

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**AQUATICS FACILITIES BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Long Hill Room, Trumbull Town Hall

Thursday, February 13, 2020

**Call to Order**

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

**Attendance:**

Present

Jason Marsh  
Brian Moore  
Michael Redgate  
Jay Orenstein  
Mark Block  
April Lange  
Dennis Mucci

Absent

Mary Markham  
Michael Redgate

**Also Present:**

Dimitri Paris, Superintendent, Parks & Recreation; George Wiles and Anna

Members of the public, including:

Joanne Parsons, 248 Pinewood Trail  
Harvey Mamaris, 45 West Lake Rd  
Deborah Weiss, 54 Old Sawmill Rd  
Therese Evans, 94 Old Dyke Rd.  
Doug Ebert, 161 Pinewood Trail  
Steve Allman, Old Sawmill Rd.  
Richard Ruby, 76 Old Dyke Rd.  
Tom Shetland, 6 Old Dyke Rd.  
Nancy Rupp, Old Dyke Rd.

Moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Orenstein to accept January 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

**Vote: 7-0-0**

Moved by Ms. Lange, seconded by Mr. Mucci to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm.

**Vote: 7-0-0**

**Public Comments**

- Joanne Parsons, member of Trumbull's Conservation Commission, read a statement on behalf of Trumbull Conservation Commission (see attached).
- Information/survey that will be mailed to all Trumbull residents – will it include what sites Committee looked at and reasons why sites were considered/rejected?
- Would like information about how and when committee was formed, charge of committee, members of committee, how committee members were chosen.

- Concerns that an aquatics facility would have adverse impact on the neighborhood quality of life, environment and traffic in the neighborhood.
- Has Aquatics Committee talked with Parks & Rec Committee about the aquatics facility plans?
- Voiced concern on the process followed by Aquatics Committee in considering where to put the aquatics facility.
- Concerned with the number of parking spaces required.
- With an aquatics center at Beach Memorial, people from out of town won't have town stickers – how will you keep them from using park. Non-town residents will take up parking spaces that Trumbull residents would use.
- Asked about getting a traffic light in the area.

Mr. Marsh stated that he appreciated all the comments and concerns and reiterated that we are still in a conceptual stage and we don't have answers to many of the questions posed. We will be engaging engineers and consultants to address issues along the way to make site safe and compliant. Mr. Marsh reminded everyone that this Committee's job is just to make a proposal to the Town.

George Wiles gave a presentation on an aquatics facility at Tashua Knolls location. Mr. Wiles based this on preliminary topo information and walking the site.

- Proposal is to put aquatics facility to the west of the existing pool.
- Unlike Beach Memorial, Tashua does not have sewers, so this site may be more expensive.
- Looking at Tashua there is an opportunity to also upgrade the existing outdoor pool--share costs and get bigger bang for the buck.
- Improvement to the existing outdoor pool deck.
- The parking, playground, basketball and tennis areas would remain the same.
- Due to topography, can put filtration system under stadium seating area.
- Mr. Wiles went on to describe the floor plan in more detail.
- Mr. Wiles wants to get more topo info before taking the design any further. As of right now, he can't answer definitively if building the aquatics facility would work at this location.
- Concerned about additional parking because we don't have enough base information on how many cars go in and out of Tashua Knolls and need more topo information.
- Another concern with this study is that we need more subsurface investigation to confirm that a septic system can go here. Need to find out where water table is and if there is any rock there. A discussion took place on septic issue.
- Need to take into consideration a traffic study to drill down on number of cars at location, how many times per year where there could potentially be a conflict in scheduling with swim meets and golf tournaments and when the catering facility is operating. All these need to be taken into consideration and a parking design will evolve from this. A discussion took place on how and where parking could be potentially expanded.
- Need to flag wetlands and survey the property and do a perk test, run numbers on storm water management and come up with an idea on how to manage.
- Need to consider handicap bathroom access and family changing areas.
- May not be able to use a pre-fab building at Tashua location because of the slope.
- Septic flows were discussed and need to do more work on this. May need DEEP involvement.

- Mr. Wiles reiterated that this is a process and design will evolve as committee members and public give their input.

Moved by Mr. Moore to authorize Mr. Wiles to coordinate and investigate Tashua site concept further, seconded by Ms. Lange. **Vote: 7-0-0**

Mr. Block discussed getting a detailed cost analysis of locating pool facility at the Hillcrest location – demolishing existing pool and putting new one in its place. Mr. Marsh reminded the Committee that we have already identified several issues with this proposal: 1. In order to put in a new pool at Hillcrest, the existing one would have to be taken off-line for 18-24 months and this would have an adverse impact on existing aquatics programs. 2. We cannot have, for a number of reasons, an aquatics facility at Hillcrest connected to the middle school. Mr. Block said that dislocating aquatics program to do construction happens, and they would just have to find another pool in a neighboring town to use during construction. He also stated that security will always be an issue no matter where the pool is located. Mr. Block stated that the Board of Ed does not own Hillcrest property, the Town of Trumbull owns the property and the Town can put the pool wherever it wants – doesn't have to ask the Board of Ed if this is the recommendation the Aquatics Committee makes.

Moved by Mr. Block to get a cost analysis done for building aquatics facility at Hillcrest Pool. Motion was not seconded by anyone on the Committee. **No vote taken.**

Mr. Wiles was tasked with getting a construction estimate for facility at Beach and Tashua-building only and Tashua outdoor pool renovation. Mr. Wiles will report back once he gets estimates.

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Submitted by

Marisa Petriello