



Outdoor Pool Committee Final Report

October 9, 2018



Pool Committee



Pool Committee Report to the Hartford Selectboard October 9, 2018

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Pool Committee Charge



Addressing the charge, committee organized in four steps:

One: Community opinion and recommendations (two surveys)

Two: Selecting a qualified firm that specializes in outdoor pool facilities to complete an Aquatic Facility Audit or Evaluation of the Sherman Manning Pool.



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Three: Evaluation by engineers of the pool facility options.

Presentation of report by the engineering firm of Weston and Sampson that includes assessment and related costs for options including:

- **No pool:** Costs for demo and return to landscaping space.
- **Pool Renovation:** Repair and upgrade the existing pool to meet current health and safety standards.
- **Pool Facility Relocation:** Assessment of alternative locations for a future pool.
- **New Pool Construction:** Creating a new pool within the current location that could incorporate features suggested by the community via two separate surveys.

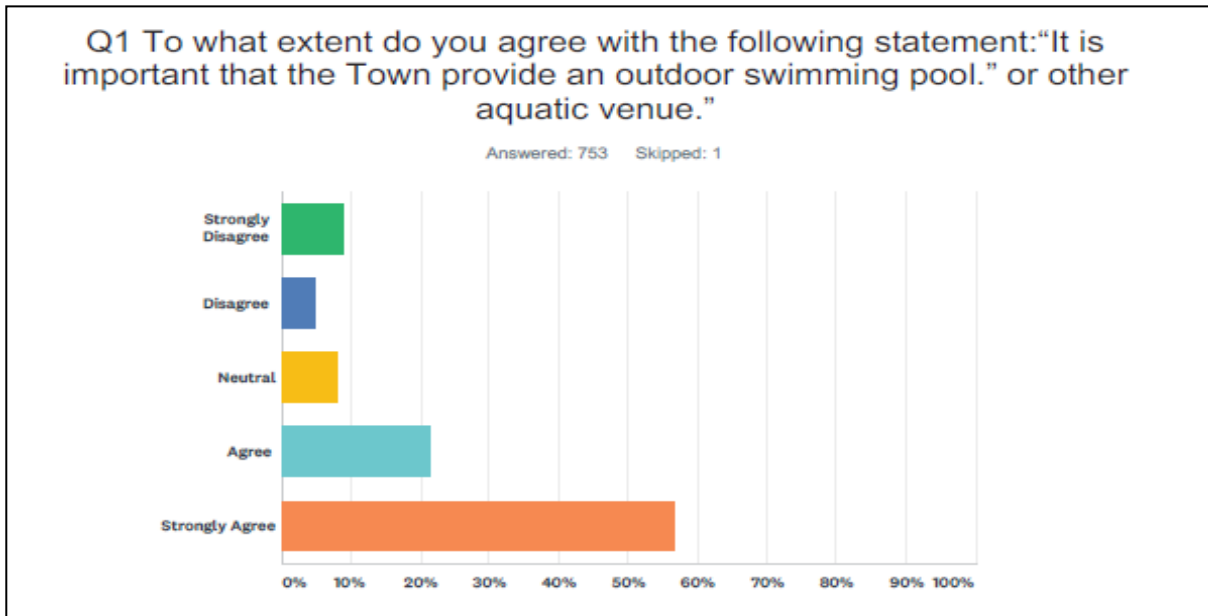
Four: Recommendation of the Pool Committee



Community Opinion – Step One



- There were **756** responses to a community-wide survey distributed June 6 –July 20, 2018.
- Electronic survey using Survey Monkey as well as paper surveys collected. Distributed through:
Email - Facebook - Hartford Listserve – Community Events (*Block Party, Alumni Day Parade & 4th of July*)





Community Opinion – Step One



- **Question 6:** Please describe what you would envision an ideal outdoor swimming or aquatic experience could be in the Town of Hartford. Yielded **585** responses resulted in 21 pages of narrative survey comments.
- **Community survey – input to visual options.** Display boards at Glory Days of Railroad event on Saturday, September 8th. An estimated 150 people participated in this survey. Options included NO POOL as well as eleven various pool feature designs.



Selecting Firm – Step Two



Selecting a “qualified firm that specializes in outdoor pool facilities, to complete an Aquatic Facility Assessment of the Sherman Manning Pool.”

- The committee reviewed proposals from six engineering firms.
- The committee used a selection criteria outlined in the request for proposals.
- Two firms were interviewed on June 26, 2018.
- Weston & Sampson was recommended by the Pool Committee. Contract signed on July 19, 2018.



Assessment – Step Three



Evaluation of the pool facility and suggested options

Weston & Sampson



Recommendation – Step Four



Charge: To evaluate concerns and issues with current Town pool; explore future needs; and provide recommendations for a way ahead for an aquatic experience within the Town.

Whereas the Pool Committee conducted two community surveys to determine needs of the community for a pool facility including whether the town should be in the “aquatic experience business” with survey results indicating that the majority of respondents agreed that it was “Important that the town provide an outdoor swimming pool or other aquatic experience.”, and;

Whereas the Pool Committee evaluated, interviewed at a public meeting qualified engineering firms to conduct a complete pool facility assessment on behalf of the town, recommending the firm of Weston and Sampson and;

Whereas Weston and Sampson completed a comprehensive evaluation of the existing pool facility and evaluated options including demolition (no pool), renovation of the existing pool, construction of a new pool at the existing site, construction at another publically owned site, and;

Whereas Weston and Sampson integrated community input provided through both written and visual survey tools into the pool needs assessment and conceptual designs for a future pool to better meet future community needs, and;

Whereas both the Pool Committee and Recreation Commission reviewed a draft report from the engineering firm and the two groups reached consensus on the overall recommendation to pursue construction of a new pool facility, therefore;



Recommendation – Step Four



The Pool Committee recommends that the existing Sherman Manning Pool facility be replaced on location with a newly constructed pool facility. Key points moving forward in the process include the recommendation that the Selectboard appropriate funds in the next fiscal year adequate to complete engineering and design for a new pool facility which assumes that:

1. The new pool facility will be constructed at the same site as the existing pool near the Hartford High School in order to both save infrastructure costs and maximize accessibility;
2. The new pool design will incorporate some of the features requested through community wide surveys.
3. Planning and design work will include seeking opportunities to collaborate with the Hartford School District in order to meet current and future needs that would best serve the community.
4. The new facility will be publically funded. Alternative funding options should be explored once the overall scope is identified. Funding for amenities within the pool are possible options.



Questions/Comments



Pool Committee Charge



Town of Hartford POOL COMMITTEE CHARGE

FEBRUARY 27, 2018

Purpose: For the Selectboard to consider the charge for the formation of an ad hoc advisory Town Committee on the future of the current Town Pool and other possible aquatic solutions for the Town

Committee Charge

Term: The term of this committee shall end upon completion of the charge; not later than November 6, 2018.

Constitution: This advisory committee will be constituted of eight Town of Hartford citizen members. Five shall be members of the community appointed by the Selectboard. One member shall be a representative of the Parks & Recreation Commission. One member shall be a representative of the Field and Facility Use Committee. Each of those members shall have equal weight in discussion and voting. The Director of Parks & Recreation shall be a non-voting member of the committee.

Charge: To evaluate concerns and issues with current Town pool; explore future needs; and provide recommendations for a way ahead for an aquatic experience within the Town.

Develop a Report for the Selectboard and the Community that Includes:

- Comprehensive evaluation of the existing pool facility.
- Recommendations based on the facility evaluation but also based on the support from the community. Recommendations should include:
 - Renovation of existing facility to address leaking gutter and pool shell structure.
 - Renovation of existing facility to address renovation and added water features.



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- Closing pool all together and demolish facility.
- Determine other aquatic facility options and possible locations.
- Design and build a new pool on the existing site.
- Additional option, if presented, based on committee and public input.
- Discussion on whether or not Hartford should be in the municipal aquatic experience business
- Report Contents Continued:
 - Provide options to the Parks & Recreation Commission and then, following review, a final report to the Selectboard.
 - Proposed options should include estimated costs and conceptual designs.
 - Identify potential funding options for all options.
- Explore the retention of professional services to complete an Aquatic Facility Audit or Evaluation of the Sherman Manning Pool. The audit should be performed by a qualified firm that specializes in outdoor pool facilities. Remaining funds from the Swimming Budget could be used to help fund the audit.
 - The purpose of the audit would be to validate existing reported conditions and provide further the overall evaluation of the facility and its future as an outdoor aquatic facility. The firm would work with the committee to determine the desired support for an aquatic facility and identify the needs. The report should provide several options for existing structure renovation, rehabilitation and/or new construction.
- Review the firms interested in performing the audit.
 - It is recommended that public meetings be scheduled for the firms to present proposal of comparable work and to provide the information necessary for selecting the best qualified firm.
- Participate in audit by attending meetings and participating in information collecting exercises.
- Provide input regarding the needs of the community for a pool facility or other aquatic options.
- Participate in the presentation of the final report completed by the pool audit firm.
- To provide regular, every 60-90 days, updates to the Selectboard in person or in writing.
- To conduct a final out brief of their activity and recommendations to the Selectboard Not Later Than August 28, 2018.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018.