

JOHNSON SKATEPARK & BIKE TRACK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING/REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY ZOOM  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023

**Present:**

Committee Members: Casey Romero, Howard Romero, George Swanson (Zoom), Rick Aupperlee (Zoom)

**Absent:** Greg Fatigate, James Whitehill

**Note:** All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

**1. Call to Order**

Casey called the meeting to order at 5:36.

**2. Draft Minutes of January 11, 2023 Meeting**

**Howard moved and Rick seconded to approve the minutes of January 11, 2023. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.**

**3. Current Directors' Orders & Town Meeting Budget Outcome**

Casey said the only item paid was an invoice from the minute taker. The town budget passed, which means this committee's budget passed. We allocated \$6K in our budget for capital improvements, to go toward the half pipe, and the rest of the budget is pretty lean.

**4. Updates: 'Crete Project and Let's Roll! Program**

Casey said Joey Handy and the crew that put together the event at the skatepark last summer want to do another fundraiser this summer. Howard and Casey are going to meet with Tom Moog tonight. He is willing to put on a summer fundraiser at his restaurant, using the outside space and having games set up. He is willing to have outside food vendors come in as well, as long as they don't directly compete with his restaurant.

Casey sent in an application for a \$5K grant for the Let's Roll program. We won't know until May if we are going to get it. She will meet on Friday with Dean Locke to discuss registration for the program using the computer program Dean uses for other recreation registrations. If we don't get the \$5K grant she is pretty sure we can afford to do a lean version of the Let's Roll program with one session. Ian Hutchings sent Casey his outline of what he plans to cover in each lesson. He is planning on 6 weeks of instruction. We are planning on a 7-week program but it is likely that we will lose a week to weather at some point.

**5. Public Input**

No members of the public were present.

**6. Rec Coordinator Report**

The rec coordinator was not present to give a report.

**7. Laraway Report**

George said students and staff just got back from a 10-day vacation. They have started sugaring. The village has given permission to use some trees on village property. The sugaring program incorporates science and math.

George said he doesn't have dates for the Laraway summer program right now. Casey said River Arts has settled on a week in August for Sk8 the Arts camp and she has sent that date to Laraway. She thinks it is towards the middle of the month.

Rick said Laraway was last licensed in 2020. Their license normally lasts 5 years. They shut down in March 2020 due to COVID. A couple of months ago they got word that the Agency of Education was

coming around to re-license the school. They hadn't actually done any site visits because of COVID. They spent the day on campus the week before the break. Everything he heard from them was favorable. Rather than the school having to be re-licensed in 2 years they will issue a new 5-year license in 2023. Some of the comments he heard were that Laraway has a unique, innovative program and really cares about the kids and that other programs could learn a lot from Laraway.

Rick said Amber Cheever, who has been with Laraway for more than 20 years, has been serving as interim school director. She has now moved to being school director rather than interim director.

**8. *Other Business***

Casey said typically in January this committee decides who will be chair for the year. Because we use a July to June fiscal year she suggests making our chair's period of service follow that year as well. The rest of the board agreed to that.

Casey said she had a display with a donation jar at town meeting and we made \$6.35.

**9. *Adjourn***

**Howard moved to adjourn at 5:53, George seconded and the motion was passed.**

*Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths*