

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

Present:

Committee Members: Casey Romero, Howard Romero, Greg Fatigate, Alexis Daniels

Absent: George Swanson, James Whitehill

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

1. Call to Order

Casey called the meeting to order at 5:36.

2. Draft Minutes of November 13, 2024

Howard moved to approve the minutes of November 13, 2024 as written, Greg seconded and the motion was passed by unanimous consent.

3. Directors' Orders with Holiday Jubilee Revenue

Casey said there was nothing unusual in the directors' orders. We made \$56 at the Jubilee. Parents she talked to during the Jubilee expressed interest in Let's Roll.

4. Flood Funding Update: Revised Damage Estimates, Other

Casey said our revised damage estimate was sent to the state before Thanksgiving. Nothing negative has come back. Along with the estimate we sent our request for the lower square footage area that is the basis for the new drawings. We are aiming for about 3400 sq. ft. There was no complaint about that reduction.

5. Laraway Report

Casey read the written report sent by George. Students are getting ready for the holidays. They collected over \$700 in their annual Pennies for Presents drive and they went shopping for children in Lamoille County. They are getting ready for ski and ride and gearing up for sugaring. They have plans to update their sugaring operation on campus, including building a reverse osmosis machine in science and math.

6. Proposed FY2026 Budget

Casey reviewed the proposed budget to present to the selectboard. She is predicting revenue of \$3,750 and expenses of \$8,400. That means about \$4,600 might be needed to cover the gap. This budget was developed working with Tom Galinat and he is recommending it to the selectboard. We might hold Let's Roll in June. Expense and revenue for that are built into the budget. Casey found out that we had paid for the skateboards that were stolen with older grant money so our \$5K for Let's Roll hasn't been touched and we can use some of it to replace the skateboards. Instead of having payroll expense for Ashton as an employee we will switch over to paying someone as an independent contractor. At the moment the person we are paying is Chante Thomas. The amount of money budgeted is the same.

Casey moved to approve a proposed budget for FY2026 with expenditures of \$8,400 with the understanding that the selectboard may change budget amounts when they develop their final budget, Alexis seconded and the motion was passed.

7. Committee Tasks and Structure

Casey said the selectboard decided not to increase the hours for the rec coordinator. They want to see how she does using the current money and hours before making changes. That affects us because we are hoping to have the rec coordinator do more administrative work for the committee. If Casey pulls back on the time she is spending and the committee or rec coordinator can't take on the extra work it will be a problem.

8. Site: Contracted Work, DIY Ramps & Surplus Metal

Casey said she has not yet contacted the people in Montgomery to see if they want any of the surplus metal.

9. Other Business

Alexis said one of the newer skaters at the park is interested in joining the committee. She has encouraged attending a meeting.

Casey said Rick Aupperlee has resigned from the committee but wants to remain connected. He will be a Laraway liaison.

Casey said she has an outline of a committee report for the town report. She will flesh it out and circulate it by email and then the committee can make edits. By consensus, committee members approved this process.

Greg said he doesn't anticipate being here for the next 3 meetings. He may be able to join by Zoom but can't predict that now.

10. Update: Sketch for Future Concrete Area

The committee discussed the concept sketch provided by Pierre Hall. The committee wants to get clarification on one feature that appears to be below grade and ask for an example of where a design like that exists in another park so committee members can go and see it. The committee discussed also asking Pierre about how we could expand from this design, what flow pattern he envisions and how tight the transitions are.

11. Adjourn

Howard moved to adjourn at 6:25, Greg seconded and the motion was passed.

Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths