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  Absent
Jason Marsh  Mary Markham
Mark Block  Michael Redgate
Jay Orenstein
April Lang
Dennis Mucci
Chris DeCruze

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 2nd 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
Deb Weiss  50 Old Dike Road
Susann Riley  30 Old Dike Road
Art Riley  30 Old Dike Road
Lora Moynihan  65 Old Dike Road
Mary Keane  181 Pinewood Trail
Glenn Kalata Sr  85 Roosevelt Drive
Linda Kalata  85 Roosevelt Drive
Leslie Jennings-Lax  72 Old Dike Road
Stephanie Sudikoff  72 Old Dike Road
Louise Perkins  58 Old Dike Road
JP Favretto  213 Pinewood Trail
Janet Epstein  76 Old Dike Road
Richard Ruby  76 Old Dike Road
Tom Whelan  176 Pinewood Trail
Doris Whelan  176 Pinewood Trail
Karen Baker  15 E Lake Road
Carol Langer  127 Old Dike Road
Mary Whatley  674 Booth Hill Rd.
Gordon Whatley  674 Booth Hill Rd.
Jane Deyoe  15 Southgate Rd.
Sara Laden  55 Old Sawmill Road
Madelyn Meagher  14 Blue Ridge Drive