

Draft Minutes Johnson SkatePark & Bike Track Meeting
Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 5 p.m.
Town Offices, Upstairs

Present:

Committee Members: Casey Romero, Howard Romero, Greg Fatigate, George Swanson (via Zoom) & James Whitehill (via Zoom)

Others: Lisa Crews

Committee Members Absent: Rick Aupperlee

1. Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Draft Minutes of November 4 and December 2, 2021 Meetings Howard moved to approve Minutes for these meetings; seconded by Greg, and approved.

3. Proposed 2022-23 Budget Casey reviewed revenue and expense amounts, and the request to Selectboard for \$1600 to offset unanticipated expenses due to COVID since 2020. The funds could come from the Town Emergency Fund, and is based on belief that these expenses will eventually be covered by funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. The increase in proposed expenses will mainly support more Personnel hours. Anticipated revenue has decreased, largely due to COVID, and this \$1600 request will reduce the amount needed to be raised by taxes.

Lisa asked James whether he wanted to propose additional work on Bike Tracks; he said not at this time but cited the problems with the mini-ramp. Casey said the future plan was to replace it with an extension to the concrete feature. Lisa asked if we might request money from budgeted funds or a request to Selectboard. Casey said historically all big improvements have been grant-funded but we don't have enough available as match money for a State Recreation Facilities grant. According to Brian Story it's possible that the mini-ramp replacement could be considered as an outdoor recreation expense in the "Health" category of Rescue Plan funds. Brian said the Selectboard will work with consultants (via League of Cities & Towns) in early winter, then get input from groups and citizens about how ARPA funds should be spent.

Howard moved to approve the proposed FY22-23 budget for presentation to the Selectboard; with proposed revenue of \$5965 and expenses of \$11,800.

4. Other Business Casey said planning discussions would need to continue in upcoming meetings, then asked if the current meeting date and time still worked for everyone. James asked if we could meet later than 5 p.m. Lisa said we could use another room if we used a personal Zoom account (rather than Town system). Meetings could still be recorded for official records. Casey will check options for available rooms and circulate the info.

5. Adjourn Greg moved to adjourn at 5:28; seconded by James and approved.

Minutes submitted by Casey Romero