

## MEETING MINUTES

### AQUATICS FACILITIES BUILDING COMMITTEE

Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jason Marsh at 7:00 pm.

#### Attendance:

##### Present

Jason Marsh  
Mark Block  
Jay Orenstein  
April Lang  
Dennis Mucci  
Chris DeCruze

##### Absent

Mary Markham  
Michael Redgate

#### Also Present:

Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman-Town of Trumbull  
Dmitri Paris, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation  
George Estrada, Director, Public Works  
Dan Schopick, Town Attorney  
Bill Chin, Director-IT  
Rina Bakalar, Director, Economic & Community Development  
Kathy McGannon, Chief Administrative Officer  
Ashley Guadiano  
Lori Hayes-O'Brien, Chairman, Community Facilities Building Committee

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Project Status

##### G. Estrada

Mr. Estrada stated that we are very mindful of the inconvenience for athletes of Hillcrest pool being closed. Mr. Estrada gave a perspective on where we are: Constantly balancing numerous capital priorities with conflicting interests and also have emergencies to deal with—this is very difficult. Hillcrest Pool is an example of deferred maintenance for many years, and it now requires serious investment. There is a meeting scheduled with TLB Architecture later in the month which will include the primary stakeholders of Hillcrest Pool to discuss the pool situation. Mr. Estrada stated that it will take considerable capital investment and time for improvements and/or construction. Need to keep in mind that any improvements/construction will need to be done when school is not in session.

##### D. Paris

Mr. Paris gave an overview of conditions of the Hillcrest pool. Years back, the pool went into notable state of decline. Mr. Paris was brought in to put in stop gap measures to keep the

pool open until a decision could be made on how to proceed. Early last summer, it was discovered that water was pouring into the underground mechanical room due to fissures developed in wall and that had caused significant mechanical failure. Among other defects, there are also failures along gutter lines thus making it unsafe for personnel working and swimmers using the pool. TLB Architects was engaged as they already have data on the pool and mechanicals, etc. A complete presentation will be in hand in coming week, and it will be presented to stakeholders. At this point, we'll have to apply numbers to what current remediation costs would be for each failure outlined. Then look at numbers and do a cost benefit analysis. This will be a community driven initiative.

Ms. Tesoro stated that she wants everyone to understand that past and current administrations have not let pool languish in disrepair. Everything possible was done to keep the pool open.

### **Public Comment**

Louise Perkins, 58 Old Dyke Rd. – Read attached memo.

Janet Epstein, 76 Old Dyke Rd. – Spoke for neighbor Mary Keane – urged to consider Hardy Lane for aquatics complex.

Cathleen Kosak – 59 Brookside Dr. – President of Splash Club. Is in favor of the a competitive pool in Trumbull. Hope Trumbull supports a new facility, but would also like to see the repair of Hillcrest until a new pool is built.

Richard White – 169 Churchill Rd. – Supports new pool. Wants to focus on site selection and getting it right – volume, traffic, neighborhood. Focus on limiting traffic and preserving neighborhoods.

Adam Reynolds, 42 Canoe Brook Rd. – Spoke on behalf of Pisces. Represents 100 families. Team travels to Norwalk and Orange, the fear is that Trumbull won't have a team if don't have a home pool. Would like to be part of the solution.

Mr. Marsh went over where the committee left off with the pool concept, including the key elements we want in facility. Before its work was suspended due to covid, the committee was working with George Wiles Architects to develop a concept for an aquatics facility. Committee was also looking at a number of sites for pool. Sites narrowed down to Beach Memorial and Tashua Knolls, with committee leaning toward Tashua Knolls and there was a preliminary concept for locating pool at this site.

In the interim a new development has occurred whereas the town acquired land at Hardy Lane. In discussion with Mr. Estrada and Mr. Paris, it is looking like this can be a viable site for an Aquatics/Community Building.

### **Discussion with Town Department Heads**

#### **G. Estrada**

Mr. Estrada presented a map of the Hardy Lane property showing how buildings would fit into this area. He sees a good opportunity to bring together a senior center/ recreation department/aquatics facility all on one location. Synergies of bringing 3 different locations

into one location would result in efficiencies with mechanical, operational, custodial services. Mr. Estrada stated that from an efficiency standpoint, this deserves serious consideration. The committee would need to engage a design firm. Mr. Estrada stated that there are a few of these types of projects underway in other CT towns.

#### D. Paris

Mr. Paris stated that the Hardy Lane location would have many benefits – it's an ideal location and has infrastructure already built in. Although every site has limitations, what ultimately drives cost, hazard, traffic issues, environmental impediment – Hardy Lane has the least of these. Mr. Paris encouraged the committee to take a serious look at this location.

#### R. Bakalar

Ms. Bakalar stated that there has been an exhaustive search for a senior/community center and this location is attractive - have 12 acres, it is spacious, centrally located to town, on a bus line. This accessibility would be beneficial in bringing people to Trumbull Center--would have economic spin-off benefits. Ms. Bakalar also gave a history of the purchase of this property purchase.

Mr. Marsh invited Lori Hayes-O'Brien, chairman of the Community Facilities Building Committee to attend the Aquatics Committee meeting to discuss the potential for a combined facility. Town is better serviced in looking at the potential for a combined facility. Ms. Hayes-O'Brien stated that her committee looked at everything that the Hardy Lane property offers and feels it's a good idea to work together with the Aquatics Committee to come up with something wonderful for the town. Also takes away the potential for two committees competing for properties.

Ms. Lang stated that she is supportive of this concept of combining facilities on one site. Mr. Marsh wants Committee to think about and discuss ways to explore this to create a more cohesive and unified community concept.

Mr. Marsh suggested that the committee could meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month.

**New Business:** None

#### **Adjournment**

Moved by Mr. Block, seconded by Mr. DeCruze to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Vote: 6-0-0

Submitted by

Marisa Petriello

TO: Jason Marsh, Chair; and Members of the Aquatics Facilities Building Committee  
FROM: Concerned Trumbull Residents listed below  
DATE: January 12, 2022  
SUBJECT: Support for consideration of Hardy Lane as Aquatics Facility location

Mr. Marsh and Aquatics Committee Members,

First, thank you for all of your volunteer efforts for Trumbull.

We learned from the January 5, 2022 Community Facilities Building Committee meeting that locating a community center and aquatics facility on Trumbull's nearly 25 acre property at Hardy Lane is being considered. From that discussion, the centrally located Hardy Lane property has advantageous features: it is spacious enough for a combined facility, has access to public transport and is immediately off a state highway (i.e. Church Hill Road).

We write this memo to indicate our support for further consideration of Hardy Lane as a location for a new Aquatics Facility for Trumbull.

In contrast, the previously proposed Beach Memorial Park site is a difficult fit for the aquatics complex and parking, is constrained by both wetlands and parkland, and is accessible only by traveling narrow neighborhood roads.

We strongly encourage the Aquatics Facilities Building Committee to consider Hardy Lane as the preferred location for a new aquatics facility for Trumbull.

Thank you for your consideration.

Zvi Goldman	50 Old Dike Road	Janet Epstein	76 Old Dike Road
Deb Weiss	50 Old Dike Road	Richard Ruby	76 Old Dike Road
Susann Riley	30 Old Dike Road	Tom Whelan	176 Pinewood Trail
Art Riley	30 Old Dike Road	Doris Whelan	176 Pinewood Trail
Lora Moynihan	65 Old Dike Road	Karen Baker	15 E Lake Road
Mary Keane	181 Pinewood Trail	Carol Langer	127 Old Dike Road
Glenn Kalata Sr	85 Roosevelt Drive	Mary Whatley	674 Booth Hill Rd.
Linda Kalata	85 Roosevelt Drive	Gordon Whatley	674 Booth Hill Rd.
Leslie Jennings-Lax	72 Old Dike Road	Jane Deyoe	15 Southgate Rd.
Stephanie Sudikoff	72 Old Dike Road	Sara Laden	55 Old Sawmill Road
Louise Perkins	58 Old Dike Road	Madelyn Meagher	14 Blue Ridge Drive
JP Favretto	213 Pinewood Trail		