

Town of Hartford, Vermont Pool Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Present: Joe James, Dylan Kreis (Parks & Recreation), Steve Lagasse, Skip Nalette, Hilde Ojibway, David Sherman, Scott Snyder, Joseph Trottier, Mike Vanasse

Unable to attend: Chris Hamilton, Scott Hausler, Brett Mayfield.

Meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m. in Room 312, Town Hall.

Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves to Dylan Kreis, who was attending in Scott Hausler's absence. No other non-committee members were in attendance, thus there were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

After committee review, Mr. Vanasse made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on August 21. Ms. Ojibway made a correction to note that a decision had been made during the Public Comments portion of that meeting to make public the results of the community pool survey. With that correction, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Review Working Document/Draft Report from Weston & Sampson

The committee reviewed, page by page, the draft report by Weston & Sampson entitled "Sherman Manning Pool – Pool Study" and dated September 21, 2018. Comments and suggested edits that met with committee consensus were marked in red ink on a printed copy of the draft report, which will be submitted to Weston & Sampson to make changes.

As topics arose during review of the draft report, the committee discussed various aspects of planning for a future pool facility, such as:

- explanations for changes in pool operating revenue and expenses over recent years.
- best type of filtration system to specify.
- closing the opportunity to relocate to an alternate site, e.g., impact on long-term planning for a potential future community center. (Taking into consideration costs, existing infrastructure, town resources, accessibility, surrounding neighborhoods, elevation relative to floodplain, etc., committee consensus was that the current site is optimal for an outdoor pool facility.)
- desire to avoid phasing construction, if possible.

Draft Recommendation

Ms. Ojibway presented a preliminary draft of a formal recommendation by the Pool Committee to the Selectboard. Based on its review of the Weston & Sampson draft report and the recommendations contained therein, the committee discussed the content and structure of its own recommendation, making some modifications. Mr. Snyder made a motion to approve the revised recommendation, Mr. Trottier seconded the motion, and the committee unanimously voted in favor, approving the following:

Recommendation (DRAFT 9-25-18)

Whereas the residents of the Town of Hartford through community-wide surveys have clearly expressed a desire to have an outdoor swimming pool and;

Whereas the engineering firm contracted by the Town of Hartford (Weston and Sampson) evaluated the existing facility and recommends construction of a new pool facility with a projected service life of 40 years to cost an estimated 3.6 million. (This is in contrast to a renovation to make the existing pool facility compliant with current codes at an estimated cost of 1.3 million for a projected 6-8 years of service.)

Therefore, the Pool Committee recommends that the existing Sherman Manning Pool facility be replaced on location with a newly constructed pool facility. The key points moving forward in the process include;

Recommendation that the Selectboard appropriate funds in the next fiscal year adequate to complete engineering and design for a new pool facility which assumes that:

- 1. the new pool facility will be constructed at the same site as the existing pool near the Hartford High School in order to both save infrastructure costs and maximize accessibility;*
- 2. the new pool design will incorporate some of the features requested through community-wide surveys.*
- 3. Planning and design work will include seeking opportunities to collaborate with the Hartford School District in order to meet current and future needs that would best serve the community.*

Upcoming meetings

The pool committee will meet this Thursday, Sep. 26, at 7:30 p.m. with the Parks & Recreation Commission to review the edited draft report, and again on next Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 6:30 p.m. to prepare for the presentation to the Selectboard the following Tuesday.

Old and new business

No old or new business was raised.

Adjournment

By motion duly made and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectively submitted by: Scott Snyder, Recording Secretary.

Draft minutes of the meeting on September 25, 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 October 2.

Any changes or corrections:

None.

With the corrections noted above, minutes were approved:

Signature: Scott Snyder

Date: 2018-10-2