

JOHNSON SKATEPARK & BIKE TRACK COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES – NO QUORUM
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING / REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY ZOOM
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025

Present:

Committee Members: Casey Romero, Howard Romero, Alexis Daniels

Others participating via Zoom: Joey Handy, Kayla Handy, Pierre Hall

Absent: George Swanson, James Whitehill, Greg Fatigate

A quorum was not present, but those present started an informal discussion at 5:34.

Casey said we asked the state FEMA people if we could extend our repair period until the end of 2025 and they approved it, so we have all of 2025 to work.

Casey read the Laraway report from George Swanson:

Students and staff had a nice break over the holiday. Student s worked on wooden cutting boards and tree ornaments in the project barn for holiday gifts. We are ending the 3rd session of school this month. Skiing and snowboarding start for students this Friday at Smuggs. Weather permitting, this is a weekly event on Fridays for students this winter. Students will start fruit tree pruning the Laraway orchard over the winter months. We are gearing up for maple sugaring which is around the corner. The greenhouse is being spruced up as the seed catalogs coming in as a reminder that Spring is around the corner!

The group discussed the sketches Pierre Hall had provided showing different possibilities for the new section to be constructed and gave him feedback about features they like. Alexis said she will send the plans to some park users to get feedback. Casey said if Pierre can generate another set of drawings based on the feedback the committee can review them in February.

Pierre asked if it is possible to add to the skateable area on the eastern side of what is there already, separately from the FEMA-funded project, which he knows does not include that area. He thinks having something on that side to redirect skaters back into the park would make it more skateable. Casey said the state would like us to avoid the meadow. We also need to keep in mind the existing parking and bike repair station. But she thinks Pierre's project can extend a short distance into the area he is talking about. The square footage we have planned to add does not need to be in a rectangle. She mentioned that in the future we may want to think about having pedestrian pathways on either side of the park.

Casey said she met with Tom Galinat to discuss committee function and the role of the town after she is no longer chair of the committee. Tom brought more clarity on what he needs to see with regard to more precisely defining what the committee needs from Isabelle Sullivan. Casey will work with Tom and Isabelle on that. Tom is working on more clarity overall for all town employees about their roles, expectations and interactions.

The meeting ended at 6:01,

Meeting notes submitted by Donna Griffiths