

Draft of Minutes from Pool Options Committee

Submitted by Carl Tracy

Meeting at Tracy Hall's All Purpose Room

October 11, 2016 5:30-6:30 PM **DRAFT**

In attendance:

Committee Members: Anne Goodrich, Jim Gold, Mark Lilienthal, Jerry Ireland, Carl Tracy, Gered Dunne

Anne called the mtg to order at 5:30 PM

Agenda approved. Minutes from Previous meeting 9/27 approved.

Reviewed the Committee Charter

- Clarified that we are not getting approval for permitting, but are submitting options to the town that show potential for approval
- Mark volunteered to call the ANR and ask for general information about creating a pool

Reviewed the list of Pool options to the two most promising sites:

- Based on the survey the majority of respondents wanted a natural water feed pool/pond and not an in-ground concrete pool. The committee also agreed that the cost of an in-ground pool facility and maintenance were too costly (Based on dialog with other local pool sites in the Upper Valley)
- It was decided that the two most potential options are the Old Norwich Pool site and Huntley Meadows
- Patchen's Point was removed from the list due to concerns raised by town officials- the town have two times rejected the state's offer to buy the land, and the police feel it is a significant liability. The committee also had concerns about parking and child safety
- Connecticut River Ledyard Bridge was ruled out that there was no parking access
- Dresden Athletic Fields was removed from the list because there is not natural water source and the fields are part of school system, not town property
- Ompompanoosuc River/Boat launch was removed from the list because it is too shallow for swimming and there were questions about the water quality and parking.
- Privately owned sites were considered and removed due to parking access and potential concerns from neighboring properties
- The committee also plans to contact Phil Deckert, our town Zoning Administrator, and a Civil Engineer from Pathways Consulting to help determine the viability of the two sites that remain: The old Norwich Pool Site and Huntley Meadow.

Ann volunteered to have meeting with Rebicon, a volunteer group that may be interested in helping Norwich build pool.

Jerry volunteered to write the interim report due 10/18.

**Next meeting: 10/27 5:30/6:30 and a Public forum 6:30/7:00**