

Aquatic Center

(Searched using both aquatic and pool.) ** Please remember that Many of the Planning Commission Minutes were missing from my original FOIA request and remain missing on the Town's website as of 2/19/10. Given the significant jumps made in the process with no documented discussion available, one might assume that many of those missing Planning Commission Meeting Minutes may have held additional information.

From 2001 Town Council Meeting:

1. November 20, 2001: "Appointment to Ad Hoc Committee to Begin Planning for a Future Municipal Swimming Pool. Mayor Linkous appointed Councilmen Barber and Weaver to this committee."

From 2002 Planning Commission Meeting:

1. No entries found.

From 2002 Town Council Meeting:

1. March 5, 2002: Town Council: "Mr. Barber and Mr. Weaver - Aquatic Center Site Selection Committee. Councilman Barber reported that it is time to start reviewing proposed building sites for the new aquatic center if the Town is going to stay within the ten-year plan. He would like to consider both Town and privately owned properties and asked the Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager to compile information for the Committee to study and review."
2. July 2, 2002: Town Council: "Progress report concerning site selection for future aquatic center. Councilman Barber reported that the Committee had met with the Town Manager and reviewed the different land uses within the Town and the land available for this project. From the Committee's study, it was concluded that the V.V. Lester Farm, the property to the left of Kroger, is most suitable for this facility. The Town has owned this property for fifteen years, and along with great accessibility to the property, the centrally located land includes nine acres and will coincide with the Rosa L. Peters Park on Depot Street. The Committee believes this is the best possible location for the aquatic center, and Councilman Barber made a motion to accept this recommendation; however, several Councilmembers had questions and concerns regarding land topography and terracing, and Councilman Lester stated that he would like to review the most recently submitted plans before making a vote. Mayor Linkous postponed this vote until the next meeting so Council can review the submitted plans and the recommended site. Mayor Linkous asked Town Manager Terpenney to arrange a meeting with Council for this purpose."
3. July 16, 2002: Town Council: "MR. BARBER AND MR. WEAVER - Ad Hoc Committee: 1. Site Selection for Future Aquatic Center - At the July 2, 2002 meeting the Pool Site Selection Committee recommended the V.V. Lester Farm property located to the left of Kroger. Since then, Council has visited the site and reviewed some concept plans, and are satisfied this is the best possible location for this facility. Councilman Barber made a motion, with Councilman Weaver's approval, to accept the Site Selection Committee's recommendation, seconded by Councilman Ballengee. Councilwoman Carter commented that this has been a long time coming and will meet with the recreation master plan timeframe. Council voted as follows: AYES: Ashworth, Ballengee, Barber, Carter, and Weaver. NAYS: None."
4. November 19, 2009: Town Council: "MS. RENEE COX asked Council for an update on the

ballfields at the new middle school. Manager Terpenney reported that the fields are currently under construction and will be ready for school use when school opens next fall. Due to costs the concession stands, bleachers, and lights will be completed in time for the 2004 school year. Councilman Barber pointed out that the Town currently has several recreation projects underway, the aquatic center being one of them, and thanked residents for their patience."

From 2003 Planning Commission Minutes

1. No entries found.

From 2003 Town Council Minutes

1. January 21, 2003: Town Council: "Manager Terpenney explained that a conceptual plan provides for a skate park at the aquatic center site, but that it is something that will be constructed in the future after completion of the aquatic center."
2. February 4, 2003: Town Council: "George Schaeffer's request regarding fundraising for a skateboard park. ... Mayor Linkous is concerned that it may appear that the Town is soliciting funds for other recreational purposes over and above what it is currently committed to, such as the aquatic center."
3. May 6, 2003: Town Council: "MANAGER TERPENNEY REPORTED that George Schaeffer approached him with a request to solicit funds from Corning for the proposed skate park. Corning has a fund set aside for money to be donated to local community projects. Corning donated funds for the construction of the Blacksburg aquatic center and the Christiansburg Recreation Center. The Town sees the industry as a potential contributor to the Christiansburg aquatic center and doesn't want contribution requests for the skate park to jeopardize potential pool funding. Councilmembers Lester and Ashworth both stated that the aquatic center comes before the skate park. Councilman Ashworth pointed out that there are several large corporations that would benefit from contributing to the skate park construction and that Corning should not be approached about the skate park. Mayor Linkous agreed that this may jeopardize the pool funding and could delay pool construction. Councilman Barber commented that it is his understanding that the pool will be built regardless of the amount of contributions. The consensus of Council is that Corning should not be approached concerning funding for the skate park; however, since Council gave Mr. Schaeffer permission to solicit funding, Council cannot tell Mr. Schaeffer not to approach Corning."
4. August 19, 2003: Town Council: (Pepsi Cola proposal for skatepark sponsorship) "The proposal is required to go through the Virginia Procurement Act, which will provide the opportunity for other businesses to become involved. Manager Terpenney pointed out that the figures provided do not include vending at the future aquatic center, or any other possible future vending site. ... Councilman Weaver asked for examples of pledged in-kind construction. Mr. Schaeffer said mainly architectural designing and reduced concrete costs by Marshall Concrete. Manager Terpenney said that Town crews could do the demolition and grading. Councilman Barber commented that it is important to show progress with the aquatic center before showing progress with the skatepark. Councilman Ballengee commended Mr. Schaeffer for his fundraising efforts, and pointed out that the Pepsi proposal, if accepted, will continue to grow through the years and funds can also be used for ballparks and other recreational programs and facilities within the Town." AQUATIC CENTER/BALLFIELD UPDATE: "- Manager Terpenney reported that progress on the ball fields has been delayed due to rain this summer and a change order was issued for irrigation. Concerning the aquatic center, requests for proposals have been sent to architectural firms as far away as Richmond. The proposal was written as a "wish list"

for the center, and the Town will scale down from there. Plans are to spend this year designing the facility, with groundbreaking this time next year. Some funding has been set aside for architectural work and construction. The balance will be financed."

From 2004 Planning Commission Minutes

1. No entries found.

From 2004 Town Council Minutes

1. April 6, 2004: Town Council: "RESOLUTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION GRANT TO FUND A TRAIL PROJECT TO THE FUTURE AQUATIC CENTER SITE - On motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Ashworth, Council voted to approve the Resolution as follows: AYES: Ashworth, Ballengee, Barber, Carter, and Weaver. NAYS: None. A copy of the Resolution is attached herewith and made a part of these minutes."
2. April 6, 2004: Town Council: "APPOINTMENT OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE FUTURE AQUATIC CENTER. Mayor Linkous appointed the following individuals to the Aquatic Center ad hoc committee. The committee will meet within two weeks.
 1. Lance Terpenney, Town Manager
 2. Barry Helms, Assistant Town Manager
 3. Jim Williams, Recreation Advisory Commission
 4. Ann Carter, Councilwoman
 5. Art Price, Parks and Recreation Director
 6. Ernie Wade, Planning Commissioner
 7. Bill Beecher (aquatic facilities manager)
3. May 4, 2004: Town Council: Donation from Pepsi for new skatepark: "Mayor Linkous thanked Mr. Meadows, and Pepsi, and invited Mr. Meadows to utilize and enjoy the new skatepark and aquatic center once completed." ... "ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION FOR COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD RECREATIONAL ACCESS FUND FOR FUTURE AQUATIC CENTER. This request is for an access road grant to construct a roadway from North Franklin Street to the new aquatic center site. On motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Ashworth, Council voted to adopt the resolution requesting recreational access funding from Virginia. Council voted as follows: AYES: Ashworth, Ballengee, Barber, Carter, Lester, and Weaver. NAYS: None."
4. September 7, 2004: Town Council: "Councilman Barber asked for an update on the progress of the Aquatic Center project. Manager Terpenney said he has a meeting on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in his office for a progress report."
5. September 21, 2004: Town Council: "Councilman Huppert asked Manager Terpenney for an aquatic center progress update. Manager Terpenney is trying to get enough information together to bring to Council regarding the size of the indoor pool. The decision is between a fifty meter pool or a twenty-five meter pool. He believes many swimmers will use the pool if it is a fifty-meter pool and he plans to approach Virginia Tech and Radford University regarding usage of the pool. Manager Terpenney hopes to have an economic package put together for Council by the October 19th meeting.
6. October 19, 2004: Town Council: "Manager Terpenney updated Council on the status of various current engineering and public works projects. ... Aquatic Center - Preliminary design of access road and concept drawings." ... "Regarding the Aquatic Center, Town Manager Terpenney requested that the Finance Committee (Councilman Lester & Councilwoman Carter) allow

fundraising projects to raise additional funds for a fifty-meter competition pool. Radford University and Virginia Tech are interested in utilizing the pool if it is a fifty-meter pool. This could mean substantial revenue for the Town. The difference in the twenty-five meter pool and fifty-meter pool is approximately 2.5 million dollars. Mayor Linkous commented that plans are to move forward with the construction of a fifty-meter pool while contributions are being sought." (((**please note the extra cost addresses only the pool, not changes in the building to accommodate it, or extra amenities associated with building a competition arena.))))

7. November 2, 2004: Town Council: Date for Public Hearing on Bond issue for development of the aquatic center is set for December 7, 2004.
8. December 7, 2004: Town Council: Public Hearing: "Aquatic Center Bond - Proposed issuance by the Town of its general obligation bonds in an estimated maximum principal amount of thirteen million dollars (\$13,000,000). Mayor Linkous commented that there will be other avenues of revenue in addition to the \$13,000,000. Town Manager Terpenney said approximately forty to sixty percent (40% to 60%) of operating expenses will be recouped through membership fees, meets, and practices. The bond will allow construction of the project as well as completion of the Harkrader Ball Complex. Between now and March, fund drives will be held with area industries to raise the cost difference between a twenty-five meter pool and a fifty meter pool. A fifty-meter pool will house meets and tryouts, which will bring large numbers of people to the area. Mayor Linkous said there will also be a therapeutic pool, and letters of inquiry will be sent to Montgomery Regional Hospital and Carilion New River Valley Medical Center concerning interest in use of the therapeutic pool. A leisure pool is also planned. (Note: the sudden shift from talking about one pool to one pool plus a therapeutic pool, plus a leisure pool.)... Council Action on: "Aquatic Center Bond - Proposed issuance by the Town of its general obligation bonds in an estimated maximum principal amount of thirteen million dollars (\$13,000,000). On motion by Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Ashworth, Council voted to approve the Aquatic Center Bond in the amount of \$13,000,000. Council voted as follows: AYES: Ashworth, Barber, Carter, Huppert, and Lester. NAYS: None."

From 2005 Planning Commission Minutes

1. June 7, 2005: Planning Commission: Rezoning Request: (citizen suggesting alternate location?) "Commissioner Canada stated the citizens are forgetting the uses allowed by right in the General Industrial District and that the proposed development would be better. Mrs. Cloe proposed having no development and Mr. Terpenney responded the property could then be at risk of effective condemnation. Mr. Cloe suggested putting a pool there."

From 2005 Town Council Minutes

1. August 16, 2005: Town Council: "Several Councilmembers commented on the informative article in the Roanoke Times about the proposed aquatic center. The article was well written and provided the public with an update on the progress of the project."
2. November 15, 2005: Town Council: "COUNCILWOMAN CARTER asked for a brief update on the aquatic center progress. Manager Terpenney reported that he spoke with Architect Glenn Reynolds today who believes the concept drawings will meet the budget, and hopes to begin construction drawings within the next few weeks."

From 2006 Planning Commission Minutes

1. October 23, 2006: Planning Commission: PCU and other Code change: "Mr. Terpenney stated

that he had discussed the potential change with Director of Engineering and Public Works Wayne Nelson and that he felt a month to six weeks would be appropriate. Commissioner Booth inquired if twenty working days would be appropriate and Mr. Terpenney stated that site plans such as the aquatic center or the development at the New River Valley Mall take time to review and that issues such as storm water management have increased the complexity."

From 2006 Town Council Minutes

1. January 17, 2006: Town Council: "AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE - Manager Terpenney reported that he met with Jim Guynn, Lionberger Construction, and Architect Glenn Reynolds regarding a possible public/private partnership in constructing the aquatic center. In partnership, Lionberger Construction could build the aquatic center and upon completion the Town would purchase the aquatic center from Lionberger at a predetermined cost. Attorney Jim Guynn explained the process to Council."
2. February 7, 2006: Town Council: "RESOLUTION FOR RECREATIONAL ACCESS FUNDS FOR MILL LANE UPGRADES. Town Manager Terpenney reported that this resolution through VDOT is a required part of the grant application process for recreational access funds. Mill Lane will be used as access to Christiansburg's new aquatic center. Councilman Barber made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Carter. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Ballengee, Barber, Carter, Huppert, and Wade. NAYS: None."
3. March 21, 2006: Town Council: "AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE - Manager Terpenney reported that he met with Jim Guynn, Lionberger Construction, and Architect Glenn Reynolds to further discuss the possibility of forming a public/private partnership in constructing the aquatic center. Mr. Reynolds is working on the drawings as the public/private partnership process begins. Grading plans are complete and grading is ready to begin."
4. June 6, 2006: Town Council: Chamber of Commerce Address to Council: "Councilman Huppert said he would like to see some of the funding used to market Christiansburg's aquatic center next year, and would also like to see more specific advertising for Christiansburg because of the large amount of funding generated by the Town through the lodging tax."
5. June 20, 2006: Town Council: "CHRISTIANSBURG AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE - Town Manager Terpenney reported that, according to Virginia Tech, the aquatic center as planned, is close to being in compliance with ACC guidelines for holding ACC tournaments. Virginia Tech asked the Town to research the additional cost to upgrade the facility to allow ACC tournaments. Manager Terpenney said it would cost approximately an additional two million dollars to bring the facility to ACC standards, and he met with Virginia Tech to draft a contract for the university to review. The Town is currently waiting for the final estimate and a decision from Virginia Tech on the contract."
6. July 18, 2006: Town Council: "AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE - Town Manager Terpenney reported that the construction documents for the aquatic center are currently being drawn up. The contract between Virginia Tech and Christiansburg, outlining details and usage, is also currently being drafted for Virginia Tech's review. The Town has received a verbal agreement from Virginia Tech for funding."
7. August 15, 2006: Town Council: "TOWN MANAGER TERPENNEY is pleased to announce that the footprint for the new aquatic center building has been staked, and excavation, by Town crews, has begun."
8. September 19, 2006: Town Council: "Town Manager Terpenney reported that the Town received an unsolicited proposal from a contractor interested in building the aquatic center. The Town will advertise this bid for forty-five days and at the end of that time will choose from the bids received."

9. December 5, 2006: Town Council: "AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH LIONBERGER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AQUATIC CENTER. Town Manager Terpenney reported that, as part of the public/private partnership under Virginia Procurement Code, the Town has accepted a proposal by Lionberger Construction Company to build the Christiansburg Aquatic Center. The Town can not negotiate the expansion of the aquatic center until an interim agreement has been signed and approved. The expansion is a result of changes made by Virginia Tech. Town Attorney, Jim Guynn, has drawn up the interim agreement and has discussed it with Lionberger Construction Company's attorney. Construction can begin once the agreement is signed and approved. Councilman Barber made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilwoman Carter. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None." ... "3. Right-of-way plat for Mill Lane improvements. Councilman Barber explained that this request is to widen and increase the right-of-way of Mill Lane, which is the access road to the Christiansburg Aquatic Center. The changes will improve the site line when entering and exiting Mill Lane. Mill Lane, a through street, will also serve the Christiansburg Skatepark. All is in order, and Councilman Barber made a motion to approve the plat, seconded by Councilman Wade. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None." ... "AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE - Town Manager Terpenney reported that he plans to meet with the architect this week to review the final drawings before submittal. The aquatic center committee will make a presentation to Town Council in the near future."

From 2007 Planning Commission Minutes

1. May 15, 2007: Planning Commission: CIP review: "Chairperson Simmons inquired about the bridge repair. Mr. Terpenney stated it is to expand the bridge for access to the aquatic center. Mr. Terpenney explained a left turn lane on the bridge to enter the aquatic center and in order to add the lane the concrete median will be removed."

From 2007 Town Council Minutes

1. January 2, 2007: Town Council: "AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE - Town Manager Terpenney reported that crews were currently installing new storm drains on site. There is much underground work to be done, but the work is continually progressing. Councilman Barber asked when the Town can expect a report from OSHA on the fatal accident that occurred on the aquatic center site in December. Manager Terpenney replied that the Town will not receive that report for six months or more."
2. February 6, 2007: Town Council: "Councilman Huppert asked when construction is to begin at the aquatic center site. Town Manager Terpenney replied the construction should begin by the end of February."
3. April 3, 2007: Town Council: "Councilman Wade asked for an aquatic center update. Manager Terpenney responded that the document establishing the funding partnership between Christiansburg and Virginia Tech has not been finalized. Construction will begin on the site once the funding contract is adopted."
4. May 1, 2007: Town Council: "Councilman Wade said he is concerned with the budget plan for the aquatic center and he questioned the total cost of the facility and its impact on the budget in coming years, as well as, operating expenses opposed to revenue. Town Manager Terpenney said the project is expected to cost approximately fourteen million dollars, and explained operational expenses versus projected revenue. Projected revenues from rentals and membership fees are

anticipated to cover fifty to sixty percent (50% - 60%) of the estimated \$1.25 million annual operating costs. Virginia Tech is slated to pay its portion over a twenty year period and is currently in the process of drafting a document outlining its obligations. The Town is working with Virginia Tech to find a way to liquify the twenty year payment commitment by Tech. Town Manager Terpenney said he was recently contacted by USA Swimming regarding possible contracted use of the facility. USA Swimming is willing to work around Virginia Tech's scheduling. **Projected opening for the facility is Fall 2008."**

5. June 5, 2007: Town Council: Re. Huckleberry Trail: Mr. Ellenbogen thanked the Town for its past and continued support of the Huckleberry Trail through monetary and in-kind contributions. He hopes to work with the Town in extending the trail to the recreation center, and possibly the high school and beyond to the future aquatic center." ... (Proposed Real Estate Tax Rate) Per Mayor Ballengee "The Town has always tried to set aside a "cushion", which has allowed the Town to "pay as you go" in the past, with the exception of the aquatic center and the wastewater treatment plant renovation." ... "AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE - Manager Terpenney reported that he met with the contractor and architect regarding the draft greement, which has since been sent to the Town Attorney, Jim Guynn. The contractor is set to move on site soon. The Virginia Tech commitment is over a twenty year period and the Town is working to find a way to collect the funds up front, possibly through the bonding company the Town used for the initial aquatic center bond."
6. June 19, 2007: Town Council: "CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR CHRISTIANSBURG AQUATIC CENTER. Town Manager Terpenney reported that the construction contract for Phase I of the project for ten million seven hundred eighty-five dollars is ready to be executed. Phase II, of three million six hundred ninety-seven dollars, is not included in this contract, but is expected to begin within twelve months. The total cost of the project is fourteen million four hundred eighty-two dollars, with twelve million three hundred currently in reserves. Two million dollars is still needed for Phase III and can be bonded through VML/VACO. The two million dollars will retire at the end of the twenty year commitment by Virginia Tech, leaving approximately ninety-five thousand dollars per year after the debt service, to apply towards operations. Councilman Wade asked what the total increase is to the project as a result of meeting Virginia Tech's standards. Manager Terpenney replied that the project increased by approximately two million dollars. Councilman Barber stated that the Town has spent a long-time planning for this facility and the community has looked forward to it for years. Now is the time to begin, said Councilman Barber, and he made a motion to approve the construction contract and allow the construction company to begin building. The motion was seconded by Councilman Huppert. Councilman Canada asked if the quoted cost is firm. Manager Terpenney said yes. Manager Terpenney also said that a formal business plan for the aquatic center will be put in place for Council's review. Councilman Canada asked about the operational costs of the facility and if it will be self-supporting. Manager Terpenney said annual operational costs will be approximately one and one half million dollars, with a return of approximately fifty to sixty percent through membership and other fees. Town Manager Terpenney said that he interviewed other localities with aquatic facility and there are none in this region with a competition sized pool of this magnitude. Manager Terpenney has already received calls pertaining to the 50 meter pool and he believes there will be no problem booking the pool for major events. This will also result in increased revenue from meals and lodging tax. As a comparison, Manager Terpenney pointed out that the Recreation Center is not self-supporting. Councilman Huppert commented that the aquatic center will increase the value of living in Christiansburg in ways that can't be measured in dollars and cents. Councilman Barber said that aquatic center has been discussed and planned at length and now it is time to make the facility a reality. Council voted on the motion and second as follows: AYES: Barber, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS:

Canada." ... "TOWN MANAGER TERPENNY reported that if Council agrees to a two million dollar bond for Phase II of the aquatic center, a bond application needs to be submitted to VML/VACO. The bond company sells bonds in July. The Town would receive its funds at 4.4% interest, maturing on August 1, 2027. The annual debt service is one hundred fifty-five thousand eight hundred eighty-five dollars, and will come out of Virginia Tech's five million dollars. The bond approval requires a public hearing, which can be set for July 17, 2007. Councilman Barber made a motion to set the public hearing for July 17, 2007, seconded by Councilman Wade. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Canada, Carter, Huppert, Stipes, and Wade. NAYS: None."

7. July 3, 2007: Town Council: "GLENN REYNOLDS PRESENTATION ON AQUATIC CENTER DESIGN. Mr. Glenn Reynolds, Architect for the aquatic center, presented to Council the current architectural drawings for the aquatic center. The plans were graphic in nature and were presented in the form of displays that showed floor plans for the main and lower floors of the building. Mr. Reynolds explained that the aquatic center will have fitness rooms, multi-purpose rooms, administrative offices, and three pool areas; a 50-meter competition pool, an L-shaped leisure pool, and a therapy pool. The two-story facility will seat fifteen hundred and thirty-six spectators and will provide parking for approximately three hundred and twenty vehicles. He further explained that this facility will be a showcase and that once built the demand for use for competitive events will be tremendous. Construction is set to begin in the next few weeks."
8. July 17, 2007: Town Council: "Aquatic Center Bond. Town Manager Terpenney explained that the needed two million dollar bond will provide immediate funds for construction to begin. Virginia Tech's annual payments of two hundred fifty thousand dollars will cover both debt service and interest. Ned Skinner, Head Swim Coach for Virginia Tech, thanked Council for the opportunity to participate in the ownership of this exciting facility. The facility will be a great experience for beginner swimmers, as well as master swimmers, and those swimming for leisure. Coach Skinner said there are only two facilities in the region that can host ACC tournaments and he is excited to soon be one of those host localities. Mayor Ballengee commented that Virginia Tech's partnership made the fifty-meter pool possible. Ms. Amy Briele, a coach at Christiansburg High School, and coach of a local summer swim league, said she is excited about this facility and believes it will be a wonderful asset for the community. Ron Piemonte, Diving Coach at Virginia Tech, said the impact of a facility of this magnitude will be incredible. Coach Piemonte expects swimming and diving levels to increase, which will result in high level competitions. The New River Valley will become well known across the Country as a result of these competitions. Mr. Bill Beecher has been a swimmer for most of his life and he said he is excited about this facility, which will be fabulous for both competition swimming and leisure swimming. Mr. Jon Jaudon, Associate Director of Athletics at Virginia Tech, said Virginia Tech is one hundred percent committed to its partnership with Christiansburg, and is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this facility. Mr. Jaudon said it has been a joy working with Manager Terpenney in planning the facility, and thanked him for the great leadership he has demonstrated though out the planning process. Floor plans of the facility are on display on the second floor of Town Hall." ... "1. Council action on the Aquatic Center Bond. Councilman Wade made a motion to approve the aquatic center bond, seconded by Councilman Barber. Town Clerk Stipes polled Council on the motion as follows: Barber- AYE; Canada - AYE; Carter - AYE; Huppert - AYE; Stipes - AYE; and Wade - AYE. The bond is unanimously approved."
9. August 7, 2007: Town Council: "TOWN MANAGER TERPENNY reported that Lionberger Construction is waiting for approved footer designs from the architect before pouring footers for the aquatic center. Lionberger hopes to receive the go-ahead in the next two weeks."

10. August 21, 2007: Town Council: "AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE - Town Manager Terpenney reported that the contractor is on site, excavation has begun, and the footers are being dug."
11. September 18, 2007: Town Council: "AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE - Town Manager Terpenney reported that the footer excavation is continuing and the footer material is being ordered. Councilman Huppert suggested placing a sign on the site notifying that it is the future home of the aquatic center. He believes many folks who are aware of the construction may not know that it is the site of the new aquatic center. Manager Terpenney reported that the Town is in the process of developing a logo for the aquatic center and Mayor Ballengee suggested finishing the design of the logo before placing a sign on the site."
12. November 6, 2007: Town Council: "TOWN MANAGER TERPENNEY reported that the footers are currently being poured for the aquatic center and good progress is being made at the site."
13. December 4, 2007: Town Council: "Councilman Stipes explained that the amount of content is not a key factor in the cost of the website, but that cost is based on creativity, utility, and ease of use. It is the Committee's belief that a professionally created and maintained website will lead to a dramatic and sustained increase in website traffic, which will result in an increase in the use and efficiency of present Town services, and in special events and facilities like the aquatic center and the Harkrader Sports Complex."

From 2008 Planning Commission Minutes

1. No entries found.

From 2008 Town Council Minutes

1. February 19, 2008: Town Council: "AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE - Town Manager Terpenney reported that progress continues at the aquatic center site, and that the diving tower is currently being constructed"
2. April 1, 2008: Town Council: "AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE - Town Manager Terpenney reported that progress is continuing on the aquatic center, with approximately sixty-percent of the roof enclosed. Much work has also been done on the access road, which, once completed, will accommodate bus turns. Several Councilmembers suggested placing a sign at the site announcing that it is the future home of the aquatic center."
3. May 20, 2008: Town Council: 2009 Budget - First Reading: "Major capital improvements proposed are: Sewer extension for Elk Drive; downtown redevelopment on East Main Street; plant mix for streets; continued construction of the aquatic center; upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant; and North Franklin Street bridge repair." ... (RE: capping Chamber of Commerce tourism initiatives funds) "Councilman Barber agreed with the suggestion of a cap, commenting that the Town could use some of the tourism funds to begin marketing for the new aquatic center." ... "Councilman Wade said he would like to see a business plan for the aquatic center. Mayor Ballengee commented that the Town plans to have an aquatic center director in place in July, and their first direction will be to form a business plan for the facility. Councilman Canada echoed Councilman Wade's concerns about the lack of a business plan for a venture this size. Mayor Ballengee said the director will be key in developing the business plan because of their extensive experience in the operations of an aquatic center this size."
4. June 17: Town Council: "AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE – Manager Terpenney reported that the large pool has been excavated and concrete pouring began today. Good progress has been made on the access road, much of it not visible from North Franklin Street." ... "TOWN MANAGER TERPENNEY reported that during recent cell tower negotiations, one particular cell company requested a twenty year lease instead of the typical five year lease. The company has offered

to pay several thousand dollars for this consideration, and is asking for confirmation that the Town will consider this request. The Town Manager and Barry Helms have extensively reviewed this request and recommend Town Council's consideration. They also recommend the funds be used for Town recreational purposes such as completion of the skatepark, construction of a local park, the aquatic center, etc. Mayor Ballengee turned this matter over to the Recreation Commission for review and recommendation. Manager Terpenney commented that he needs a consensus from Council to continue negotiations. It is the consensus of Council to consider this request."

5. July 15, 2008: Town Council: "AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE – Manager Terpenney reported that the concrete has been pored for the fifty-meter pool, and guttering is ready to be shipped along with bulk heads. This will complete the fifty-meter pool. Diving platforms are complete and block work continues. Plumbing and electrical is in progress. Manager Terpenney hopes to bring the name of the new director to Council at the August 5, 2008 Town Council meeting." ... "MAYOR BALLENGEE reported that he is currently in the process of forming a committee to work with the architect on decorating the aquatic center. The committee will have representation from Council and the community."
6. August 5, 2008: Town Council: "TOWN MANAGER TERPENNEY reported that Ms. Terry Caldwell has been hired as the Town's new aquatic center director. Ms. Caldwell will have an office in the Town Hall and her first direction will be to develop a complete business plan for the aquatic center. Ms. Caldwell will begin working August 18."
7. September 2, 2008: Town Council: "MAYOR BALLENGEE appointed Councilman Huppert, Councilman Wade, Planning Commissioner Simmons, First National Bank Director, Sam Tollison, and one member to be named at a later date, to a Contributions Committee to solicit funding for furnishings and fixtures for the aquatic center. Mayor Ballengee said this is a good way for the community to have ownership in the project."
8. October 7, 2008: Town Council: "TOWN MANAGER TERPENNEY reported that the attorneys for Virginia Tech are currently in the process of reviewing the Town's contract with Virginia Tech concerning the aquatic center. There are no problems with the contract, and Manager Terpenney explained that the delay is due to the overwhelming work load of the attorneys as a result of the April 16, 2007 Virginia Tech tragedy. Manager Terpenney said he expects the contract to be signed within the next month." ... "MANAGER TERPENNEY reported that Aquatic Center Director, Terry Caldwell, is working on a business plan for the aquatic center and will soon have a draft copy for review. Once finalized, the business plan will be presented to Town Council for approval. Ms. Caldwell has been working out of an office in Town Hall."
9. December 2, 2008: Town Council: "4. Aquatic Advisory Commission. Mayor Ballengee stated his intent to appoint an Aquatic Advisory Commission, similar to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, to act as a review board for matters concerning the aquatic center. The Town has already received numerous letters of interest from folks in the community wanting to serve on the advisory commission. Mayor Ballengee appointed Councilman Vanhoozier to serve as Council representative on the Aquatic Advisory Commission, and he plans to review the letters of interest and will appoint an additional four or five members in the near future."
10. December 16, 2008: Town Council: "3. Aquatic Center Advisory Commission. Mayor Ballengee presented to Council the six members recommended to serve on the Aquatic Center Advisory Commission. The recommended members were unanimously selected by Mayor Ballengee and Councilman Vanhoozier, Council representative on the Aquatic Center Advisory Commission. The Commission will meet on an "as needed" basis, and appointed members will receive compensation of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per meeting attended. The recommended members and terms are: Bert Locklin (3 year); Karen Drake (2 year); Michael St. Jean (3 year); Jeremy Williams (2 year); Shirley Hallock (2 year); Steve Simmons (3 year). Terms

begin January 1 and end December 31. See attached information. Councilman Barber, who serves on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, suggested that the Commission may be more productive if it meets regularly on a monthly basis; Mayor Ballengee took this suggestion under advisement. Councilman Barber made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Councilwoman Carter. Council voted as follows: AYES: Barber, Carter, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier, Wade. NAYS: None." ... "Public Hearing Requests ... January 6, 2009 ... Aquatic Center Partnership Agreement with Virginia Tech. On motion by Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Wade, Council voted to set the Public Hearing(s) for January 6, 2009. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Carter, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier, Wade. NAYS: None. Council requested it be provided a copy of the agreement to review before the Public Hearing on January 6. Manager Terpenney said he would provide copies this week via email." ... "COUNCILMAN SHOWALTER inquired about the status of the aquatic center business plan. Manager Terpenney reported that the business plan is almost complete in draft form, with the exception of a several job descriptions. Manager Terpenney commented that Council endorsement is needed on the fee schedule and hours of operation. After a brief discussion concerning completion of the business plan, Councilman Barber asked that the aquatic center director be required to complete the business plan by March 1, 2009."

From 2009 Planning Commission Minutes

1. No entries found.

From 2009 Town Council Minutes

1. January 6, 2009: Town Council: (RE Bids for using the Aquatic Center): "2. Consideration of bids for use of Aquatic Center. Town Manager Terpenney reported that the bid request was posted in the Roanoke Times, and closed January 5 at 5:00 P.M. The one bid received was from Virginia Tech, which included an agreement outlining the terms of its bid. A copy of the bid is attached herewith and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Jon Jaudon, Associate Athletic Director for Virginia Tech, was present to answer questions. Christiansburg resident, Terry Ellen Carter, addressed Council with her disapproval of the bid submitted by Virginia Tech and questioned the terms outlined in the bid. She suggested Town Council devise an agreement that would be more favorable to the Town than the one submitted by Virginia Tech." (Citizen comments) "a. Mr. Harold Shelton of Christiansburg commented on an article he read in the Roanoke Times concerning the proposed agreement between Christiansburg and Virginia Tech for usage of the Aquatic Center. Mr. Shelton disapproves of the proposed agreement and questioned the duration of the agreement and the proposed hours. He recommended the Town not approve the agreement as proposed." ... "Mr. Wes Adkins of Lucky Lane in Montgomery County expressed his disapproval of the proposed aquatic center agreement between Christiansburg and Virginia Tech. Mr. Adkins also expressed his disapproval of the parking structure proposed by Montgomery County as part of the new courthouse design. Mr. Adkins further expressed his disapproval of the zoning permit requested by Montgomery County for a mechanical garage. Mr. Adkins said he believes these issues are a waste of taxpayer money." ... "Mr. Sam Nixon expressed his concern with the construction of the aquatic center without a signed lease agreement in place. Mr. Nixon said Town Council has a fiduciary responsibility to the Town to see that something like this doesn't happen again. He believes a partnership with Virginia Tech can be an asset to the community if it is managed responsibly." ... "Ms. Shirley Hallock questioned the internet advertisement of a triathlon event scheduled to be held in

Christiansburg in July. According to the advertisement, portions of the event will be held at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center. Town Council and Town Manager said they are unaware of the advertisement, and it is not believed to be a Town sanctioned event. Manager Terpenny said he will look into the matter." ... "Christiansburg resident, Carol Lindstrom, expressed her concerns with the aquatic center, specifically with concession sales and event fees. Mayor Ballengee replied that these types of questions will be addressed in the business plan, but he is aware at this time that there are no provisions for Virginia Tech concessions or event fees." ... "Lisa Gardner of Phlegar Street stated her disapproval of the aquatic center usage hours provided to Virginia Tech for swim training and meets. She asked that Christiansburg residents be given the "prime" hours of usage." ... "Kristy Wilson of Spruce Street, swim parent and representative of Hokie Aquatics, said she is excited about the opening of the aquatic center. Her children are on a swim team and currently swim in Blacksburg, at Virginia Tech, six days per week. This is a lot of running for her and she is looking forward to the convenience of having a swim facility in Christiansburg. Ms. Wilson said it is unreasonable to expect that there won't be details to work out with a facility this size, but that it will be a great asset to Christiansburg." ... "Allison Zocowski, Christiansburg resident, swim parent, and Assistant Director of Aquatics at Virginia Tech, said that Virginia Tech does provide an event schedule each swim season, and she pointed out that there are no swim meets during the summer. She is pleased to see an interest in aquatics growing in this area and believes the aquatic center will encourage continued growth." ... "Kevin Stoner of Christiansburg said it is important to not let Virginia Tech become competitive with Christiansburg over use of the aquatic center. Need to negotiate the specifics. He stated that, if done right, the partnership will reap major rewards for the Town." ... **"In an attempt to answer questions, and clear some misconceptions, Mayor Ballengee stated that the planning and building of the aquatic center has been a twelve year project that was based on a citizen survey indicating the desire for a Town pool. During planning, the opportunity arose to partner with Virginia Tech to build a 50-meter pool that would be used for swim competitions. Virginia Tech would cover the additional expenses needed to build the 50meter pool. The aquatic center is being built for Christiansburg residents and, in addition to the 50-meter pool, will offer a family leisure pool, and a therapeutic pool."** ... (Council Actions) "Bids for use of Aquatic Center. Due to questions arising from wording in the Aquatic Center contract, Councilman Wade suggested Mayor Ballengee assign two Councilmembers to work with the Town Manager on clarification. Mayor Ballengee agreed and appointed Councilmen Wade and Vanhoozier to work with the Town Manager on finalizing the contract. Councilman Wade commented that Council input is desired and that some of the concerns mentioned tonight will be incorporated into the agreement." ... "Aquatic Center Business Plan. Mayor Ballengee confirmed that a March 1, 2009 deadline is in place for completion of the Aquatic Center Business Plan. He will be asking for Council authorization on usage hours and fee structure. Councilmembers Wade and Carter both suggested authorizing the Town Manager to contract outside help in developing the business plan, if needed." ... "Consideration of bids for use of Aquatic Center. Town Manager Terpenny reported that the bid request was posted in the Roanoke Times, and closed January 5 at 5:00 P.M. The one bid received was from Virginia Tech, which included an agreement outlining the terms of its bid. A copy of the bid is attached herewith and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Jon Jaudon, Associate Athletic Director for Virginia Tech, was present to answer questions. Christiansburg resident, Terry Ellen Carter, addressed Council with her disapproval of the bid submitted by Virginia Tech and questioned the terms outlined in the bid. She suggested Town Council devise an agreement that would be more favorable to the Town than the one submitted by Virginia Tech."

2. January 20, 2009: Town Council: "Mr. Wayne Booth, Christiansburg, said he has heard and

read a lot of negative press regarding the new aquatic center. Mr. Booth said he was a member of Town Council when the long range plan for an aquatic center was put in place. He stated his confidence in those involved with the development of the aquatic center contract and he is glad to see the plan come to fruition. He urged Council not to become distracted by the negativity and to move forward as quickly as possible."

3. February 17, 2009: Town Council: "TOWN MANAGER TERPENNY reported that he has sent Council's list of comments to Virginia Tech for consideration in finalizing the aquatic center lease agreement. Attorney Jim Guynn will report to Council on this matter in March."
4. March 3, 2009: Town Council: "TOWN MANAGER TERPENNY submitted to Council a copy of the aquatic center business plan for review. Manager Terpenney said he would be available for questions and comments." ... "AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE – Town Manager Terpenney reported that work is being done on the mechanical systems, internal block walls, and installation of glass windows. Crews will soon begin work on the second floor support system. Much of the work is internal and not visible from the exterior. Estimated completion date is this summer. The Town's usage agreement with Virginia Tech is currently being reviewed by Attorney Jim Guynn."
5. April 21, 2009: Town Council: "VICE-MAYOR STIPES called for a motion to amend the agenda as follows: (1) Under Citizen Hearings, add a Resolution recognizing the Christiansburg High School Blue Demons Wrestling Team; (2) Add the Aquatic Center Agreement under Discussions by Mayor and Council; (3) Amend the order of the meeting so that the Town Manager's reports are prior to the Closed Meeting; (4) Correct Shane Adam's presentation to reflect that it is the semi-annual progress report from the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, per the contractual agreement. Councilman Vanhoozier made a motion to approve the amendments as described, seconded by Councilman Wade. Town Clerk Stipes polled Council on the motion as follows: Barber – AYE; Carter – AYE; Showalter – AYE; Vanhoozier – AYE; Wade – AYE." ... "VICE-MAYOR STIPES called for a motion to amend the agenda as follows: (1) Under Citizen Hearings, add a Resolution recognizing the Christiansburg High School Blue Demons Wrestling Team; (2) Add the Aquatic Center Agreement under Discussions by Mayor and Council; (3) Amend the order of the meeting so that the Town Manager's reports are prior to the Closed Meeting; (4) Correct Shane Adam's presentation to reflect that it is the semi-annual progress report from the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, per the contractual agreement. Councilman Vanhoozier made a motion to approve the amendments as described, seconded by Councilman Wade. Town Clerk Stipes polled Council on the motion as follows: Barber – AYE; Carter – AYE; Showalter – AYE; Vanhoozier – AYE; Wade – AYE."
6. May 5, 2009: Town Council: "Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010 Budget – First Reading. Councilwoman Carter, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee met with town staff to review department needs, and Town Council held a work session to review and discuss the proposed budget, in preparation for the First Reading of the budget. Manager Terpenney reported that the proposed budget includes increases to water fees, sewer fees, water connection fees, sewer connection fees, Conditional Use Permit fees, rezoning fees, site plan review fees, and building plan review fees. New positions proposed: IT Technician, Planner, School Resource Officer for the Middle School, Dispatcher, and an Inspector Trainee for six months. There is not a cost of living increase proposed for Town employees. Major Capital Improvements include: Four sewer extensions, downtown redevelopment on East Main Street, plant mix for the streets, completion of the Aquatic Center, upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and three water line extensions. Reserve funds proposed to be increased are: Fire truck reserve, rescue truck reserve, building inspection software, and emergency services building. The Water Authority increased its charges \$0.07 per 1000 gallons (4.76%),

and the Solid Waste Authority increased the tipping fee \$3.00 per ton (6.25%)."

7. May 19, 2009: Town Council: "AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE – Town Manager Terpenney reported that the interior block walls are built up from deck level to the second floor; steel will soon be set for the second floor; window installation continues; mechanical system installation continues; and construction of decking around the pools has begun."
8. June 16, 2009: Town Council: "Brandice Hartsock, President of the Christiansburg Kiwanis Club, presented the Town with a Five Thousand Dollar donation, on behalf of the Christiansburg Kiwanis Club, to be used in establishing youth services at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center. Mayor Ballengee thanked the Kiwanis Club for its generosity, noting that the Christiansburg Kiwanis Club has donated over Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars for recreation in Christiansburg." ... "AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE – Town Manager Terpenney introduced Sam Lionberger, Jr., and Butch Osbourne, of Lionberger Construction, and architect Glenn Reynolds, who provided Council with an update on the status of the aquatic center. Mr. Glenn Reynolds reported that the windows, which were previously delayed, have now been installed, the three pools are in, and the deck is partially completed. Once the conduits that run under the deck are completely installed, the deck can be completed. Mr. Reynolds commented that the site work is progressing with completion of the parking lots. Outdoor decking and final landscaping set to begin in the next few weeks. Mr. Reynolds explained that much of the construction delay is the result of increasing the facility size from fifty-two thousand square feet to sixty-five thousand square feet, noting that budgeted costs have not increased with the changes. Mr. Lionberger noted that they have experienced numerous material delays, especially with steel orders, commenting that the economy has negatively impacted material supply. At Council's inquiry, Mr. Lionberger and Mr. Reynolds agreed to a completion date of October 2009. Councilman Vanhoozier asked Mr. Lionberger and Mr. Reynolds to report to Council, if they experience construction delays that will affect the given completion date. Mr. Lionberger and Mr. Reynolds agreed to this request and further discussed construction details with Council. Councilman Wade thanked the gentlemen for the update and explanation of delays, commenting that this information will be helpful when addressing the public's questions and concerns regarding the aquatic center. Councilman Stipes agreed. During the discussion, at Carol Lindstrom's inquiry, Town Manager Terpenney noted that approximately \$14.8M has been budgeted for the aquatic center."
9. July 7, 2009: Town Council: "AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA – Councilwoman Carter made a motion to amend the agenda to include the following: (1) A report from Councilman Vanhoozier, Council Representative on the Aquatic Center Advisory Commission; (2) Move item III (1) to a Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(a)(1) for the purpose of discussion and consideration of the appointment of a Finance Director/Treasurer; and (3) to include in the Closed Meeting consultation with legal counsel regarding the Tourism Contract pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(7). Councilman Barber seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: AYES: Barber, Carter, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier, Wade. NAYS: None." ... "COUNCILMAN VANHOOZIER, Council Representative on the Aquatic Center Advisory Commission, gave a brief update on the Commission's meeting on June 3, 2009. At that meeting, Officers were named as follows: Jeremy Williams, Chairman; Michael St. Jean, Vice-Chairman; and Steve Simmons, Secretary. Aquatic Center Director, Terry Caldwell, presented the Commission with the proposed fee schedule, along with data used in establishing the fees. The Commission will review the information and discuss at a future meeting in preparation of making a recommendation to Council. Another matter discussed was proposed payment processing systems, and research is currently being done to determine the feasibility of establishing this type of service at the aquatic center. The next Aquatic Center Advisory Commission meeting is

scheduled for August 5, 2009 at 4:00 P.M."

10. July 21, 2009: Town Council: "AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE. Town Manager Terpeny reported that interior painting continues, electrical and plumbing has been roughed-in, and the steel has been ordered for the upstairs decking. There is no change in the completion date. Councilman Vanhoozier, who previously requested an update from contractor/architect if the completion date changes, said, upon further thought, he believes a bi-weekly report/update from the architect/contractor, on milestones met or missed, is appropriate. Councilman Vanhoozier said it is not important who relays the information to Council, as long as it comes from the contractor or architect."
11. August 4, 2009: Town Council: "AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE – Manager Terpeny reported that the last batch of second floor steel was delivered on Friday, and painting continues. The window subcontractor has been delayed, but hopes to finish window installation soon. Proposed fee structure is almost complete and ready for Council review. The October completion date has not changed. Manager Terpeny offered to provide interested Council members with a site visit at their convenience."
12. August 18, 2009: Town Council: "TOWN MANAGER TERPENNY provided Council with an update on aquatic center construction, noting there have been no delays in the current schedule." ... "COUNCILMAN BARBER brought to Council's attention a letter he received from the Board of Trustees of the Rosa L. Peters Playground. The letter expressed the Board's gratitude to the Town for the recent gravel donation, which was desperately needed at the playground. The Board thanked the Town for its past and continued support, and offered its services to the Town. The letter was signed by Board of Trustee President, Robert L. Dobson. Councilman Barber, who serves on the Board of Trustees, suggested the Town begin to consider the next step in assisting with playground improvements that will enable connection of that property to the aquatic center and skate park properties."
13. September 15, 2009: Town Council: "Glen Reynolds and Sam Lionberger, III to address Council. Mr. Sam Lionberger of Lionberger Construction, and Architect Glen Reynolds provided Council with an update on the progress of the Aquatic Center construction. Mr. Lionberger explained delays they have experienced that make an October completion date unrealistic. The delays involve steel production, including bleacher production delays, issues with the coordination of lighting/conduit installation/pool surfacing/concrete slabs, and scoreboard and video system installation. Mr. Reynolds briefly explained the impressive scoreboard and video system, which were purchased with private donations and will allow for live video feed for ESPN. Mr. Reynolds clarified a public misunderstanding about the expected completion time-frame, noting the agreement is for a design-build project and it seems many are forgetting the "design" period. Construction did not begin with signing of the contract, and published completion dates have been incorrect and never corrected. A realistic completion date is approximately 14-weeks after the complete installation of lights and conduit, which, at this point, would put the completion date in January 2010. Councilman Vanhoozier said he is disappointed that Council is just now hearing about more delays; he requested that Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Lionberger come back before Council with an update once per month until construction is complete. Council, while concerned about further delays, thanked the gentlemen for their efforts to provide a high quality, state-of-the art facility." ... "Mr. Jim Koehr, VSIS Swimming/VISIA Subcommittee member, said he has a draft agreement with Christiansburg to bring his swim teams to the aquatic center for a State Championship Meet on February 19 – 20, 2010. The meet will be attended by six hundred participating swimmers from fifty schools. Mr. Koehr suggested if the timing is right this event could be part of the Aquatic Center's "Grand-Opening". Many hotel rooms have been reserved for this event. Mr. Koehr thanked Christiansburg for building this facility, remarking that it is an asset to the entire East Coast."

14. October 6, 2009: Town Council: "ON RECOMMENDATION OF VICE-MAYOR CARTER, Councilman Barber made a motion to amend tonight's agenda to reflect the following changes, seconded by Councilman Showalter: 1) During the Closed Meeting request, the industrial park prospect is for the Falling Branch Industrial Park, not the Christiansburg Industrial Park. 2) To include a discussion regarding total cost of the aquatic center. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier, Wade. NAYS: None." ... "AMENDED AGENDA ITEM – Councilman Showalter commented on the aquatic center budget received from the Town Manager's office, which is \$17.98 million. Councilman Showalter said, based on his research, this is a great price for the type of facility being constructed and he is in support of the aquatic center." ... "TOWN MANAGER TERPENNY gave a brief update on the progress of the aquatic center construction. All internal stairs are built and the upstairs level is framed. The lighting fixtures in the pool area are in the process of being installed."
15. November 2, 2009: Town Council: "Sam Lionberger, III and Glen Reynolds to address Council. Mr. Lionberger and Mr. Reynolds presented Council with a brief update on the progress at the aquatic center site. Mr. Lionberger explained that although they have experienced delays with installation of lighting fixtures, he remains optimistic about the January completion date. Lighting is complete on the pool level, and duct work is completed on the leisure pool side of the facility. Locker rooms have been tiled; installation of steel for spectator seating has begun. Conduit installation over the competition pool is expected to begin next week. Wall framing has begun upstairs and rough-in for mechanical is progressing. Mayor Ballengee noted that some staffing is in place and plans have begun for opening of the facility. Mr. Reynolds stated that he recently met with aquatic center staff for office space planning. Mr. Lionberger referred to Mr. Butch Osmond, who was present, noting he oversees the site and is on location every day. Those working on the site are putting in weekend hours in every effort to meet the January completion date. Staff will begin working before the completion date for training and to work out operational details. Mr. Reynolds said that as soon as the pool decking is complete and the pools are finished, water will immediately go into the pools to cure the finish. He cautioned against scheduling large events early on from an operational/staffing standpoint. The contractor is still having issues with the retractable bleachers, but that will not prevent the pool from opening. Portions of the scoreboard have been delivered. Mr. Reynolds said that Virginia Tech has been advised to use other swimming accommodations for the winter break training." ... "Report and Recommendation from Aquatic Advisory Commission. Councilman Vanhoozier, Council liaison to the Aquatic Advisory Commission, presented to Council the proposed membership fees and projected hours of operation for the aquatic center, noting the hours of operation are subject to change based upon needs of the community. A copy of the proposed fees and hours of operation is attached herewith for reference and made a part of these minutes." ... "AQUATIC CENTER FEES AND HOURS OF OPERATION - Councilman Stipes made a motion to approve the membership fees and hours of operation as presented by Councilman Vanhoozier, seconded by Councilman Showalter. Town Clerk Stipes polled Council as follows: Carter – AYE; Showalter – AYE; Stipes – AYE; Vanhoozier – AYE; Wade – AYE."
16. November 17, 2009: Town Council: "Plat of Survey of Portions of Tax Parcels 496 – ((A)) – 36 and 497 – ((A)) – 279 to be dedicated for Mill Lane Improvements; located on Mill Lane. Councilman Vanhoozier explained that this request is for property located next to the new aquatic center. The property being dedicated is for right-of-way to Mill Lane. This action will allow the Town to receive street maintenance funds from VDOT for Mill Lane. All is in order with the plat and Councilman Vanhoozier made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Barber. Council voted as follows: AYES: Barber, Showalter, Vanhoozier, Wade. NAYS:

None." ... "TOWN MANAGER TERPENNY updated Council on the continuing progress at the aquatic center site. Manager Terpenney asked to proceed with hiring of the additional full-time staff and to advertise for part-time guards when pool is opened. Staff is expected to be in the water for training purposes at the end of January 2010. It was the consensus of Council to authorize the Town Manager to proceed with the necessary hiring of aquatic center staff."

17. December 1, 2009: Town Council: "TOWN MANAGER TERPENNY AND COUNCILMAN VANHOOZIER, on behalf of the Aquatics Advisory Commission, presented two logos designed for the Christiansburg Aquatic Center, recommending they be approved by Council. The smaller blue and gold logo depicts a swimmer doing the butterfly-stroke and incorporates the letters "CAC" (Christiansburg Aquatic Center). This logo will be used on the front of shirts, jackets, etc., and will be used on promotional materials. The second logo, also presented in blue and gold, is a larger logo that will be used on the back of shirts, jackets, and such. Those involved with designing the logos include marketing professionals, the Aquatic Center architect, and the Town Manager. The Aquatics Advisory Commission, and Aquatic Center staff, have approved the design and are prepared to order marketing materials. Councilman Wade made a motion to adopt the presented logos, seconded by Councilman Stipes. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Barber, Carter, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier, Wade. NAYS: None. Town Manager Terpenney noted that gift certificates for membership to the Aquatic Center will be available for the holidays."
18. December 15, 2009: Town Council: "Aquatic Center Update – Architect Glen Reynolds, along with Sam Lionberger and Butch Osbourne of Lionberger Construction, provided Council with an update of the progress being made at the aquatic center site. Mr. Reynolds noted that the project has fallen behind schedule this month with trying to tie up finishing touches to the interior construction. The interior is mostly completed with the exception of the competition pool. Some of the challenges causing delays are recent changes to the conduits and the ripple effect of those changes. Mr. Reynolds reported that the completion date is expected to now be mid- to late February. Mr. Reynolds commented that workers are on the site seven days a week in an effort to complete the site. Council thanked Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Lionberger, and Mr. Osbourne for the update."

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

From the Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Master Plan 1995-2005:

- (P.7) : RECREATION CENTER BUILDING COMPLEX: The complex should have two gymnasiums, an elevated running track, at least one racquetball court, locker rooms, restrooms, a weight room, space for exercise equipment, a game room, meeting rooms, storage, offices, and space for senior citizen's programs. Eventually an aquatic center is envisioned as part of this recreation complex. The Recreation Center Complex should be visible from the surrounding area, particularly along North Franklin Street, and should make an architectural statement about Christiansburg.

From the Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Master Plan Revised August 2000:

- (P.5) RECREATION CENTER BUILDING COMPLEX: The complex should have two gymnasiums, an elevated running track, at least one racquetball court, locker rooms, restrooms, a weight room, space for exercise equipment, a game room, meeting rooms, storage, offices, and space for senior citizen's programs. Eventually an aquatic center is envisioned as part of this

recreation complex. The Recreation Center Complex should be visible from the surrounding area, particularly along North Franklin Street, and should make an architectural statement about Christiansburg.

- (P.6) RECREATION CENTER COMPLEX: A study should be conducted to determine if it is feasible for an aquatic center with additional weight/fitness rooms and racquetball courts to be constructed as part of the Recreation Center complex.
- (P.8) Opportunities: + Has space for a wide variety of indoor recreational programs. + If feasible, an aquatic center with additional weight/fitness rooms and racquetball courts would work well at this site.
- (P.15) Opportunities: + Plenty of room for on-site parking. + Site is convenient to the residents. + A skateboard park may work on this site. + An area for sleigh riding and/or mountain biking may work on this site. + An aquatic center may work on this site.
- (P.27) Individuals completing the survey, were also allowed to include comments and/or suggestions. A total of three hundred and ninety-one (391) comments and/or suggestions were included. The following comments and/or suggestions had the highest frequency: - Need an aquatic center = 191.
- (P.28) The following recommendations can be made from the results of this survey: 1. Efforts should always be made to insure that the level of satisfaction among the public that utilizes the Christiansburg Recreation Center remains very high. 2. Efforts should always be made to insure that Christiansburg Parks and Recreation and the Christiansburg Recreation Center serves the public effectively, efficiently and successfully. 3. Efforts should always be made to offer progressive programs and to have top of the line equipment. 4. Construction of an aquatic center with additional weight/fitness rooms and racquetball courts. 5. Construction of an athletic complex.
- (P.29) The Department also needs an indoor aquatic center with additional weight/fitness rooms and racquetball courts to accommodate the needs and wants of the residents of Christiansburg.
- (P.43) An aquatics center may be constructed at this site, if not constructed as part of the Recreation Center complex.
- (P.59) The rapid increase in participation in the Parks and Recreation Department's programs during the past seventeen (17) years and anticipated continued growth makes the construction of a indoor aquatic center (with raquetball courts and weight/fitness room), construction of an outdoor athletic complex and correcting the drainage at Kiwanis Park the highest priorities.
- (P.60) AQUATIC CENTER (WITH RAQUETBALL COURTS AND WEIGHT/FITNESS ROOMS) (AT RECREATION CENTER COMPLEX)
 - Design/egineering \$ 150,000.00
 - Construction \$ 3,500,000.00
 - Parking \$ 25,000.00
 - Land Acquisition (if necessary and/or \$ 200,000.00 (or possible donation) possible from Wade's)
 - TOTAL COST ESTIMATE: \$ 3,875,000.00
- (P.60) AQUATIC CENTER (WITH RAQUETBALL COURTS AND WEIGHT/FITNESS ROOMS) (AT DEPOT STREET PARK)
 - Design/egineering \$ 150,000.00
 - Construction \$ 3,500,000.00
 - Grading/Site Work \$ 250,000.00
 - Parking \$ 25,000.00
 - TOTAL COST ESTIMATE: \$3,925,000.00

- (P.64) TOTAL COST ESTIMATE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES MASTER PLAN (WITH AQUATIC CENTER AT RECREATION CENTER): \$7,402,500.00
- (P.64) TOTAL COST ESTIMATE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES MASTER PLAN (WITH AQUATIC CENTER AT DEPOT PARK): \$7,452,500.00

From Christiansburg 2003 Comprehensive Plan (Please note this document is written by the Planning Commission then approved by the Town Council):

1. (P. 62) The Town has included plans for a new aquatic center in its Capital Improvements Program. The aquatic center is to be located on land currently owned by the Town between N. Franklin Street and Depot Street, NE. The aquatic center will house an indoor swimming pool and additional facilities.
2. (P.62) Future extension of the Huckleberry Trail is planned as part of the N. Franklin Street-Peppers Ferry Road connector route (a Virginia Department of Transportation thoroughfare project), which is discussed in the Transportation Chapter. This route will feature a bicycle lane and sidewalks to be utilized as an extension of the trail. The long-term plans for the trail include connecting to downtown Christiansburg (including access to the Christiansburg Recreation Center, Christiansburg High School, and the planned aquatic center) and to the 90-acre Montgomery County Park on County Drive.
3. (P.63) The Town was approached by citizens about the possibility of a skateboard park to be located adjacent to the planned aquatic center. Town Council has stated that the Town will build the skateboard park provided sufficient donations are raised for the construction.
4. (P.64) The Town of Christiansburg has plans to construct a new aquatic center on a 17.1-acre site between N. Franklin Street, Depot Street, NE, and Mill Lane, NE. The facility will provide an indoor swimming pool as well racquetball courts, weight rooms, and classroom space to supplement the Christiansburg Recreation Center. The Town also has approximately 7 acres near Depot Street for use as a neighborhood park adjoining the planned aquatic center. Improvements to the park will include a skate park and walking trail.
5. (P.64) The aquatic center site is adjacent to the Rosa L. Peters Playground, which will supplement the planned aquatic center.
6. (P.65) Planned Christiansburg Aquatic Center (N. Franklin Street/Depot Street, NE/Mill Lane, NE) 17.1 acres Swimming facilities, skateboard park, walking trail.
7. (P.80) Future extension of the Huckleberry Trail is planned as part of the N. Franklin Street-Peppers Ferry Road connector route, which is discussed in this chapter. This route will feature a bicycle lane and sidewalks to be utilized as an extension of the trail. The longterm plans for the trail include connecting to downtown Christiansburg (including access to the Christiansburg Recreation Center, Christiansburg High School, and the planned aquatic center) and to the 90-acre Montgomery County Park on County Road. The Downtown Trail between College Street and Depot Street opened in 2002.
8. (P.98) Churches, schools, hospitals, landfills, and parks are examples of public/semi-public land uses. The amount of open land that is dedicated to parks and recreational uses has increased greatly the past decade. The Town has approximately 25 acres of public land in active parks, playgrounds, and playing fields, not including available school fields of approximately 17 acres. Approximately 17 acres between N. Franklin Street and Depot Street, NE has been scheduled by the Department of Parks and Recreation for construction of a new aquatic center. When the County's Park on County Drive (approximately 90 acres) and Coal Mining Heritage Park (approximately 29 acres) as well as the 5.5 acre Kiwanis Park are considered, there is in excess of 200 acres of land set aside for recreational uses within or immediately adjoining

Christiansburg; and that figure does not include an additional 40 acres of land that had been the Wades Lane Landfill, which is awaiting final closure before future use is determined.

9. (P.107-108) The Town has a commitment to the creation and maintenance of parkland and recreation facilities in the Town. The Christiansburg Recreation Center is a modern facility that should help accommodate the recreational needs of Town citizens for decades to come. The planned aquatic center to be located between N. Franklin Street and Depot Street, NE will provide another valuable recreational asset. Through development guidelines and strategic investment, the Town seeks to link green spaces in the Town and create neighborhood parks throughout the community.
- 10.(P.117) As indicated by the Census data for the Town, Christiansburg's population appears to be growing in both the elderly and school age brackets. As the Town designs new recreational facilities such as ballfields, community parks, and the planned aquatic center, consideration should be given to the needs of all age groups. Based upon the popularity of organized sports teams, additional ballfields should be planned. With continuing residential development in the western annexation area and new development in the eastern annexation area, developers may be required to provide recreational facilities to support their developments.
- 11.(P.126) f. Provide bicycle lock posts/racks at the Recreation Center, planned aquatic center, and other appropriate locations around the Town.
- 12.(P.130) d. Provide recreational facilities at the Harkrader Sports Complex and the planned aquatic center at the Depot Street park site that will serve the entire community.
- 13.(P.131) b. Provide an implementation strategy for connecting Rosa Peters Playground with the Town park and planned aquatic center.
- 14.(P.132) a. Design an aquatic center to best utilize open space.

(That's all for now:)