program should include diving. On the first question, Mr. Hausler spoke with superintendent Tom DiBalsi, who said he could potentially support a pool so long as the schools did not lose other athletic space. On the second question, the committee remains divided, not fully ready to surrender diving, and would like it to be included among the pool features presented for the public to vote on via “dot boards” at the upcoming Glory Days event.

Weston & Sampson report on pool assessment progress

Mr. Hausler explained that Mr. Mariano would give an oral report tonight, but that no written deliverable was due and no draft copies would be circulated at this time. Any such draft report would automatically become a public document. Given that the work is still ongoing, it is appropriate to avoid challenges to managing the committee’s decision making process.

Mr. Mariano first summarized SM pool attendance over the past four years: In 2014, over 2,000 season passes were sold and typical usage rate was about 48 non-campers per day. In 2015 the pools were closed for repairs and upgrades. In 2017, about 800 season passes were sold, with typical usage rate at 26 non-campers per day. Ventures camp usually adds 80 campers per day. Possible explanations are that, during the period when the SM pools were closed, people found preferable swimming venues elsewhere, or they simply lost the habit of attending SM.
The major deficiency in the SM pools is the inability to hold water, which is the basic function of a pool. On top of this, there are several code deficiencies (e.g., wading pool not accessible), per relevant ADA and ANSI standards and the Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC).

Mr. James asked if the concurrent drop in student enrollment in Hartford Schools might partly explain the declining pool attendance. Ms. Ojibway asked about Rutland in comparison. Mr. Mariano said that unlike Hartford, Rutland re-opened with a brand new facility, and does not have as many nearby swimming options.

Mr. Mariano detailed the two major technical flaws contributing to the substantial water leakage at the SM pools, namely, the gutter and structural cracks. The gutter, he explained, was inadequate from the time it was built, using details that are prone to fail and difficult to repair. These flaws are not uncommon among 1950's-era pools built in the northeast, typically in "Z", "T", or "L" configurations, and usually relying on federal LWCF grant funding that allowed municipalities to contract from a relatively small number of pool builders.

Leaking water has washed out fines in adjacent soils and led to voids under the deck and pool floor, which has worsened the structural integrity of those surfaces. The deck surface violates code minimum variation in straightness.

Other code violations range from lack of skimmer drains to the size of gaps in fencing.

The pool area itself can accommodate 464 bathers (based on 15 ft²/person in shallow water, and 20 ft²/person in deep water), which is a much larger occupant load than recent attendance numbers demand. The bathhouse, however, would require more fixtures should attendance increase significantly.

Ms. Souza asked what our objective usage rate should be. Mr. Hausler suggested that with 80 campers plus about 12 staff, it would be great to have an additional 100 kids per day, making the daily target between 200 and 250 people. The committee briefly contemplated target fees, with Ms. Ojibway mentioning that Lebanon charges $4 for a non-resident day pass, compared to $10 at the Storrs Pond pool.

Mr. Mariano touched on the filter house and pump house. Mr. Hausler described how the current set up causes an excessively long backwash cleaning process for the filters, which has to happen even more frequently because water leakage makes it difficult to keep up with contaminants. The backwash process takes 45 minutes when it should take about five. Mr. Mariano emphasized that water leakage causes a definite health risk.

Shifting between pool and football usage adds challenges to operation of the existing facility. Mr. Hausler described some ideas for a new entry point that could combine changing rooms and concessions, and possibly share use with athletics ticketing. The pools had operated for an average season of 63 days. Extending that to 80 or 90 would help revenue. Post-Labor Day is an option with reduced hours and staffing.

Mr. Mariano concluded his progress summary with a very preliminary estimate that put the cost to repair on par with that of rebuilding, noting that the existing pool is very large in area but small in terms of diversity of features.
Discuss next steps
The committee proceeded to think about the project timeline, backing out the required steps leading to completion of construction. A realistic schedule puts a new pool opening in 2021, taking into account all stages in the project, including the current feasibility assessment, preliminary engineering and design, a municipal bond vote on final design in March of 2020, contract documents, public bidding and permitting processes, etc.

Public input event
The next event on the pool committee calendar is the Hartford Glory Days event, where Weston & Sampson will set up a dozen or so posters illustrating various possible pool features. Visitors to the event will be asked if they are town residents, and if so, will be given ten sticky dots that they can place on any of the poster boards to indicate their pool feature preferences.

Ms. Souza asked for the posters to include a range of options including budget-conscious choices. Mr. Mariano agreed to include a plain pool among the boards, but will not have costs associated with the options because the goal for this public input event is simply to learn which amenities have the most appeal, then his job is to design the most appealing pool within a budget that will be determined by the Town.

Mr. Mariano also confirmed that the poster boards would not show alternate pool sites. The committee had proposed three leading candidates for alternate sites: Kilowatt Park, Watson Park, and the Dothan Brook School. Weston & Sampson was to look at these as part of its overall evaluation. However, Mr. Mariano said that in his experience, towns always defer to the familiar and end up building a new pool on their existing sites.

Mr. Vanasse agreed that the poster boards should represent pool features which can happen at any site. Mr. Snyder contended that some important features are inherently site-dependent, e.g., proximity to a river, views, or access by public transportation. However, while recognizing that some of the alternate sites may have, the committee consensus was in favor of the existing location, mainly due to the extra cost (on the order of $1M or more) and delay that developing the infrastructure for a pool anywhere else would necessarily entail.

Mr. Snyder shared some images of the Leça de Palmeira tidal pools, which are a national monument in Portugal, as a counterexample for inspiration, and a model for an approach that integrates the pool design with the natural landscape.

Mr. Mariano will send out a preview of the poster boards ahead of the event, and will follow up afterwards with a memo summarizing the results.

Next committee meetings
Committee members determined to meet again on September 25, at which time the draft final report from Weston & Sampson would be ready for review by the pool committee in conference with the Parks & Recreation Commission. Two weeks later, on October 9, the pool committee plans to have Weston & Sampson present the final pool assessment report and recommendations to the Selectboard.
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Old and new business
No old or new business was raised.

Adjournment
By motion duly made and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
Respectively submitted by: Scott Snyder, Recording Secretary.

Draft minutes of the meeting on August 21, 2018 to be reviewed at the next meeting.
Any changes noted and signed by Chair or Recording Secretary.

Minutes were reviewed at the meeting on SEPTEMBER 25.
Any changes or corrections:
WITHIN THE PUBLIC COMMENTS PORTION OF THE MEETING
A DECISION WAS MADE TO MAKE PUBLIC THE
RESULTS OF THE COMMUNITY SURVEY, WHICH
MR. HAUSSLER AGREED TO DO.

With the corrections noted above, minutes were approved:

Signature: [Signature]
Date: 9/25/18
Q6 Please describe what you envision an ideal outdoor swimming or aquatic experience could be in the Town of Hartford:

Answered: 585  Skipped: 170

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<td>larger pool with splash zone. Dedicated family only swimtime. employs high school kids in the summer.</td>
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<td>A pool in Hartford is important to the taxpayers. Bring it BACK!!</td>
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<td>current location, affordable swimming lessons for kids and summer camp</td>
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<td>splash pad for kids and teens</td>
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<td>some upgrades, slide, kiddie pool, showers.</td>
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<td>The programs the pool used to provide were of great benefit to the community.</td>
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<td>Rope swing, slides, fun games</td>
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<td>great lessons for kids</td>
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<td>lap swim, water slide, open more often</td>
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<td>affordable daily fee and membership, good hours, adult areas, shady areas.</td>
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<td>splash pad!!!</td>
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34 splash pad and warmer water
35 good guards, nice water temp.
36 good guards, deep, fun, clean, appropriate rules.
37 good size, diving board, splash area, shade, grass
38 great
39 no changes
40 Good for all ages
41 family swim, swimming lessons.
42 water slide for kids
43 large pool with water park, wading area for kids and family
44 pool for fitness and family
45 nice.
46 good for the community
47 a pool with a snack bar. Family friendly, good atmosphere
48 big pool, shade, not crowded
49 a clean pool with lots of activities
50 a place to cool off and make friends for safe summer fun
51 open the pool
52 financially feasible restoration
53 Work with many families who use the pool. essential resource for the community.
54 I like the pool the way it is.
55 I WANT IT BACK!
56 restore pool
57 outdoor pool
58 a safe fun pool for all ages. Some grass and shade.
59 fun place for youth to stay connected with friends. swimming lessons crucial
60 pool with shade, warmer water, snack bar
61 we have it!
62 better kiddy pool/hours/concession
63 more relaxing environment
64 Like the Lebanon outdoor pool.
65 Something like Lebanon outdoor pool or Stoors pond. I like the idea of utilizing the river front at kilowatt park. Swimming lessons at a very reasonable rate are important- a life saver- everyone should have this available- you shouldn’t have to be rich to learn to swim. UVAC is too expensive for some of our residents!!
66 river access. don’t object to pool for others if affordable and can be maintained. Hartford has made too many poorly planned, under budgeted capital projects
67 I grew up using the Hartford Pool. It is centrally located and the place to go for swimming lessons and time with friends. I have not used the pool in recent years because we have a pool at home but next generations have taken swimming lessons there- a valuable life saving tool. Please save an affordable, convenient pool for local kids and families can socialize as well as learn life long skills. It is very important that Hartford work to save the pool.
68 we don't need one, we have the Aquatic center!
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<td>Exact configuration doesn't really matter to me, but the town should provide swimming lessons for its residents. It is very important for people to know how to swim.</td>
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<td>A repaired Manning Pool</td>
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<td>I was happy with what we had- completely. Just fix it!</td>
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<td>One with lots of room for people to lounge in shade or sun and areas for kids and adults to be separate if wanted.</td>
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<td>Located where parking and transportation are not problematic. Open mid-mornings to early eve with occasional night openings.</td>
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<td>I'd retain and even enlarge the pool footprint so that the swimming, diving and kiddie sections are better demarcated. Secondly, I'd include shaded spaces and comfortable seating for people to sit and enjoy refreshments.</td>
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<td>A safe, accessible pool. Accessible in terms of location as well as price. Ideally the location would be within 2 miles of the most densely populated area of Hartford. That is basically where it is located now within the middle/high school campus.</td>
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<td>Families of all ages being able to spend the day. Snacks and a splash park of some sort.</td>
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<td>Readily accessible, geographically and financially. On the AT line would be best. I prefer a natural swimming environment (pond, lake)</td>
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<td>Swimming hole such as W. Hartford White River Rt. 14</td>
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<td>79</td>
<td>Keep current pool st high school</td>
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<td>Hartford pool should be demolished, school can use land, aquatic center should have a &quot;reasonable fee&quot; for residents, this along with Lake Pinneo should be adequate</td>
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<td>A town beach along the White/CT rivers. Why fund an artificial pool when nature affords us a more attractive and less expensive alternative. e maintain a pool</td>
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<td>I think the way it has operated for years has been just fine.</td>
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<td>Cheap to residents</td>
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<td>I think the overall pool experience is good as it is. Some sort of fixed shade protection is needed.</td>
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<td>There does need to be water access of some kind, whether a pool or other body of water. A place for lessons and swimming. I don't know how much the pool has been used in recent years, this should impact the decision. Perhaps there is another place for this things to happen. Concrete would not be my first choice for a place to swim.</td>
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<td>concession or snack stand, more shaded areas, sectioned off areas for shallow and deep swim areas,1 or 2 lanes laps timed max 30min each, 2 or 3 life guards.</td>
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<td>splash pads, pool, wadding, picnic tables, pavillion, shaded area, park</td>
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<td>A new full size pool.</td>
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<td>Bring current pool up to spec</td>
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<td>clean, shaded</td>
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<td>a clean pool with some shade</td>
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<td>Safe, clean water in the pool with a diving board and ladders</td>
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<td>Safe and fun</td>
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<td>Family friendly with kid and adult spaces. Shade and snack bar</td>
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<td>It is an excellent way for children to learn to swim and provides opportunities for summer employment for students</td>
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<td>A place where people from all walks of life can come together.</td>
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<td>An affordable, safe place for families to go where children learn to swim that is provided by the town. A splash pad would be nice, but a basic inexpensive pool with lessons for children younger than grade school is important.</td>
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<td>We can afford only a kiddy pool w/a garden hose</td>
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99 Fully subsidized by the town (no fees) 7/19/2018 8:31 AM

100 Pool 7/19/2018 8:24 AM

101 I am not unhappy with the current set up - I just think a town like Hartford should offer swim lessons at an affordable price for residents. My kids did not get lessons this summer as the aquatic center is out of our price range. And I know we are not the only family not able to afford the aquatic center. We are in that midrange area that do not get financial help, but do not have the money for extras. 7/19/2018 8:19 AM

102 a large, safe, clean body of water that may be enjoyed by all residents 7/19/2018 8:03 AM

103 UVAC 7/19/2018 7:48 AM

104 UVAC should not try to be all things to all people. I have no expectation that it be the only pool in the town as it can be crowded enough as it is. The aquatic center has been fair in offering reduced pricing for Hartford residents and others. As it is and has been for years, the pools there can get crowded and in my experience lanes are often filled for those seeking even a brief period of lap swimming. I cancelled my membership due partly to this issue. The town pool, though I no longer use it, is an asset that should continue. Whether that means a new pool, a new location, or repairs to the current pool(s), I favor maintaining such a quality-of-life resource. Swimming or water play offers benefits to people of all ages, and the ability to learn water safety can provide life-long benefits as well. I do not favor a "splash pad" in lieu of a pool as it cannot offer these benefits. Given that the numbers of pool users has diminished, it might seem that a smaller pool is in order. Perhaps instead, a larger pool with enhanced features that can accommodate greater numbers (i.e. people from surrounding towns) could generate fees that will help the pools pay for themselves, as much as possible. It is unfortunate that Lake Pinneo has been inaccessible to Hartford residents outside of QLLA at times, either because of high fees or rules not allowing access. I am not able or willing to pay the current fees to use it. I would hope that any planning regarding swimming opportunities in Hartford include consideration of the part Lake Pinneo will play. As for the location of a town pool, I believe the current location is good because it is in a population center that provides walking and bicycling access for many. Thank you for your dedicated work to this endeavor. 7/19/2018 7:42 AM

105 Restore the dock and the "beach" on the river at Kilowatt park. 7/19/2018 7:42 AM

106 There should be a basic pool. 7/19/2018 7:38 AM

107 A place for children/youth to take swimming lessons, meet up with friends, and participate in swimming programs such as diving. And, a place for families to economically enjoy time with their children while cooling off, when needed. And, a time to meet other families. 7/19/2018 8:38 AM

108 What about Lake Pinneo? Natural areas are always nicer for swimming. What about making an agreement with Storrs Pond? 7/19/2018 8:17 AM

109 The ideal swimming venue would be integrated into and enhance the natural landscape, possibly sited along the river's edge, featuring gardens and fountains, as well as pools of various depths, temperatures, shapes, and edge conditions. Surrounding the pool would be some wide open patches and also shaded areas with picnic groves, yoga platforms, exercise stations, and spots for quiet meditation. Materials would be of natural hues and textures, which is not to say it can't be rich in color, but it should look like the opposite of an amusement park. It would be modern yet timeless, unique to this place yet a model for the world. When you swim here you will never wish to be anywhere else. 7/18/2018 10:44 PM

110 a clean, safe and healthy family facility that is affordable and conviently located 7/18/2018 7:52 AM

111 I really don't know. 7/17/2018 8:51 PM

112 Magnificent and outdoors! 7/17/2018 8:35 PM

113 less crowded 7/17/2018 3:32 PM

114 affordable, open to all, central location, plenty of parking, on bus route 7/17/2018 11:28 AM

115 similar to Lebanon's - grass to sit on, water features 7/16/2018 3:47 PM

116 splash pad, fountains, lazy river style 7/16/2018 2:30 PM

117 prefer swimming in a lake or river, pool would be nice, but expensive 7/15/2018 10:27 PM

118 Clean with plenty of shade available around pool. 7/15/2018 5:15 AM

119 town should make a deal for residents to use Storrs Pond in Hanover 7/15/2018 5:01 AM
Solar panels to warm the water
A new pool
A pool...
large pool, kiddie pool, splash park
Not sure
One that is fun or all age from toddler, to preteen to teen and adult. With things to do for all
The idea of having a pool is great, but the location (tucked behind the school) could be improved upon. A different secure space with plenty of parking, inside facilities, and snacks that is closely supervised is ideal.
something that doesn't require investment - river/pond
I think the pool that is there works fine.
Shaded areas, clean locker room/bathrooms, better splash pad, area for ADULTS only. Certified swim lesson instructors. Water slides. Think Jay Peak!!!
Swimming for kids, lifeguards on duty, snack bar, outdoor seating for adults
Clean, affordable and well maintained.
Clean, safe
all of the checked above
a place for the community to gather and enjoy swimming, each other, and perhaps other entertainment as well.
My kids are older now, but a splash area is great on hot days for toddlers and babies, especially when older kids are swimming. Shaded seating areas are also important for the whole family to come easily.
Green space, reasonable fee, snack bar, bathhouse
Affordable clean and accessible
That it's on the high school campus and it's OUTSIDE
Just like the newer Lebanon outdoor pool..
Entertaining outdoor swim experience for whole family. Slides wave pool etc
Not crowded, some shaded areas, swim lesson times that accommodate working parents
snackbar/consession would be a nice addition as well as some sort of splash park area
A pool for one maybe a smaller pool also your younger kids and more hours and cheaper fees
A wading pool for small children to take swimming lessons; a water "park" with fountains and other fun items for children; lap pool for teenagers and adults, with diving board; lawn area with shade
An clean area with shade and snack bar.
Water park play area to make it more appealing for the masses!
seating, shade, size of pool are important; activities for the kids - movie night, teen pool parties, etc.
Kilowatt Park is a perfect spot! Expand beach area.
Something like the aquatic center in WRJ, but we simply can't afford the kind of tax hike it would take. We're taxed to death as it is....and it just keeps going up.
I really like the layout of the Town of Lebanon Pool
The Sherman B. Manning Pool
A place to go to cool off and hang out. There would need to be shade and feel relaxing
updated, modern pool and splash park area for all to enjoy
Similar to what was there, with updated locker rooms, lessons, free swim hours, community events. I have really loved watching my family grow from beginner swimmers to lifeguard at The Hartford Pool!

Plenty of seating, light food fare, snack bar and drinks, clean, safe, lifeguard on duty, splash park for the little ones, swimming lessons available in the summer, open earlier hours to a little later like 6pm

A pool or lake that has restroom and locker facilities, and a snack bar. It would be great if it had chaise lounges or comfortable chairs, an area with shade and a splash park.

Thought we as tax payers paid for part of the Aquatic Center

Nice cool pool in the heat to relax in and spend time with friends

The Hartford pool should be a place where families and children in our community can go for fun and exercise. It is a great place for people in our community to gather. It is an important part of our community.

Refreshing, affordable, and available to the public the majority of the time (unlike the Barwood facility)

A grassy area to sit. More shade. Less expensive for a day pass especially for residents.

Shade, grass, activities, less restriction on time when young kids can use - used to be open much later. and lower fees.

Accessible because fees are paid by the town

If you want to swim in a pool buy one, I shouldn’t have to pay for it while are streets rot away.

A bigger pool for swimming for kids and adults and a smaller kiddie pool/spash pad

We have other more pressing needs in Hartford.

Sun zero tax increase

Having a natural place to safely swim outdoors would be ideal. I don’t feel super safe swimming in the rivers with my young son. Barring that, it would be great to reopen the pool. UVAC prices out a lot of people, as does Storrs Pond. Lab Memorial is far away. It would be wonderful to collect some taxes from new business development and reopen the pool, fix the roads, fix Hurricane forest, etc. It seems a little like the new businesses are getting a free pass and residents are losing out.

A place where children can learn to swim. Cool down, and enjoy their summer

A pool with more sprinklers for the little ones, more shaded areas and grass.

I'm a Hartford graduate yet in my time at the school (20 plus years ago), I didn't really know the pool was open for public use. If I knew, I would have been there all the time. The marketing for the pool needs to be a priority (if the pool is open again). I also think if money wasn't a problem (which I know it is) it would be great if it had a retractable roof installed allowing the pool to be open year around. The pool could be used for gym classes (for all ages), the school could offer a swim and diving team, and of course the pool could offer the community a place to gather and a cool place to go during the summers. I think the pool could actually be a money generator but remain FREE for Hartford youth. Having a full time pool would require scheduling but would offer an incredible resource to the community. Aquatic center is nice but it is expensive and often jam packed with swim meets. Having a splash park is not of importance to me. It is really our middle and high school age kids (as well as the community) that need safe places to have fun!

Public pool with lower fees available to low income families

It would have space for kids and adults, a small concession, lifeguards and perhaps a flashy area like Lebanon enjoys

Maybe a little bigger pool with a diving board and slide I don’t use the pool but my grand children were there almost every day

Non-existent. We have the Aquatic Center already.

I think if we had to have one, it would be done cheaply, as a non-user I don't want my money going into it. The people use the pool should be the ones paying for it. I don't think a splash pad is useful AT ALL. I think if the town is going to do something it should be a pool only.
177  Somewhere between Storr's pond and the fancy Quechee place  7/5/2018 8:05 AM
178  X  7/5/2018 7:19 AM
179  A place to swim laps, recreational swimming, but also socialize with friends  7/5/2018 6:15 AM
181  More natural setting/facilities, cheaper  7/4/2018 11:33 PM
182  I feel that the Hartford pool is a necessity for our community. Most folks cannot afford the UVAC fees/membership. I don't feel that they should be going in the rivers either-back in the day 1-2 kids died swimming yearly.....Let's build a pool for all ages- with waves, slides, lanes, outdoor showers, and splash pads. Also incorporate a building so that Ventures Camp can have a base there, store their equipment, food/drinks, hang towels etc.  7/4/2018 11:26 PM
183  We have it fix it so it's usable.  7/4/2018 10:26 PM
184  Pool and splash pad for all ages to be able to enjoy the water  7/4/2018 10:24 PM
185  A place for families and individuals to enjoy a refreshing dip in the summer in a safe and kid friendly environment with ample space for shade and seating  7/4/2018 10:19 PM
186  I really need to have a pool that is wheel chair accessible.  7/4/2018 10:02 PM
187  I think keeping the kiddie pool is a good idea and then filling in the big pool and creating a playground  7/4/2018 8:45 PM
188  None. Shut the pool down we don't need it.  7/4/2018 8:39 PM
189  Splash park area, grass area for blankets, snack bar, etc  7/4/2018 7:40 PM
190  Six Flags  7/4/2018 7:37 PM
191  Same as current pool. NO Splash Park.  7/4/2018 5:01 PM
192  Affordable for everyone. A nice place to sit and hang out. A snack bar.  7/4/2018 4:40 PM
193  Just to have a pool for those who don't have access to a pool to swim in. It DOESN'T need to be a fancy water park with slides and fountains and excess that this town seems to think it needs.  7/4/2018 2:43 PM
194  The location of the Sherman Manning Pool is great and having swimming lessons available as I feel it is important for all people to learn to swim at an affordable price as everyone cannot afford the prices at the aquatic center. We should be proud as a town to have a community pool available for the summer. Please do not keep this venue closed for future generations to come. It is an important piece of our town and should be open again.  7/4/2018 11:51 AM
195  Shaded, easily accessible, fully staffed, affordable, fun  7/4/2018 7:40 AM
196  affordable, clean and options  7/3/2018 6:28 PM
197  The Lebanon pool is a good model.  7/3/2018 7:51 AM
198  Same as Rutland's new pool  7/2/2018 6:43 PM
199  Splash pad with spray features, shallow kiddie pool, slightly deeper pool for playing (max 5 foot or so)  7/2/2018 7:03 PM
200  Shaded areas, kiddie splash area  7/2/2018 6:11 PM
201  affordable access for everyone, food or drink shaded areas  7/2/2018 5:34 PM
202  Big pool  7/2/2018 3:19 PM
203  a pool with a splash pad area  7/2/2018 2:45 PM
204  Community pool, with baby pool or splash park  7/2/2018 1:40 PM
205  We don't need a town pool. The season is way too short for the expense to taxpayers. There are plenty of other options in the area and many are free.  7/2/2018 1:00 PM
206  Somewhere with access and low fees for all  7/2/2018 12:56 PM
207  A pool large enough for lessons and a bath house, splash pad rather than kiddie pool, a shaded (maybe just a section with a small overhang, umbrella, or awning), and wheelchair accessibility for our kiddos who have difficulty getting to the pool.  7/2/2018 11:15 AM
A place where the kids would have a safe and affordable place to swim and be with friends.

Fun, safe, and varied environment for kids to play.

A fairly large pool. A shallow end for toddlers; a general area 4-6ft deep for swim play. And a diving area with springboards. Changing rooms and showers. It wouldn't be at the high school. U.V.A.C.?

Fun for all!

Leave it as it is.

Area with sun/partial shaded area, with plants. Slide, diving board, as well as, shallow area for small children.

An outdoor pool available to all community members for a reasonable price. Added features like splash pads, concession stands, picnic area would be wonderful as well.

A safe location where locals can swim during the summer. A simple setting is all that is needed.

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None, don't want taxes to go up for a pool that can only get used a couple months out of the year, there several options in area for people to go swimming.

The pool was great.

A pool and a kiddie pool on the side.

Fix the Main Pool and put a Small Splash Pad where the Baby pool is.

More shaded areas.

Free!

Separate adult and kids area. Better shade and option to purchase food. Also, larger.

I would just like to see the pool fixed maybe even expanded it's a great asset for those that don't want to swim in natural bodies of water. Way more affordable then other local options.

Just fix the pool leave the rest as is. Stop trying to spend more money fix the pool charge a small usage fee and save it for future repairs.

Pretty much what's there but without a pool that leaks.

I don't Envision the town having to have a pool they have an aquatic center that they give them free rein and they don't have to pay taxes hardly let the kids go swim there for free we don't have any problems letting them expand if your a town resident you get to swim at the Aquatic Center for free you should just be prepared 2 pay for your food if you get a snack pay for your locker that type of stuff but the actual use of the pool should be free seeing as though it's coming out of all the taxpayers pockets anyways water sewer you name it the town gave them a wicked break with the previous town manager to build that place they should be thankful for that and allowing the town residents to swim for free and I mean Town residents not out of town people actual Town residents that live in town.

Just like the aquatic center and/or the Quechee pool which I already use and pay for.

how about something on the CT river? Kilowatt South perhaps?

More kid friendly areas, more shaded outdoor dining/lounge areas.

Safe location away from gas fumes and other pollution.

Clean, and inexpensive.

clean, fun, variety of swim options, shade/grass for tents/umbrellas.

Current pool, when operating, is great.

It would help lots of local kids in and around Hartford, especially when it is so hot and they have no access of a swimming pool.
237 It is incredibly important to make sure that an outdoor pool is accessible to all people in the community. But it's walkable, it's on the bus route, it is speak to the needs of families of all economic brackets

6/30/2018 7:57 PM

238 Fair price. Lebanon pool has more to offer and their non resident fee is cheaper than hartfords resident fee. A snack bar would be great or at least working vending machines

6/30/2018 5:11 PM

239 I would like be to have an hour or 2 of adults only time

6/30/2018 1:33 PM

240 Access to Pinneo. Shut down the pocket parks if they don't abide by past agreement that lake be accessible to town residents. This is ridiculous to spend money on a pool when we should have access to a sandy beach and pond

6/30/2018 11:23 AM

241 Clean(!), family friendly, shade access

6/30/2018 11:21 AM

242 Pool as is. More inviting sitting areas.

6/30/2018 10:16 AM

243 Family friendly,children of all ages, plenty of shade, access to food and drink, reasonably priced

6/30/2018 9:15 AM

244 Affordable, easy access, modern facility, providing swimming lessons to young and old

6/30/2018 7:45 AM

245 Spacious and shaded

6/29/2018 10:00 PM

246 Shaded areas, diving board; similar to Storrs Pond

6/29/2018 9:20 PM

247 I like exploring the rivers and creeks and being in nature.

6/29/2018 9:14 PM

248 the town needs a place for families to enjoy swimming in a safe place

6/29/2018 6:42 PM

249 A pool with diving board, kiddie pool, splash park, shade and something to buy food and drinks.

6/29/2018 6:30 PM

250 No comment

6/29/2018 5:53 PM

251 In the area with more shade would be nice. And bigger locker area.

6/29/2018 5:26 PM

252 Imagine the pool being part of the football teams workout regimen, and maybe then a pool on the level of the weight and workout room recently built would be constructed, except that all residents would be able to benefit from it.

6/29/2018 5:13 PM

253 Similar to the Lebanon pool, but with more shaded areas.

6/29/2018 5:10 PM

254 Snack stand with a nice pool area

6/29/2018 5:06 PM

255 I thought the aquatic center partnership was going to be more beneficial to the hartford residents than it is. they should have an outdoor pool there, and bus line should run to it also and offer same seervices, too bad they just sunk millions into the bath house repairs

6/29/2018 4:07 PM

256 THE POOL WE HAVE NOW IS FINE

6/29/2018 3:52 PM

257 Bigger grass area; nicer splash area for little ones

6/29/2018 3:36 PM

258 I would mainly just use for swim lessons.

6/29/2018 3:23 PM

259 Open pool?

6/29/2018 3:16 PM

260 Affordable, clean, with a water park, convenient hours

6/29/2018 3:15 PM

261 Repair pool and use it as it sits

6/29/2018 2:50 PM

262 See Lebanon Memorial Pool. It is a much more pleasant pool including pool house, lawn area and features for kids. The lifeguard staff is professional & personable.

6/29/2018 2:39 PM

263 Similar to quechee pool w gradual entry, snack bar,alcohol

6/29/2018 2:37 PM

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Like the current location for the simple reason that it's easy for older kids to get there on their own during the summer break. My ideal vision of a swimming area would be something similar to the Lebanon pool, where there are two pools, one for laps and lessons and occasional play, and the other for play with a gradual increase in water height so that the very young and younger kids can use it. The splash elements in this pool would also be good. As far as the surroundings, again Lebanon has the grassy area. This is perfect for anyone who want to spread out on the lawn. Covered shelters with picnic tables would also be ideal. Our kids took lessons at both 11 and pool and the Hartford pool and one distinct difference was in the professionalism and oversight of the staff. Hartford has a long way to go in this area. We often saw lifeguards not sitting in the Lifeguard chairs, with one lifeguard sitting in a short plastic chair unable to see the entire pool area. Other lifeguards were on their phones. The Hartford lifeguards we're also resistant to addressing behavior issues with kids. We want to have a safe and enjoyable place for our kids to go, not one where they hear swearing constantly or where kids are being unruly. We have opted several times to go to Lebanon instead of Hartford for this reason. We like the Intown location but also think a place like the Maxfield complex would be a great place. The only thing I would not like about this is that it would be more difficult for kids to get there on their own.

The pool and a kiddie area, similar to Lebanon town pool. Pavilion for birthday parties and other family gatherings that can be reserved, ongoing connection with the summer camps and swim lessons, affordable family passes for the summer. Heated would be a plus.

A safe and clean venue which is accessible to both the camps and to occasional events for different age groups and family. A gradual entrance pool that can be accessible for people with special needs.

A space all ages can use, where the facilities are clean, there is shade

Clean, comfortable place to change. Umbrellas and chairs/tables. Low cost season pass for Hartford residents

Pool and splash area

A safe, fun environment where kids and adults can get physical activity while having a good time. It would be really awesome if there could be more chairs and tables and umbrellas or awnings where there could be some relief from the sun occasionally, as well as to offer a snack bar too.

A safe, fun place for children, families and friends to gather and enjoy time swimming in our own town pool during the summer. Maybe expand the pool to make it a zero entry with some water features for smaller children like Lebanon Pool. Also, perhaps the location right between 2 buildings and in a parking lot is not the ideal space for the pool.

A clean pool in good repair with professional lifeguards and surrounded by shady areas to relax (picnic tables and such).

I hope that the town fixes the current pool and that it is kept at this location.

should be free, concessions available

place for toddlers and teens to swim and exercise and socialize

More isolated like the Lebanon Pool or Storr's Pond Pool

Safe clean atmosphere with $2 or less entry fee.

Better relationship with UVAC

What we already have just update it

Clean and affordable

UVAC

Family friendly for all ages. Proper picnic areas or a few seating options for guardians who are not swimming to keep watch, a perfect for venue for community gatherings.

I think that town should have a pool for the residents, but it should reside somewhere other then the high school so that property could be used for school additions if needed.

Centralized, accessible for all abilities (wheelchair like Quechee pool), activities for young families (kids who can't swim yet)

A small splash park connected to it for kids. And possibly summer camp done there as well.
286 Splash park, shaded area, concession stand
287 Nice pool for all the enjoy with lounge chairs and some shade.
288 Shallow section for younger kids, larger lap area/pool for playing/adult swim. Lounge chairs for adults
289 Affordable
290 One with a covered roof so it can be used in any weather
291 An affordable place for kids to swim and play, with comfortable shaded places for adults who need to be there but not necessarily to swim.
292 Would love a splash pad area for little kids
293 More shade
294 Pool/play area for small children, pool for better swimmers separate
295 Pleasurable for all ages of a family
296 Working parent hours for lessons
297 Splash pad would be better then kiddy pool we dont need a slide
298 Much like the Quechee club pool. Shade, splash park, pool in one.
299 Similar to Storrs Pond Pool, Rec area. Just enough, not over done.
300 I think that current set-up works well. Ideally, it would be nice to have a separate lap and play pool. However, with UVAC, I don't know if that is necessary at Hartford.
301 Snack bar, clean bathrooms, swimming and diving lessons
302 Needs to be affordable for all families.
303 A big pool with diving boards and slides and play area for kids that isn't expensive
304 Affordable pool with amenities that support family fun experience.
305 Use aquatic center
306 Look at the Lebanon pool
307 Kiddie pool, senior pool and large pool for kids, snack bar, lounge area with chairs.
308 One that was inexpensive and had areas for both those swimming for exercise and was also fun and safe for young children - like a splash park area.
309 #1 swimming lessons! Fun for toddlers to seniors
310 Our current, closed facility would be ideal if it was open. It's in a great location!
311 The same or similar with friendlier lifeguards and a bigger pool with larger changing rooms to avoid crowding. With cleaner changing rooms as well.
312 Open the pool back up. Have a snack bar also. Open at like 10am. Til 7 or 8pm.
313 The season should be longer. The pool would close for the season when the college life guards went back to college, even though the local school children still had a week or so of summer break. I wish it could be open a couple of nights each week. There should be umbrella tables for people to sit at and be protected from the sun. Maybe a canopy with picnic tables under it for folks to socialize and be protected from the sun. Areas for folks to bring their beach chairs and towels to sit around the edge. Plenty of responsible lifeguards on duty. The current location is great because there is sufficient parking and central location.
314 Just a pool with a lifeguard.
315 As is, but with expanded hours (ie open earlier in the day)
316 The ideal outdoor experience would be a great large pool, a snack bar and a little shade to be able to get out of the sun.
317 I would love to see a facility that also includes a rec center with basketball courts, exercise equipment and open space for specialty classes
318  Another choice
319  A Friendly and fun gathering place
320  large enough area to accommodate a crowd of people. current pool would be terribly overcrowded on hot days and it became hazardous when older kids were jumping off boards near younger kids. I think a separate kiddie area is important and perhaps a zero-entry space. concession is nice but not necessary if coolers/non-breakables are allowed but chaise loungers with side tables to lay in the sun would be great. also, heating the water would be ideal. cool water is great on a hot day but many days the pool was much too cold to enjoy for long. I love outdoor pools which makes this site unique since we already have the indoor experience at the aquatic center, a few diving boards and a slide would be a fun feature too! Another great idea, albeit grandiose, would be a lazy river. As a mom of 2 kids, I'd love to float around and be in the sun.
321  A place for children to go in the summer that is less structured than a camp and a place to be with their friends
322  Features that make it fun and appealing to all ages.
323  See the Lebanon Pool for my vision
324  Having a public pool re-open in any capacity.
325  I think the aquatic center answers the town needs...maybe the town should pay for subsidized time for residents and reduced rates for swim lessons.
326  "A town pool" is an important piece of community. I may not use it, but I understand it's value.
327  A place for both kids and adults to socialize, exercise and have fun.
328  nice swimming lanes with an adult time.
329  Affordable access to all residents and a newer updated facility
330  A public, inexpensive, clean pool.
331  Affordable and accessible place to bring the community together and our kids outdoors during the summer months.
332  Provide Hartford residents greater access to surrounding town facilities. They use ours and take on non of the financial, social or environmental burden. It's time for some equity.
333  I think a pool is a good idea, however the repair the pool at Hartford just seem to much. I have heard ideas of adding a beach to Kilowatt Park, I think that could be a good plan, or also adding an outdoor pool to the aquatic center, then people are not stuck inside, but we can charge a fee for just using the outdoor area of the aquatic center. Both town, and UVAC can make money. We can donate towards the build.
334  As I'm new to town and had never gone, I don't have firsthand experience. I've heard it was appreciated as a safe spot kids could enjoy in summer, providing socializing and exercise. Any new structure or refurbishing of this pool should keep those as goals-- accessible, fun, safe, good for either socializing or more involved exercise. If the town cannot do it on their own site, then perhaps steeper discounts to UVAC for residents? I pay for UVAC because I consider it important and useful to me but on a low income it's still hard to manage. Perhaps if the pool is closed the money that was allocated for it could be used to improve access elsewhere?
335  life guards that pay attention, aren't on their phones, and don't horse around
336  A place for all family members can swim and view what's going on=>sunny and shaded areas for a person preference. A snack bar available for something to eat or drink!
337  Public space that is accessible to all hartford residents, both in terms of price and location (in town, on bus route, etc.)
338  UVAC is great, but way too expensive for more than an occasional visit. Lake Pinneo is great, but $20/day pass seems excessive for what you get (or don't get); I like the Lebanon public pool (kid area, lap/diving area, green space). Is there any space left near Maxfield Sports Field to create a new swimming area? I'm not convinced that the HMMS/HHS campus is the best location. Also, being on the Advance Transit line would be a major plus!
339  goal to have every child in Hartford a swimmer. important to keep costs to families low.
I think the location of the present pools is ideal. It is within walking distance of many people and easily accessible via Advance Transit. It would be nice if some green space could be created within that area.

Longer hours, difficult for working families to use the pool.

The way it was before you all decided to close it and leave kids with nothing to do for the summer.

Not picky, just like having an outdoor public pool in town

An outdoor pool that offers swim lessons

Add a splash park, and snack bar. Extend hours and friendlier staff

Open hours that work for families, affordable, safe for kids

enjoyed by all ages

I am ambivalent about a pool. With Lebanon, CCBA and Aquatic Center, swimming options exist. A local pool for Hartford would be desirable, especially with convenient swimming lesson times for working parents to get kids to. If there isn’t a pool, my next choice would be a splash park so that there would be an outdoor water activity for families.

Someplace for kids to go

A splash park with concessions

Keep it the way it is

An ideal town swimming environment would be a place where people of all ages can swim and enjoy the water safely. This can be done through teaching swim lessons and having lifeguard led on duty.

Fix the Sherman pool

Wright's Resevoir

MULTIPLE OUTDOOR SWIM PROGRAMS FOR DIFFERENT AGE AND EXPERIENCE GROUPS

Not sure its ideal, but to utilize UVAC since that venue is here.

Utilizing natural spaces and making swimming options in our parks with supervised outdoor swimming.

Idk

A place where camps, locals and kids from other neighborhoods can have fun

Pool at the high school

A pool similar to this but in a space that has more area for families to relax while children are swimming.

Nature! Rivers! Better use of the town's parks, especially Watson and Kilowatt, to enjoy what we already have. Plus teaming up with Quechee Lakes at Lake Pinneo.

The outdoor pool!

I did swimming lessons and my children did there swim lessons and now I would want my grandchildren to have swim lessons. I would love to see the pool open once again

The way it is. Big pool and little pool

Fun, comfortable temp of water, snack bar

A clean, family centered area where kids can safely play and learn to swim

Pool

A swimming area at Hartford high school

It includes a pool, shade options - trees, canopies, lawn chairs, changing facilities, close to downtown, affordable, open earlier and later in the season, with slides & diving boards.

Maybe there does not need to be one in Hartford. There are many nearby, the Town can't provide everything.
The main pool and kiddie pool need to be bigger with diving boards, slides and fun equipment for the toddlers. A good concession stand with a variety of choices of snacks and drinks would be beneficial. Chairs, Loungers, tables and cabanas or umbrellas. However, 1 or 2 cabana’s would entice people to hold pool birthday parties which would then bring in more revenue. Lockers rooms would be the big question here. As much money and effort went to building the field house and athletic locker rooms, I can’t envision allowing the general public to use this facility. It would be destroyed in a matter of a few seasons. So another plan should be thought about regarding lockerooms/changing area.

Help low income families to afford fees.

Clean, affordable, with adult swim times and areas

Central location in town (not central to WRJ)

Fix the pool we have now

A town pool that the people can afford and use everyday

A fun place for all ages to come together. Affordable, safe, clean, summer camps.

Pool with splash area

Free splash pad

Something affordable with options for all ages (not just a splash pad!).

Safe swimming lessons and space that is affordable. The river is not safe. The aquatic center is not affordable.

I think it is ok now just way too expensive for a family to go

I feel the town should provide swim lessons by what ever means! We should drown proof our young!

More like pool park than just a pool. Area for children to play, deeper for adults to swim, wading area, maybe tide pool. Picnic area and space for sun chairs/tables....maybe cabanas

The river.

I dont have one, there is the river and the aquatic center in town

Lessons, slides, diving boards

Repairing or replacing the pool same location

Something that has concessions, a place for mothers to breastfeed while watching their other child (ren), and something affordable for everyone

A municipal pool with varying depths for people and children of ALL ages and abilities. Swimming is an essential life skill not to mention an activity all ages can engage in throughout a lifetime. Being able to swim is the basis for enjoyment of all kinds of activities: boating, fishing, water sports, healthfulness and pleasure. I thought we as a community had made a long term commitment to teach people of all ages safety in and around water. Doing away with a pool would be a travesty and a significant step backwards for recreation, giving kids a place to gather and hang out in the summer. Many years ago we didn’t have a clean, healthcare place to swim in town. Rivers were filthy and unsafe, the mud hole was despicable, but it filled a void for summertime activity and community building. We need to either fix the Manning Pool or build a new outdoor pool for future generations to enjoy and help pay for.

Safe and clean

Town pool full of kids of all ages and families enjoying the water and sun

A place where children can learn a life long skill in swimming. Also, a healthy form of entertainment for our youth

Clean facility, space for young children to play in the water but also space to actually swim. Space for swim lessons. Warmer than old pool.

Similar to the current setup, a snack bar/bus would be a big improvement, and a revenue source for the pool. I do not think that substituting a splash park for the pool is an acceptable alternative. you need to maintain the present size of the pool. If you wish to add a splash park, some would like that but I isn’t on my wish list.
A tot area, full size pool, where lessons can be given & swim teams can compete and maybe a splash area.

Use the AVAC

More grass space or non-cement seating, more shallow water for younger kids, better advertising about fees and hours - extremely hard to find out information about pool

Splash pad, snack bar, umbrella tables, locker room.

A family friendly environment there are not enough family fun activities in the upper valley

White river, ct river, ponds. The natural resources are here, why put money into something artificial?

Free to Hartford residents

swimming at lake penneo for small fee or build outdoor swimming pool at UVAC

we already have it, we just have to fix it. a splash park will not be used and is a huge waste of money and thought. a splash/kiddie area within the plans of a new swimming pool, great, but we need an outdoor pool. NOT UVAC

Open hours each day (more than very short open swim times).

a pool that can be used by children and adults of all ages who want to swim or learn how to swim. Priced reasonably for residents of the Town of Hartford.

Splash park for little ones and big pool with a waterslide or 2. Concessions would be nice in the summer. Like quechee club outdoor pool

A pool with a 3’ end all the way to a deep section. Lanes and space for swimming and playing. Swim lessons available in the “after work” hours for parents who cannot access lessons for their children during the day. Trained and friendly lifeguards available. I don’t think any splish pad style recreation area is necessary.

Something for all ages, an environment where the community wants to go during the summer!

Use Lake Pinneo or the aquatic center.

Fun, safe, outdoor pool with access to lessons and affordable for all

I think updating a pool with some other recreation activities included would be wonderful. Look to Lebanon for inspiration. They have a great facility.

No need for outdoor swimming. Aquatics center is amazing

Children and adults enjoying themselves. The all important swim lessons. A pool is for all age levels.

Outdoor kids get fresh air it’s natural to swim outside not inside

2-3 pools. 1 for age 12+ swimmers. 1 for children under 6. 1 for youngsters 6-12 and those who are learning to swim.

A clean, safe facility that is open to all residents of Hartford, free of charge

NOT a splash pad. Needs to be a place where many children and families can go to swim and have fun with friends: a place where kids can have something to do in the summer.

I don’t think the town should have to provide as its too expensive too maintain

An affordable outdoor pool connected to a youth summer program

Warmer water, splash park would be fun, a place where Ventures campers could take swimming lessons.

The pool needs a lot of work to be up and running, I have heard there was talk to do a swimming area at Kilowatt Park in wilder. I think that’s a great area to look into it. The pool takes up a lot of room in an area that could be better used for something directly tied to the school that could be used there right in that location.

None needed

A fun outdoor space that is affordable to all in the community
Public Pool Sentiment

426 Should be a pool not a splash park. A pace for kids and families to be outside, learn to swim and socialize. 6/15/2018 6:33 AM

427 As a child growing up in the area, our summer days were geared around the Hartford summer recreation program and swimming lessons and free swim at the pool till 3 ish daily at the pool. What a feeling of security it was to know the joy to be had each day. I truly think not having the Hartford pool does an injustice to the towns children and townsfolk whom enjoy it daily. Thank you for listening! 6/15/2018 5:40 AM

428 I like how it is. 6/15/2018 1:19 AM

429 I wouldn't use it 6/14/2018 11:14 PM

430 A great place for the kids 6/14/2018 10:53 PM

431 A pool that would be warm enough for little ones to be comfortable taking swim lessons. Also like the idea of an area for little ones to splash around getting used to being wet all over. A diving board and slide are great for challenging those who already know how to swim. And for the adults a large hot tub for gathering and conversation. More adults wanting to use the pool would mean more children would have access. 6/14/2018 10:51 PM

432 I'd be happy to pay to go to Pinneto. And I promise I wouldn't ruin their precious members' experience. Something like Storrs is pretty ideal. 6/14/2018 9:27 PM

433 I think that a combination of indoor and outdoor pool could be a winning proposition. What about having an indoor pool that can be opened all year round with side doors that can be opened in the Summer? 6/14/2018 9:27 PM

434 There needs to be a public "outdoor" pool like Hanover and Lebanon offers its citizens. 6/14/2018 9:21 PM

435 Affordable rates at the UVAC. Their prices are too high. I thought the land was donated so Hartford residents could enjoy a pool. Most people that use it are not locals...terrible state of affairs. 6/14/2018 8:56 PM

436 A pool just like it was with a water slide big enough to hold people bigger than toddlers. 6/14/2018 8:15 PM

437 Reasonable clean environment for kids and adults 6/14/2018 7:37 PM

438 teen activities; not much for teens in this town 6/14/2018 7:07 PM

439 Just having a pool is all we ask for. 6/14/2018 5:21 PM

440 A pool to be used during the summer that is reasonably priced for families with children. 6/14/2018 5:07 PM

441 Residents of Hartford and their children should have access to a pool or town beach where swimming instruction can be provided. This area need not be separate from the Upper Valley Aquatic Center if appropriate measures are taken to make the facility available to ALL Hartford children. 6/14/2018 5:04 PM

442 A place where residents and their children can benefit from a safe environment other than the river. The Aquatic Center is not an adequate resource for summer recreation. 6/14/2018 4:17 PM

443 Similar to the Lebanon pool 6/14/2018 3:09 PM

444 Outdoor pool with concessions, access to locker rooms and fitness center 6/14/2018 2:59 PM

445 I think our current pool is more than good enough. 6/14/2018 1:54 PM

446 Exactly how it is now. 6/14/2018 1:31 PM

447 Very similar to what we have now, but add more chairs to sit in and more shaded areas. A snack bar would be great as well! 6/14/2018 1:12 PM

448 I wish there was more grass to sit on like at the Lebanon Pool. I would love more people in our community to use our pool. 6/14/2018 1:11 PM

449 UVAC 6/14/2018 12:39 PM

450 Either affordable memberships for Hartford residents at the Aquatic Center or the upgrading of Sherman Mann 6/14/2018 12:33 PM

451 A place for kids and families 6/14/2018 12:31 PM

452 warm, clean and friendly 6/14/2018 11:44 AM

453 Aquatic experience in green area 6/14/2018 11:42 AM
similar to Lebanon's - grass to sit on, water features

Updated Town pool same location

Public and affordable for everyone

The current pool is just about perfect, it just needs a little sprucing up.

Bringing back the pool.

Do the opposite of what you've been doing to promote and maintain and make the pool and the pool experience more appealing, both to kids and adults.

An aquatic center with kiddee pool, swimming pool, clean changing area, some shade for those who are supervising/life guards and swimming lessons offered

Having a public pool available at a rate that the homeowners can manage

playing in water

don't know

I think the pool is great. A concession stand would be great, but otherwise we enjoy it and are sad it won't be open this year.

A place for affordable swim lessons for youth but a splash park would be nice as well.

Swim in the White River

To have a place for the kids to swim and be outside enjoying the summer

It's something fun for the kids to do

A pool.

I think ANY POOL for kids is a great thing to have.

where it is available to all

A place for children to learn to swim, for older children to socialize, and for families to access a great recreational experience.

see above

That depends on what the "aquatic experience" would look like. This town needs and benefits from a pool, we don't need a splash park (which would only benefit a very small number of families). A town pool, with reasonable rates, staff interested in working there, a snack bar, a gathering place for families.

Swimming pool with surrounding pleasant surroundings, state of the art, open longer season, on par with hockey rink. Available to develop swim teams for our children, activities for seniors, easily accessible to all, reasonable, affordable fees for everyone.

Something that incorporates the beauty of the outdoors. Landscaping and shaded areas are very appealing to families with young children.

Leb pool is a good model. Storrs Pond is also nice - how about a pool down at Watson where there could be river swimming too?

Similar to Lebanon's pool

One of the reasons I decided to move to Hartford was the town pool that my kids could get to by sidewalks. It is affordable and an asset to Hartford.

swim lessons for all children for free or near free

Special hours, for adult lap swimmers; a nice concession stand

Practical, usable, with town access.

Free, convenient, clean, easily accessible, uncrowded

They way it is!

The pool is perfect the way it is. If it needs to be fixed then it should be fixed. The idea of a splash park is just silly. Older kids would not use that
486 I grew up in this town, grew up swimming at the hartford pool. My children have and I hope can continue to swim there for a great summer activity! 6/14/2018 2:37 AM

487 A place for children to spend time outside, he setup was nice, fix issues and let us enjoy! 6/13/2018 10:52 PM

488 Local town pool 6/13/2018 10:16 PM

489 Clean and something for all ages 6/13/2018 8:51 PM

490 Ideally, a shaded area with picnic tables would be nice. Swimming lessons are a necessity for our community’s children. It would also be great to have alternative activities available for kids who don’t want to swim non-stop. When my children were kids the “community center without walls” was a fantastic option. 6/13/2018 8:46 PM

491 Affordable way to cool off for the whole community with reasonable hours. 6/13/2018 8:36 PM

492 It is unnecessary 6/13/2018 8:32 PM

493 Pool, splash pad, slide and other entertainment features, seating, concessions 6/13/2018 8:11 PM

494 For ours to be fixed 6/13/2018 8:01 PM

495 affordable, clean and family friendly with places for people to picnic and socialize, regular lap times available 6/13/2018 7:50 PM

496 A pool large enough to have regulation lap lanes for a swim team and a shallow area for young children and definitely swimming lessons 6/13/2018 7:46 PM

497 The same 6/13/2018 7:37 PM

498 I see nothing that needs to be changed about the current offerings. 6/13/2018 7:33 PM

499 clean and spacious 6/13/2018 7:27 PM

500 Clean, affordable, community, lessons, free lunch or snack program for all children 6/13/2018 7:19 PM

501 An affordable, friendly place where my kids can take lessons and we can swim as a family. Includes a zero entry area for the baby. 6/13/2018 7:12 PM

502 More hours and bigger pool 6/13/2018 6:51 PM

503 Aquatic Center 6/13/2018 6:18 PM

504 . 6/13/2018 6:12 PM

505 It gives the children the chance to not only be outside but to be around other kids. There is not much left for kids or young adults to do around here 6/13/2018 5:44 PM

506 I think the town should be able to offer clean, well maintained and affordable facilities for its residents! 6/13/2018 5:40 PM

507 A heated pool with convient hours and affordable prices 6/13/2018 5:21 PM

508 It’s not broke, don’t fix it 6/13/2018 5:19 PM

509 A public outdoor pool with low rates for families that are Hartford residents. Recent rates at Sherman pool were appropriate. 6/13/2018 5:15 PM

510 I think the overall pool experience is good as it is. Some sort of fixed shade protection is needed. 6/13/2018 4:58 PM

511 I think it was fine just the way it was 6/13/2018 4:45 PM

512 Continued fun for my kids 6/13/2018 4:28 PM

513 Something affordable, with fun options for all ages and easily accessible by families without reliable transportation. 6/13/2018 4:26 PM

514 Minimal few with more hours 6/13/2018 4:25 PM

515 Something like the Lebanon pool with a grassy area. 6/13/2018 4:22 PM

516 UVAC can be utilized 6/13/2018 4:11 PM

517 Kilowatt Park with beach is perfect! 6/13/2018 4:09 PM

518 The pool is fine and works so why try something different. 6/13/2018 4:00 PM

519 Splash park 6/13/2018 3:57 PM
520  Exactly what exists now
521  Pool
522  Like the Lebanon pool
523  A pool that is open
524  Place for kids and adults alike to enjoy together
525  We need a place to swim and to LEARN to swim that can accommodate large crowds of people
526  see response to question #4.
527  A pool that would accommodate all community members - gradual entry, lanes for swimming, shallow end for smaller children; handicap accessible; Night events for families, teens, etc.; snack bar
528  An important community location for families and adolescents.
529  Outdoors and related to the school
530  Not really sure there is a need for it but if there is then it should be someplace other than the high school parking lot
531  Pool is great!
532  Clean and safe
533  A pool for all ages to swim for families. Safe and clean and local in Hartford!
534  I envision a facility where local kids can SAFETELY enjoy swimming and times with friends locally, the free lunch program offered kids a healthy snack while out, altho a small concession stand would be nice. It is great that the camps use the pool during the summer, kids get to see their friends for a bit dinging the day sometimes which is fun, but it would be nice to have it more family friends for those with smaller children. Bring at the school gives people able to use public transportation an opportunity to attend.
535  I think the kiddie area could be made better but I don't think we need a splash park. They're dangerous. I've been told the number of injuries increased significantly at the Hanover pond when they added theirs.
536  A clean safe place, with shade, reasonable price. Walk in style pool with varying depth.
537  Not sure- similar to Leb? More learn to swim options?
538  Grass area, baby pool connected to large pool, snack bar
539  Outdoor is the key. Your survey is deceitful as it says outdoor or other. The Hartford town pool is outside.
540  Keeping the pool open!!!
541  We love the current set up. I would add a splash pad and enhance the kiddie pool area to be more appealing for tots with a gradual entrance and depth.
542  Heated pool with shaded area but otherwise, just as it is.
543  More family focused activities other than swimming lessons. Movie nights? Volleyball? Something to draw families there.
544  Please fix the roads first. Starting w Gates st closure
545  What you have
546  I like the pool the way it is but it needs some TLC
547  Pool, with slides and other water features
548  Provide appropriate times for families
549  Residents deserve this opportunity.
550  A bigger pool and splash pad for infants
551  Kiddie pool or splash pad, larger regular pool for others, open earlier in the year.
Move the pool to the aquatic center so the hours daily and dates open can be expanded for working families. Closing in mid August (the warmest month of the year) is frustrating.

I'd love to see an outdoor pool option added to UVAC and have Hartford residents be able to purchase an affordable annual pass ($75-100, maybe pool only, and affordable pool+gym/facility option); otherwise I would be open to sharing pool access/costs w/ another town such as Lebanon

Accessible with shower facilities/changing rooms and outdoor sitting venue

Having a pool available provides employment opportunities, a great place for children and families to be over the summer and gives families a way to exercise and socialize.

Something new and exciting for kids of all ages.

Something like Lake Pinneo

A vibrant community spot where my coming I to teen years children can gather with friends to socialize in a safe environment and my husband and I can also enjoy ourselves. Times available after work (5-8pm) as well as many hours on the weekend and some times during the week at mid day, since I know the camps use it during the weekdays.

something similar to Lebanon town pool. splash pad/park, more seating and shade.

Exactly what you have now, kiddie pool area, a deep end with diving board and a 3'area for my older child to enjoy. Swimming lessons are a huge factor as well.

A normal outdoor pool. No silly splash pad. A pool!

Clean, adequately supervised, fresh air, fun for families.

Clean, central location, pleasant, swimming time for adults as well as children

A pool for lap swimming or at least designated hours to do so. A splash park for kids and their families. It'd be great to be able to get snacks or fill water bottles . Secure lockers

A place for kids to swim outdoors safely and inexpensively. A place for swimming lessong.

A safe fun place for families to swim. A place where older children could spend safe time without their parents to gain some independence. A place where swimming lessons are offered both in the morning and evening to meet the needs of different families.

To have a splash park and heated pool

One where the staff understands basic customer service and creates a great experience for all patrons not just campers or each other

I would be fine with status quo in how the pool was, but if improvements were a possibility, then maybe heat the pool a little and provide better shading around the pool (the tarp was torn in many places).

The Town of Hartford used to have a very busy and active outdoor pool. I believe this Committee needs to find out why it is failing. It used to be filled for swimming lessons, but not now. Is it because of money (fees), lack of transportation, or other issues? This is something that this Committee needs to discuss. Thank you.

A larger area away from the schools with better parking options but not to far that the summer camps can’t get to it.

I envision a place that is affordable to all residents. Also a space where families with young children can bring their kids who may not be big enough for a swimming experience to splash and play while providing a space for swim lessons and swimming for those who enjoy swimming. Teens would have the opportunity for summer employment as lifeguards or running concessions and there would be a small concession stand to sell drinks, snacks, and perhaps limited lunch items.

Slide, diving board with new painted bottom a little bigger

I think a pool that allows for swimming is essential. I have reviewed the materials that came out about a possible alternative splash pad, and while it allows for less expensive operations it use is exceptionally limited. Adults would not likely use out, it is less attractive to older children, and does not allow for swimming lessons. A pool is essential.

Similar to aquatic center providing more slides in an area for kuds
576 Definitely not in the middle of a crumbling parking lot sandwiched between two dates buildings. More green space, a better mixed ages splash space, and more shade, less concrete. 6/13/2018 10:44 AM

577 I believe it should stay where it is, maybe I'm old but I think it is great the way it is. Longer hrs and more events for the older kids in town 6/13/2018 10:41 AM

578 Just as it is with more shade 6/13/2018 10:38 AM

579 Community gathering 6/13/2018 10:35 AM

580 Keep the same pool. 6/13/2018 10:34 AM

581 I envision a pool surrounded by grass with some areas of shade to take a respite from the sun or have a snack. The kiddie area would have some splash elements but would not have to be huge. Having a gradual/accessible entry without a drop down would be ideal. Also the pool would be salt water, not chlorine. A simple snack bar would be welcome but not essential. The pool could be advertised around town. I found out about this pool by walking past and then asking neighbors about it. I think there could be a sign out on Route 5 about it seasonally when it is open. A huge bonus to this pool is that it was affordable. I realize that new features would increase the price some, but being kept affordable is key. I also don't think that kids should be allowed to be dropped off for long periods of time without parent supervision. Lastly, there should be a strict no foul language policy that is enforced to make sure everyone feels welcome. 6/12/2018 9:56 PM

582 The Lebanon pool is really nice, with water features, a kiddie pool (which my kids no longer need but was great when they were younger), and lots of space to spread out and spend the day. I think for Hartford it would be great to have something local, on the AT line, accessible to the summer camp program, and available for low-cost swimming lessons. I know we have the UVAC, but that's expensive and not a fun summertime experience. It's also inaccessible for those without a car. 6/10/2018 10:53 AM

583 With some modifications, our pool could be the ideal outdoor swimming experience. I would suggest fencing in some of the abutting grass, increasing the amount of shade, upgrading the baby pool and not allowing children to be left unsupervised. I would also increase the quality of the lifeguarding. 6/7/2018 12:54 PM

584 Similar to the Lebanon pool (areas for all ages/swimming levels), grassy areas surrounding, picnic tables with shade, changing facilities, good parking). Longer season than our current pool season in Hartford. 6/7/2018 8:56 AM

585 Public pool surrounded with nicely landscaped greenery. 6/6/2018 2:54 PM
Q4 What are the main reasons that you or your family do not use the Hartford Town Pool? (check all the reasons that apply)

Answered: 648    Skipped: 107

**Answer Choices**

- Do not enjoy swimming: 5.71% (37 responses)
- Fees were too expensive: 9.57% (62 responses)
- Inconvenient hours of operation: 15.43% (100 responses)
- No splash park: 12.65% (82 responses)
- No concession stand or snack bar: 15.28% (99 responses)
- Cleanliness issues: 10.65% (69 responses)
- Too crowded: 11.73% (76 responses)
- Water was too cold: 12.81% (83 responses)
- Not enough shade around the pool area: 25.77% (167 responses)

**Responses**
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For years the pool closed at 6 pm which really didn't allow time for families with parents that worked until 5 pm to use the facilities. I hope in the future the pool will be open in the evenings until at least 7 pm.

I don't like swimming pools, or chlorine therein.

Personal time constraints

do not need to access as have another alternative

Like WABA, it's too old, too decrepit. Please, spend $320K+ on something useful.

We installed our own pool.

Our grandkids were in Ventures Camp for several years and used the pool EVERY DAY! They didn't want to go this year because they could only swim a few times at Storrs Pond.

I prefer a natural body of water, though my children all learned to swim at the pool. It's very important to know how to swim, there needs to be a place for this to happen, it doesn't have to be in a pool.

Hartford, CT - Not familiar with Hartford Sherman Manning Pool

it's closed.

My children were too young and now that we can use it, it is no longer available.

I think it is a wonderful thing for people to be able to enjoy an outdoor pool. I don't like indoor pools.

Our children are older now

ALLOWED to fall into disrepair, ie, Town reservoirs, ice rink, etc. SHAME!

Older resident - I'm tired!

increased taxes

difficult to swim for exercise as an adult due to crowding and limited space/lanes

I moved here 2 years ago and never knew about the pool.

personal health issues

Don't have children

I swim in other places - North Hartland Dam, in the White River, at friends' ponds, etc. There are many options.

unattractive setting, no lawn or landscape to speak of, not in walking distance, not enough tables, no high dive, wading pool too far from shallow end of main pool, no morning hours

Don't know where it is

Use UVAC instead

do my swimming in the white river

It's closed.

Kids are gone.

None

We like the town pool- we alternate it with swimming in the nearby rivers and lakes.

My child is now a teenager and has no interest. We live in West Hartford near the river and we have our own pool.

don't like public pools

Pool closure for most of our time living here

N/A ...we loved the pool!

It's main use seems to have become a place for kids during the day whose parents are at work. Ideally, a pool could be used as a community gathering point open and welcoming to all.

Live in Quechee, location inconvenient
Kids are grown
Use it but would be nice to have concession
This question doesn't apply to me we love the pool except the fees are a bit much
With students in the Hartford school, I would rather see that area used for sports facility such as a newer football field and a track. We are one of the only large schools in the area without a track.
We are QLLA members.
We used to go more when the kids were little, but they're older now. I think this is a huge asset for our local kids. It certainly was for me, my family and my friends growing up.
Our Children have grown up and moved out
Just moved to WRJ
When the kids were at home, we sent them to the pool every day during the summer. Both children learned to swim at the Sherman B. Manning pool. The kids are all grown up and off on their own now. But I feel that the pool is still important for all Hartford residents and should stay open in the future. Children need a place to go in the summer to cool off and have fun with their friends.
We used the pool a lot when our children were young. It was a wonderful place for us to be during the summer. When our children were a bit older, they went to the pool on their own. Our children also took all of their swimming lessons there. The pool is a great family place and for the community children to be.
Have our own pool
Staff needs to be accountable and responsible, not messing around.
It's great for younger aged families, my kids, '-aged out'.
Life guards do not seem attentive.
I enjoy lake water action activities
It's closed! Otherwise we'd use it!
Our kids are young. Hoping to use it in the next few years
My brother has a pool that we go to instead, but, I think it is very important that the community have an outside pool for the youth of our town.
I moved here 5 years ago and honestly didn't even know there WAS pool. It would be great to have a pool with a shaded area and splash park area for local kids.
Didn't even know there was a pool until it was shut down
When my children were younger we lived in the pool, I feel it's important to provide a place for children to go, we have a pool now and my grandchildren would be bored if we didn't have it!
new resident
Have my own pool
Rather swim in a lake/river
I have other places to go
The Aquatic Center and nearby lakes are better options we use
Have a friend that has a pool
My children have grown up, but I feel the pool needs to still be available for future children and families!
My kids are grown - but we used it a lot when they were younger - and they loved it.
No green space for parents to relax.
Recently became a parent and didn't know there was a pool.
Didn't know about it until recently
102 Its not open 7/2/2018 3:19 PM
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110 Kids grown up! 7/1/2018 7:19 PM
111 Many better pools/swimming 7/1/2018 7:02 PM
112 we walk to the CT river to swim rather than drive to the pool 7/1/2018 3:57 PM
113 Safety, supervision 7/1/2018 12:28 PM
114 Never knew there was one 7/1/2018 10:25 AM
115 lots of skin cancer in family, we bring an umbrella or sun tent everywhere 7/1/2018 8:53 AM
116 Love the pool 6/30/2018 10:20 PM
117 Never heard of it 6/30/2018 8:38 PM
118 Don't often go as a family because there isn’t something from all ages 6/30/2018 7:57 PM
119 The allowance of rude kids. Rules need to be enforced. Bullying should not be allowed or have numerous chances. Parents should feel ok with letting their kids go there and know they will not have issues 6/30/2018 5:11 PM
120 Honestly I’ve lived in Hartford on and off for 20 years and never knew we had a public pool. 6/30/2018 1:33 PM
121 Used as free daycare and summer care for unruly children 6/30/2018 11:23 AM
122 Prefer lakes/rivers 6/30/2018 10:16 AM
123 I tend to use UVAC at this stage of life, but used the pool when my kids were young. Important to have a Public Pool in a town our size. Willing to have my taxes go up a bit to support a Bond to build a new, better one. 6/30/2018 7:45 AM
124 Better things to do than watch ignorant people flop around in water 6/29/2018 9:14 PM
125 Relatives have a pool 6/29/2018 5:53 PM
126 No complaints 6/29/2018 5:26 PM
127 Older children are unsupervised and often display inappropriate behavior or language. 6/29/2018 5:10 PM
128 Didn’t know about it 6/29/2018 4:17 PM
130 bigger grassy would be nice; life guards should not have to supervise younger children: drop - off age should be raised 6/29/2018 3:36 PM
131 Live in Quechee and the club is closer 6/29/2018 3:23 PM
132 Um... we do use it. 6/29/2018 3:16 PM
133 Pool was closed 2 Summers ago for renovation. We checked out & joined the Lebanon Memorial pool. It is a nicer pool & since I work in Lebanon, was just as convenient. This is our 3rd Summer, I have not been compelled to return to Hartford & now, it is closed again. 6/29/2018 2:39 PM
134 Didn’t know there was a pool. We use quechee pool. 6/29/2018 2:37 PM
135 Previously because of the open swim hours but 2017 was much better. 6/29/2018 2:37 PM
136 We have access at Quechee 6/29/2018 2:29 PM
137 It was mildly annoying that Ventures camp was allowed in during PRIME swimming time, with minimal supervision, it just felt overwhelming with that number of kids all at once. 6/29/2018 1:42 PM
138 It's closed
139 wasn’t aware that it was available
140 We live very near the Connecticut River so we swim there instead
141 All concrete and too open to the parking area.
142 UVAC members
143 We travel a lot during summer
144 New to town
145 Did not know much about it before.
146 We are members at Quechee
147 Quechee club members
148 Don't always have the time
149 We love it
150 My family are all grown up and moved away
151 Doesn't seem great for small children
152 It's not open
153 Parking lot sucked this past year
154 New to the area
155 1st year without access to a pool. Moved into a new home, haven't had time to view all options of the town.
156 We live in Quechee and have access to the Quechee Club pool
157 The swim camp kids were loud, rude, the adults didn't have a handle on the unruly kids.
158 I am 65 and have my own pool. When I was younger I worked at the pool and my children went regularly until we got our own pool
159 Did not know we had a town pool.
160 My children are grown now, but when they were little, they took the swimming lessons there and we regularly went to the pool in the afternoons. I did adult swimming over the noon hour a couple of times each week. The pool water was extra cold during those early morning lessons...but they were reasonably priced. The UVAC is nice, but expensive, and not outdoors.
161 I don't have a complaint
162 My children are adults now and I work full time, so I don't have a lot of time.
163 My son would go with his friends, I work full time and was not able to go with him
164 It is closed...also, lacks modern features that make it a fun experience.
165 Have a personal pool
166 While I personally do not attend the many, many summer camps and families I work with use it daily. It's been a tough summer (already) not having the pool open this summer!
167 Our kids are grown. When they were small we took advantage of lessons at the pool.
168 I moved to Hartford only recently (2016), and was unaware it existed--needs more/better promotion before a decision on closing is reached!
169 I don't enjoy swimming, everyone else I know really appreciates the pool
170 elderly(86) used extensively when opened and raising children
171 We have our own pool and do not need to use it. However, when our children were young we used it several times a summer. This is where they learned to swim. It was a wonderful place to gather with friends and other families.
172. I brought my kids to the pool everyday last summer. Now I have no where to take them that I can afford.

173. Busy schedule

174. No reason

175. have pool at home

176. Very busy summer schedule

177. IT Was closed and should have been open

178. prefer to swim in natural bodies of water

179. Not interested in attending a babysitting event - which seems to be what the pool is.

180. Not in our schedule.

181. The pool is we're kids and individuals can meet new people

182. Location is too small of an area (not a lot of area around the pool)

183. membership at UVAC

184. The pool is closed. We did use the pool heavily. None of the above reasons apply.

185. Use it all the time

186. busy life, but enjoyed it when we had time

187. We enjoy the pool

188. N/A - we use the Sherman Manning pool

189. Used other facilities

190. The pool is great and good family time

191. I didn't even know about it. And I don't have school age children.

192. Kids were too young

193. Just never home to use it, I grew up using it daily for years and feel it is important for the kids/families to have. I also do not have kids which is another reason I don't think to use it

194. Na

195. None - my son used it 5 days a week as part of the Ventures camp, which was fantastic.

196. Cheaper as a non resident at Lebanon than a resident in hartford

197. We do not use it now, but did for many years over 2 generations and working on the 3:rd

198. I dont have school age children, but feel the pool is important for supervised summer activity

199. Lots of free places to swim

200. Too many kids - but it's great for them. We need it!

201. No complaints

202. It was always closed by the time I got out of work. It's sad that it won't be open now that I would be able to enjoy it

203. Swim at private venues, e.g., friends' pools, lakeside beach or the river.

204. Have our own pool

205. it is closed

206. Age related, but I feel we need the pool for the younger generation. & for swimming lessons

207. We use UVAC

208. No grass space inside pool, main pool too deep for kids but splash pool too shallow - not good for young kid independence, expensive compared to Lebanon pool, even for non-town members, not well advertised to general public only know about because of Ventures
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<th>Public Pool Sentiment</th>
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<td>209 Not enough child supervision. Children misbehaving and no parents there to take</td>
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<td>care of them</td>
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<td>210 Why bother going to a pool when we have an abundance of free recreation in</td>
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<td>local rivers, lakes, and streams?</td>
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<td>211 Other swimming options are available in natural lakes</td>
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<td>212 we use it.</td>
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<td>213 busy schedules</td>
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<td>214 Pools are full of germs, kids pee in them, and worse. No thank you.</td>
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<td>215 Currently we don't because it's closed.</td>
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<td>216 My husband uses the pool at Dartmouth. I do not enjoy swimming in chlorine with</td>
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<td>a lot of other people.</td>
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<td>217 Needs to be beautified. When field house went in, it was neglected.</td>
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<td>218 I use the pool</td>
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<td>219 Used when my son was still in school for lessons and to gather with friends.</td>
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<td>220 Purchased a back yard pool</td>
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<td>222 Use Quechee Club pool</td>
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<td>224 My family uses the pool regularly...this question does not apply</td>
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<td>225 I never understood why it was cheaper for my family to visit the Lebanon town</td>
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<td>pool as a non resident than it is to visit my hometown pool. Plus the Lebanon</td>
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<td>facility is much better.</td>
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<td>226 Needs to be made more attractively landscaped</td>
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<td>227 I am a senior citizen in this town and prefer to use UVAC for water aerobics</td>
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<td>year round; however, I feel it is an important asset the town should have for its</td>
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<td>young folks to enjoy during the summer months. It is an important part of the</td>
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<td>Ventures program</td>
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<td>228 We are Quechee Lake residents now and when are children were growing up in</td>
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<td>Hartford. Though I don't have an issue with Hartford residents using Lake Pinneo</td>
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<td>for a reasonable fee, it is not appropriate for the Town of Hartford to use (read</td>
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<td>bully) Quechee Lakes into access by refusing to fix the Hartford Town Pool. If the</td>
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<td>pool is not salvageable, then the town must move to create a town beach or build a</td>
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<td>new pool at an appropriate spot.</td>
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<td>229 Age. Our children all used the pool as they grew up and 1 was a life guard, all</td>
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<td>benefitted from the pool over the years.</td>
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<td>230 I have a pool at my home.</td>
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<td>231 Kids are grown, and have a lake camp</td>
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<td>232 We have lived in Hartford a short time but feel the pool is an important venue</td>
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When my kids were of elementary school age they were there nearly daily; now they're in college. This resource that my kids made such good use of -- learning to swim, socializing with friends, having something fun and appropriate to do on long, hot summer days -- should not be lost to future generations of kids. Certainly a more appealing, attractive atmosphere would be helpful, it doesn't seem like there's been lots of money or time spent in making the pool more appealing or publicizing the pool (actually promotion has been quite lame). People should not have to pay more money to be in a private indoor pool when we have a great town resource like this going down the drain (pun intended).

I'm a UVAC member and Quechee resident. Have plenty of pool options.

If I want to cool off, I'd likely go to the river, instead - it's cheaper.

Last summer it seemed when we were able to go, the weather wasn't great.

Prefer natural, free swimming environment with fewer people.

We did use.

Children grown and moved away, but while they were at home, they practically lived at the pool in the summers.

Have my own. But think there should be a town pool.

We used the pool very frequently when our children were growing up.

Kids got older.

It's a concrete pool in a concrete parking lot. There's no natural outdoor surroundings to make it inviting.

I use the pool as often as I can.

Children grown.

Just moved here weeks ago.

Family is grown and not home very often to use it, but did often when younger.

We use it all the time!!

Didn't live in town, just moved back to white river.

None.

I no longer have young children at home.

Don't know anyone who would t use it.

Not appealing.

Use the pool at the Quechee Club.

Use UVAC for swimming.

My daughter finds the water cold, but I love it.

Our children are grown and moved away but we remember how important it was to them as they were growing up and want others to have the same experience.

This is our first year without access to another pool.

Just moved. We're looking forward to using it.

Array of unsupervised children, lack of control by staff.

We have our own private place to swim, however we feel it is very important for people who don't.

Used it most when kids were younger. They took their annual swim lessons there.

We bring our grandchildren, and there was a foul-mouthed parent there. I had to speak up when the lifeguards did not. I want to know that the lifeguards will protect the "experience" as well as our kids.

Upper Valley Aquatic Center.

Scheduling with my work.
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<td>Staff is unpleasant and unprofessional</td>
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<td>272</td>
<td>Already do lessons etc at UVAC</td>
<td>6/13/2018 2:59 PM</td>
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<td>273</td>
<td>Its just not a family friendly environment. Simple adds like chairs and tables, a &quot;layout&quot; lawn, shade (trees), ice cream, would be so valuable and at little expense. Think &quot;storris pond&quot; pool area. Simple but functional and fun for families. More of an experience...</td>
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<td>We are Quechee Lakes residents and have a pool</td>
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<td>I'm already a member of the heinous QLLA</td>
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<td>Just not a great spot</td>
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<td>I didn't even know about it but it is important for children and families</td>
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<td>278</td>
<td>I didn't know about the kiddie pool or we would have been there all the time. My daughter is 6 and Just coming to an age where we'd utilize the pool often. My husbands findest summer memories include swimming at that pool with his buddies every day.</td>
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<td>279</td>
<td>I had the hardest time figuring out where to enter/pay and we belong to UVAC so rather go there</td>
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<td>Kids are older-college,etc</td>
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<td>We use the pool</td>
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<td>Please spend money on our roads not on a pool</td>
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<td>Love it</td>
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<td>The horrible hhs parking lot</td>
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<td>285</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>286</td>
<td>Unaware there was one open to residents</td>
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<td>287</td>
<td>Children are now adults</td>
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<td>288</td>
<td>Children were young, but now at an age to enjoy the pool.</td>
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<td>289</td>
<td>It was in the off season</td>
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<td>Later in the evening would be great, and need adult lap swim availability</td>
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<td>291</td>
<td>My kids are not at the age group where they would used the pool often</td>
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<td>292</td>
<td>Lifeguards are inexperienced and disgruntled (same for management)</td>
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<td>293</td>
<td>My daughters learned to swim there, attaining the level of being a lifeguard. I grew up in Hartford Village, and I had no place to swim. I was not allowed to swim in the White River and we had other pool to swim. I went to Storrs Pond and took some lessons, but not enough too be a good swimmer. I am sure the lessons were a great expense and I did not complete my swimming lessons. With the pool being in the area of the poor condition of the entire parking lot near, if the same problem with the pool is because where and how it was built. I believe there are enough families that can't afford the Aquatic Center and I believe it is sad that these children are not allowed a pool with no expense to the residents of Hartford.</td>
<td>6/13/2018 10:51 AM</td>
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<td>294</td>
<td>We actually do use the pool.</td>
<td>6/13/2018 10:46 AM</td>
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<td>295</td>
<td>Enjoy the river and local lakes better</td>
<td>6/13/2018 10:46 AM</td>
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<td>296</td>
<td>Overall the appeal is poor. I would rather drive to Leb to use their pool. The toddler area is better and the surrounding landscape offers a more enjoyable experience. I have also found that there are to many unsupervised kids, and language is a big problem.</td>
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<td>297</td>
<td>I think the pool is great, just needs an upgrade</td>
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<td>298</td>
<td>My son was too young to use the pool fast year which is when we moved to town. We had planned to start using it this year as we live close. I have walked by a number of times.</td>
<td>6/12/2018 9:56 PM</td>
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<td>299</td>
<td>It's just not a pleasant environment. Limited grass and shade. Not enough space to hang out for the day.</td>
<td>6/10/2018 10:53 AM</td>
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<td>300</td>
<td>We do not like how many children are left unsupervised, we do not like how there is little shade, no grass (in the fenced in area) and wish the baby pool was larger and nicer.</td>
<td>6/7/2018 12:54 PM</td>
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301  Not enough shallow water for me beginner swimmers who are too old for the baby pool but aren't competent in deep water yet.  6/7/2018 8:56 AM

302  Prefer area lakes & rivers  6/6/2018 2:54 PM