

September 28, 2020

Dear Select Board,

As you recall, Swim Winchester presented to you in February and the Select Board voted to reserve the designated site for a community pool facility for another two years. The Select Board also suggested that we formally check in on our progress every six months. Tonight, at the September 28 Select Board meeting, we will give our first check-in.

Despite the pandemic, we have been moving forward with our plans, albeit a bit more slowly. When we saw you in February, we were pleased to announce that we had reached our fundraising goal of \$250,000. First on our list of next steps was to update our 2014 Feasibility Study. Our goal with this step is to better define programming, financial planning, fundraising, partnerships, and community needs.

After receiving recommendations and conducting interviews, we have hired the Isaac Sports Group with support from Water Technologies Inc. to complete this work for us. We signed the contract in mid-August and we are just starting weekly meetings. Attached are bios of the two groups we've hired. They have tremendous experience with aquatic facilities and we are excited to work with them and learn the results of this important study.

We've also been in touch with Brian Vernaglia, Chair of the School Committee, to discuss when to have the presentation we had originally prepared to give them in March at a Public Forum. That event was cancelled because of the pandemic. Brian asked me to contact him again in October when the Committee would be better able to take up this issue again.

Thank you for opportunity to update you on Swim Winchester.

Best wishes,

Amanda Lewis, President, Swim Winchester