

JOHNSON SKATEPARK & BIKE TRACK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING / REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY ZOOM  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

**Present:**

Committee Members: Casey Romero, Howard Romero (via Zoom), Alexis Daniels, Greg Fatigate

Others: Kayla Handy arrived at 5:41

**Absent:** Rick Aupperlee, George Swanson, James Whitehill

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

**1. Call to Order**

Casey called the meeting to order at 5:28.

**2. FEMA Updates: Repairs, Mitigation, Rider Input**

Casey said FEMA ruled that none of our projects meet their definitions for “mitigation.” They will allow us to submit the ramps as improvement for change of material. She can’t assume they will pay anything more than the repair cost and we only get 75% of that. The minimum amount we will get for the ramps for sure is 75% of \$83,798. Greg said that is about \$65K. Casey said there is another meeting scheduled in 2 weeks. Greg asked if they will dictate the final design. Casey said no. Alexis asked the cost of the new halfpipe. Casey said about \$40K.

Casey said Ron Rodjenski has finished his contract with the town. He now works for the Lamoille County Planning Commission for all the towns.

**3. Draft Minutes of August 7, 2024**

**Alexis moved to approve the minutes of August 7, 2024, Howard seconded and the motion was passed.**

**4. Directors’ Orders**

Casey said there was a total of \$1,060 for regular expenses, including mowing, and \$41,813 for the halfpipe, which includes nearly \$5,300 extra for dirt work.

**5. Continued Item: Committee Structure, Rec Coordinator Vacancy, Other**

Casey said she talked to Shayne Spence, who said he would recommend that the town invite all candidates for the rec coordinator position to come to this meeting and meet the skatepark committee. When they do second or final interviews or decide who to hire, he will recommend that Casey and Lisa Crews be involved. It was emphasized that it is supposedly understood that for municipal jobs the first 6 months are a trial period. They want to make an offer at their next meeting. Hopefully Casey and Lisa will be invited to that conversation. Casey told them this is her last year as chair, so it is all the more important that the rec coordinator understand skateparks and be a good fit with us.

**6. Laraway Report**

George Swanson was unable to connect by Zoom, but he emailed this report during the meeting:

*Our second session is in full swing. Students have been busy with academics, school garden and gearing up for the fall festival and apple harvest. Science and math school group have been working on forest management along carbon evaluations.*

**7. Site: Halfpipe Construction Follow-Up Work, DIY Ramps, Other**

Casey said she is concerned that the hydroseed, which was done before Labor Day, hasn’t come up. Greg said the field is full of seed and grass will eventually grow there. Casey said she read it should take 5-7 days. The internet says to water it. She is concerned that the area where vehicles drove in is compacted and the hydroseed site says it may not grow in those conditions. She is concerned about

mud at the upcoming event and dirt on the asphalt. (*Kayla Handy arrived at 5:41.*) Howard said we may need to spread hay at the event.

Casey said there are no issues at this point with DIY ramps.

**8. Public Input**

There was no public input.

**9. Other Business**

Greg said when he was at the skatepark mowing the other day he talked to a regular user who has been to some committee meetings and was disappointed over the last year. He was overwhelmingly positive about the addition and had lots of thanks. Alexis said the addition is great and everyone is loving it.

**10. Adjourn**

**Howard moved to adjourn at 5:44, Alexis seconded and the motion was passed.**

After the formal meeting was adjourned, the group worked on planning for the Coin for 'Crete event.

*Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths*

UNAPPROVED