

POOL COMMITTEE
USER GROUP SUBCOMMITTEE
ROOM 207, CHESHIRE TOWN HALL

Date: May 23, 2013

Attendees: Matthew Levine
Wendy Stevens
Judy Senft
Sylvia Nichols
Ron Urquhart
John Purtill (joined late)

Meeting began at 5:50pm.

Minutes: A discussion was held about the pros/cons of five of the options under consideration for the pool. A discussion was held concerning whether the group agreed with the pros/cons for the following options: closing the pool; adding a competitive pool to the high school; splitting the pool into an indoor/outdoor facility; moveable panels structure and resurrecting the same air supported bubble as was previously in place. The User Group agreed with the pros/cons list. In particular, the user group agreed that these options were no longer viable considerations for a long term solution to the pool. The parties did discuss, however, that installing a new modified air supported bubble is a reasonable and viable back-up solution should a permanent structure not pass referendum. All the members of the committee agreed that the pool should remain a year round facility.

A discussion was held about whether the town should install a modified bubble (using the insurance money) while a new more permanent solution is being considered. There was not a consensus as to whether this was a reasonable approach.

A discussion was held that the Pool Evaluation Committee should consider the time it will take to construct the options being considered. A discussion was held that, if possible, the committee should consider options that would allow the pool to be open for the Fall/Winter 2014 season. Some questions were raised as to whether this was a realistic consideration understanding the time it takes to get through the planning and permitting process before construction can begin.

A discussion was held about how it is critical to get factual information out about the pool. A discussion was held about how it is important to not only get information out about pool use and accurate information about the finances but also to inform the public about whatever permanent solution is on the ballot for referendum in November.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Matthew Levine