

## MEETING MINUTES

### Joint Meeting of

### Community Facilities Building Committee & Aquatics Facilities Building Committee

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

7:00 PM

Trumbull Town Hall, Council Chambers

#### Call to Order

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

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Attendance:

##### Present

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

##### Absent:

Brian Moore

#### Also Present:

Dmitri Paris, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation  
George Estrada, Director, Public Works  
Members of Community Facility Building Committee, including:  
Lori Hayes-O'Brien, Chairman-Community Facility Building Committee  
Dawn Cantafio  
Michael Buswell  
Ted Chase  
Dean Fabrizio  
Ron Foligno  
Dave Galla  
Dawn Ritacco  
Tony Silber  
Tom Arcari, QA&M Architects  
Rocco Petitto, QA&M Architects  
Pat Kelly – 15 Gibson Ave.  
Richard White - 169 Churchill Rd  
Cindy Penkoff - 101 Columbine Dr.  
Mike Ganino – 3 Canterbury Lane  
Mary Murdoch - 11 Hardy Lane  
Kim DiCorpo - 33 Brewster Place

## **Public Comment**

Pat Kelly – 15 Gibson Ave. Against the pool location and cost. She is not against the concept. Has contacted a lot of Hardy Lane residents who are not pleased about putting pool/community center in their neighborhood. Asked the committees to really listen to other people's opinions.

Richard White - 169 Churchill Rd.– Is a member of Land Acquisition Committee and is involved in mapping projects with Town. He fully supports community center/pool concept, but urges committee to get site selection correct. Don't make poor traffic planning decisions - focus on limiting traffic impact to neighborhood.

Cindy Penkoff - 101 Columbine Dr. – Cost of infrastructure is increasing and need to have consideration for neighbors. She spoke with 75 people in Hardy Lane neighborhood and most of them are against this project. Ms. Penkoff listed other locations to consider such as Huntington Ave. in Nichols which has 23 acres. Passed out the GIS for the Nichols location to committee.

Mike Ganino – 3 Canterbury Lane – Most seniors support new senior center and Veterans Facility, but need to take traffic patterns into consideration. Traffic congestion is heavy in mornings and afternoons.

Mary Murdoch - 11 Hardy Lane - Has been listening to meetings for a while. She lives on Hardy Lane and loves the neighborhood as it is. Opposes the location for the community center and said it is completely disrupting her life. People moved to the area for specific reasons such as quiet and safety and they don't want that taken away. Also stated it is dangerous to cross Churchill Rd. because of heavy and fast-moving traffic.

Kim DeCorpo - 33 Brewster Place – Lives in house her grandfather built. Believes center would have a negative effect in the area. Has impact on watershed been considered? Feels duped because property was purchased to preserve the open space and now a community center is being considered for that location.

## **Approval of March 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Mr. Block, seconded by Mr. Orenstein to approve the March 2, 2022 meeting minutes.

**Vote:** 7-0-0

The meeting was held jointly with the Community Facilities Building Committee and a presentation by Tom Arcari and Rocco Petitto of QA&M Architects took place.

## **Discussion of Project – Tom Arcari and Rocco Petitto of QA&M Architects**

Ms. Hayes-O'Brien stated that both committees voted to explore project location on Hardy Lane. She stressed that no decisions have been made regarding Hardy Lane. Any decisions made will be decided at referendum. Asked everyone to stay focused on presentation at hand.

## **Tom Acari – QA&M Architects, Farmington**

The firm is involved in studying new senior center for town--this is their specialty. The trend is senior centers becoming community centers as programs are all complementary. Mr. Arcari met with Michelle Jacob, Director of Trumbull Senior Center, to discuss their programs and human services programming, met with Dmitri Paris regarding parks and recreation administration potentially moving to community center to oversee operations. Also met with Jason Marsh, Chairman of Aquatics Building

Committee to review core programs that the aquatics center would want. Mr. Arcari tried to incorporate all these elements into a plan and presented a fully completed document listing all programs and elements of the center.

Engaged to look at Hardy Lane site but have been exploring other sites in town and directed to evaluate town owned properties.

Best sites according to their study: Long Hill Admin Bldg, Island Brook Park, Hardy Lane, Churchill Rd.

Discussed efficiencies of combining-- about 10,000 sq ft., which has value of \$5 million and environmentally smaller footprint. Shared program elements – pool, gym, café. Becomes a community controlled facility instead of BOE controlled. All mechanical systems likely to be combined.

### **George Estrada – Director of Public Works**

Mr. Estrada stated that they are trying to find a way to deliver expectations of community and need to find a balance that everyone can be comfortable with. Must consider all points as we develop plan. Thanked Mr. Arcari and Mr. Pettiti for their work. Will provide back up for committees to make informed decisions.

### **Dmitri Paris – Superintendent of Parks & Recreation**

Mr. Paris likes the basic concept of this design and stated that he is here as a resource. Mr. Paris has access to empirical data that he can help with.

Ms. Hayes-O'Brien thanked Mr. Arcari and Mr. Pettiti for their work and time on the project.

### **Next Steps**

Ms. Hayes-O'Brien suggested holding another joint meeting of the two committees.

### **New Business**

QA&M Invoice – Community Facility Building Committee voted to approve invoice of \$4,236.08 for work done by QA&M.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Ms. Cantafio, seconded by Ms. Lang to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm. **Vote: Unanimous**

Submitted by

Marisa Petriello