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... for the residents of Conway

The committee wishes to thank the Conway Community Preservation Committee, Conway Conservation Commission, Conway Select Board, residents, volunteers, and donors who have kept the project moving forward and continue to showcase a community rich in local cooperation and support.

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2012/2013 Repairs



Conway 1967

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The Conway Swimming Pool is owned and operated by Conway Community Swimming Pool, Inc., a private non-profit organization independent of the town, run entirely by volunteers and donations.



The pool lays empty in 2011.

History

The Conway Community Swimming Pool is one of the finest examples of community cooperation in the history of the town. The idea for the pool is said to have originated with Leon Germain. In 1949 he found that a site suitable for a pool was available on Pumpkin Hollow brook. A group of Conway men decided to go ahead with the project. Plans, equipment, and labor from as many as fifty or sixty men at a time were contributed. The project was completed in less than two months. The cost, which would have been more than twenty-two thousand dollars if the work had been hired, was less than forty-five hundred dollars. Money was raised by card parties, suppers, and contributions. The pool was dedicated on July 4, 1950, with Archibald MacLeish as the main speaker. An annual food sale and contributions provide funds for swimming instruction and for maintenance of the pool.

[Lee, Deane (1967). *Conway 1767-1967*. Amherst, MA: The Newell Press.]

Recent History and Events

It was the Fall of 2010 when the Conway Swimming Pool was officially closed after discovering significant bypass and sinkhole issues with the dam. Throughout 2011 local volunteers attempted to make low cost repairs and do long overdue dredging. It quickly became apparent that the days of annual volunteer labor and equipment donations would no longer keep the pool going. Increased government regulations would make the historical volunteer and low cost work impossible. In December of 2011, volunteers, both old and new, jumped head first into what would be a huge undertaking for so few people with essentially no funding. Annual donations had dropped off 75% in the last many years. The organization had a bank balance of less than three thousand dollars to cover annual operating costs usually under \$1000.

For the past 9 months the committee has been moving forward diligently, but carefully. While it is expected that actual construction will only take a few weeks, the engineering and permitting processes will likely take anywhere from eight months to a year. There are over six local, state, and federal agencies involved including the Department of Dam Safety, Army Corp of Engineers, Conservation Commission, Department of Environmental Protection, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program, and each has one or more permitting requirements of which one may have a dependency on the other. Most people not are aware that the process of working to prepare documents and awaiting responses from these agencies can take weeks and months for each one alone.

The engineering firm selected would be responsible for all the civil engineering for the dam repairs, dredging, beach reclamation, settling pond, and general improvements. They would also be responsible for the permit-

ting, environmental concerns, and preparing and overseeing construction. After many months of hard work, the committee has secured engineering services and funding to pay for those services. Acquiring and reviewing proposals from three different engineering firms was not easy and took many months. Conway Community Swimming Pool, Inc., chose to work with Fuss & O'Neill as they offered the most comprehensive and low-cost proposal. All of the engineering, permitting, and project management services are expected to cost approximately \$80,000. This does not include any of the actual construction costs.

When will the pool be open?

The committee and engineering firm are optimistic that permitting can be complete by Spring of 2013, allowing construction to begin shortly after and allowing the pool to open for the Summer of 2013. However, so much is dependent on permitting timelines that a firm commitment can not be made at this time. The process is very dependent on government agencies and permitting as well as the necessary fundraising necessary to complete the project in a timely manner.

Community Preservation Act

In May of 2012 the town voted to purchase a Conservation Restriction from Conway Community Swimming Pool, Inc., for the amount of \$123,000. This money was specifically for a conservation restriction to prevent any future development should the pool cease to exist. CPA funds cannot be used directly for repairs to a recreational facility. However, Conway Community Swimming Pool, Inc., has been able to use these funds for operating expenses and to cover the costs of engineering and permitting necessary. Much additional funding will be needed for the actual construction costs, still to be computed.