

Draft of Minutes from Pool Options Committee

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Meeting at Tracy Hall's All Purpose Room **Final Public Forum**

Jan 10, 2017 7:00 PM **DRAFT**

In attendance:

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

Minutes from the third and last Public Forum

Anne presented a detailed presentation of the work the committee has done and the final report to be submitted to the select board 1/25/2017. The PDF of the presentation can be found on the website committee folder.

After the presentation input was taken from the community. There were over twenty community members consisting of adults and children. The attendance sheet will be added to the committee folder as a PDF.

Note: I am paraphrasing the public comments and therefore they are not perfect.

Public Input:

John Farrell commented that he is for a town pool, but against funding it with any town taxes. He asked if the liability and maintenance cost had been addressed. Response- Cost were not determined but some of maintenance cost would be shared with shared the trail access.

Dan Goulet commented that the concept picture of the pool looks large? Response was this was just preliminary drawing to show the approximated location and not to scale. He asked what engineering studies were done? Response they were not done and next committee would need cover those details, but a stream side pool should be favorable looked by VT. Agency of Natural Resources.

Dana Ireland commented that in the past the Rec Department paid for life guard, phone and prepared the pool each spring with help from Public works. The lawn was mowed and trash removed.

Ann Seibert asked if the Public Works maintained it now? Response no maintenance is done now except for the parking lot.

Jen Goulet asked were flood hazards consider, and the effects of climate change has to create more floods. Response was engineering studies were not done.

John Phipps commented that stream side pool is separate from river and asked what would a flood water do to it. Response it would be part of the engineering study.

Dave Bibeau asked if there were comparable stream side pool existed. Response was the VANR had approved similar commercial and residential stream side pools.

Dean Siebert commented that whole river corridor is nice area and should be improved along with the swimming hole.

Frank Welder commented that he had background in environmental testing and asked if there were studies for water contamination such as e-coil? Response was that it would need to be addressed. Someone commented that they did think the old pools had water testing.

Marlene McDonald commented that she thanked the committed for its hard work and that a community gathering point, like the old Norwich pool is important and she supports a new pool.

Jane Phipps commented that she feels a in town pool is good community assets and want to be able to swim in town. That it cost \$40/day to take a family of four to Storrs pond is a lot. She felt that having a designated swimming area is more safe for kids, rather using non controlled water areas in town.

Peter Griggs commented that he learned to swim at the Old Norwich Pool and went on to swim competitively. He would like be able to swim in town.

Simon Phipps (child), asked how in a stream side pool how would pollution be controlled? Response was that a stream side pool is free flowing and should be like river, but engineering studies would be needed.

Brian Riordan commented that he likes the idea of more natural pool, likes the location which is much easier bike ride for kids than Hanover and safer. It is important for kids to have a place to go, hang out at a local pool and be outdoors.

Cian Riordan (child) asked how does it work? How does it retain water? Response was that concept drawing was overview drawing and details would have to be worked out.

Guinvere Riordan asked will the river be dammed? Response was the river would flow freely.

Anne Seibert commented that town had used the FEMA that came for other town projects and the town allocated only \$14k for removal of the old dam. Could the town consider re-allocating money from other sources for the pool in an effort to compensate since money was primarily for restoring the pool? Response was it may be possible but not the all the FEMA was for restoring the Old Norwich Pool. Anne commented that there were significant volunteer and grants that could be used to reduce town costs.

Anne closed by thanking all for coming.

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