

## Tamworth Pool Feasibility Committee Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2023

In Attendance: Hillary Mangan, Grace Downey, Dick Lennon, Paul Priestman

The committee discussed in brief its responsibilities as a Select Board Committee.

The committee continued its discussion of locations for a potential pool site. The Rec Fields site was thought to look right and was roomy enough, though not very well-developed or well-maintained. Siting the pool there might be an opportunity for overall improvement of the location.

The town-owned property at the SW corner of Cleveland Hill and Hollow Hill Road and land above the transfer station on highway 25. The Hollow Hill Road site is probably being held as cemetery reserve land and, though the views from the transfer station site would be great, it's at the very edges of the town limit and not very convenient for Tamworth folk, though may make for an easier draw for regional users. Both sites are heavily-wooded and would require considerable development expense.

The group returned to discussing the most likely locations and their positives and negatives (probably in order of preference):

### Recreation Area Site off Durrell Road

- Pros: Roomy with parking already in place  
Already thought of as a recreation area  
Close to Brett School  
Water and Septic already in place  
(though may need to be improved to accommodate larger facility)
- Cons: Potential toxic byproducts leached into soil/water

### Brett School Site

- Pros: Roomy with parking already in place (more parking may need to be added)  
Water and Septic already in place  
At school location
- Cons: Not owned by town; arrangement with school district will be needed  
Siting will need to separate students at school from pool users  
Construction hazards will need to be mitigated while school in session

### Village Town Offices Site

- Pros: Potential economic development opportunity for village businesses  
Community development opportunity  
More centrally located, accessible
- Cons: Site may be too small  
Development of Remick Farm easement access may be needed

May overload village parking capacity if open in the summer  
Will likely need to develop its own water source on site.

The group turned to discussing the footprint of the pool building since the size of the pool building will be important to further discussion of the site and vice-versa. The committee settled around a rough ell-shape featuring 6 lanes on the long end of the ell, from shallow to deeper, with the shorter stub of the ell being shallow to shallowest for ease of entry, children's play and swim lessons.

The pool area the committee concluded with as a starting point was roughly a 75' by 75' square with a notch of extra decking + a 12' ring of decking for an overall pool area of approximately 100' by 100'. The committee discussed that this may need to be shrunk once it begins to get into financials, but for now would serve as a good baseline.

The group discussed the entry area and locker rooms footprints. Issues to consider: providing a clean, comfortable entry area/locker room experience, maximizing staff with open sight-lines and free movement from pool area to entry area. Family changing rooms, folks with non-conforming genders. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.