

JOHNSON SKATEPARK & BIKE TRACK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING / REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY ZOOM  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024

**Present:**

Committee Members: Casey Romero, Howard Romero, James Whitehill (via Zoom), Alexis Daniels

**Absent:** Rick Aupperlee, George Swanson, Greg Fatigate

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

**1. Call to Order**

Casey called the meeting to order at 5:41.

**2. FEMA Updates: Revised Damage Estimates, Repairs, Other**

Casey said the numbers she emailed out this afternoon are what she and Tom believe FEMA wants to see when we make our final submission. We will find out more about the numbers next Tuesday. Tom has connected with key people at Vermont Emergency Management. They are the ones that actually stand behind the formal paperwork. He learned that, while FEMA could not recognize within their allowable concepts the value for flood resilience of shrinking the skating area into a concrete plaza and shrinking the new pump track instead of using the entire meadow, the state saw the value in that. The state agreed to provide a 25% match, dependent on how much money they have at the time.

**3. Draft Minutes of September 11, 2024**

**Howard moved to approve the minutes of September 11, 2024, Alexis seconded and the motion was passed.**

**4. Directors' Orders**

Casey said we had over \$2K of orders. About \$1640 was to repair electricity and \$178 went to pay Chante Thomas to do site prep and cleanup because Ashton was unavailable. About \$210 was spent on event expenses.

**5. Coin for 'Crete: Event Follow-Up & Fundraising**

Casey said it was a fabulous day. Alexis agreed that the event was very successful. Casey said she submitted a press release with pictures to the newspaper. It didn't get printed. Jasmine Yuris mentioned it in her community report.

A young man hurt himself in the competition. He was advised of access to Copley, etc. He thought it was just a sprain. Ice was applied. He discovered later that his ankle was broken in two places. In the future Casey thinks we need to consider having contestants sign a waiver. She thinks it is also important to find out how old contestants are.

**6. New Rec Coordinator: Isabelle Sullivan**

Isabelle Sullivan has started work, but she has COVID. Casey is hoping to invite her to the November meeting.

**7. Continuing Item: Committee Tasks & Structure**

Casey said over the next few months we will see what kind of support from the rec coordinator is realistic given the limited hours she will be working. Hopefully the selectboard will increase her hours for the next year.

Casey said she is really appreciative of Kayla and Alexis for taking on the paperwork for the value of retail donated merchandise. She said Greg wanted to thanked Alexis, Kayla and Joey for their work at the event.

**8. Laraway Report**

No one from Laraway was present to give a report.

**9. Site: Proposal for Contracted Work, Halfpipe Follow-Up Work, DIY Ramps, Other**

Casey said there aren't any issues with DIY ramps. Alexis said she has seen skaters she thinks are new using the park. Casey said she and Greg noticed that by the new wood quarterpipe there is some metal that is bent and sticking up.

Casey said Ashton hasn't been able to get to the park to do as much work as needed, due to car trouble, a death in the family and extra hours at his job. So for the event and subsequently Casey needed to ask Chante Thomas to do some work. Ashton needs backup. Chante is willing to work for \$17/hour, the same as what we are paying Ashton. She is reliable and skilled and lives in Johnson.

**Alexis moved to pay Chante Thomas \$17/hour as needed for contracted site maintenance, Howard seconded and the motion was passed.**

**10. Public Input**

No members of the public were present.

**11. Other Business**

Alexis asked about the \$35 donation we received. Casey said Union Bank put the 'Coin for Crete flyer and information on their Facebook page. Someone who lives in New Hampshire but used to live in this area saw the information and sent it to her son, a skater who lives in China, and he asked her to send a check to the park instead of sending him a birthday check.

**12. Adjourn**

**James moved to adjourn at 6:06, Howard seconded and the motion was passed.**

*Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths*