

DRAFT Johnson SkatePark & Bike Track Meeting Notes
Wednesday February 12, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
Upstairs at Johnson Town Offices, Main St. West
Remote Attendance by Town Zoom

Present were: Howard Romero, Casey Romero, Alexis Daniels, and guests Pierre Hall, Geoff Hall and Nick Stockton (representing VT Skatepark Advocates and Catamount SkateParks) and Syd Stiegler.

Attending by Zoom: guests Kayla Handy, Joey Handy, Vincent De Falco, and “Evan’s phone” (no further info, no input, present for about 20 minutes).

Absent were: George Swanson, Greg Fatigate, and James Whitehill.

A quorum was not present, but those present started an informal discussion at 5:08 pm. Pierre Hall, Geoff Hall, Nick Stockton, and all Zoom attendants left by 5:55. Howard, Casey, Alexis and Syd left at 6:15.

1. Call to Order; Distribute Agenda and Drawings To Public Participants Printed sketches were on hand and Pierre set up the projector to display sketches on the whiteboard.
2. Future Concrete Area: Public Input and Design Discussion with Pierre & Geoff Hall. Casey gave background info on the project budget and municipal issues: We may need a 12.5% (~\$19K) local match, and can’t know yet if the state FY26 budget will include their 12.5% match contribution. Construction must be completed in 2025 for FEMA funding; and municipal accounting will be easier if the project uses only FEMA funds. While our immediate task is design input from riders for the project we want for the long-term, we may need to plan a more modest project that does not require local match, or that can be augmented in 2026 or 2027 that is funded by new grants or fundraising.

The group reviewed sketches and discussed the overall design and specific features. Audio quality and the need to keep changing whose audio channels presented some definite challenges. Kayla shared a sketch of how features certain could be grouped for good flow and safe use by riders of all abilities. She, Joey and Alexis advocated for A-Rail and Rainbow rail features. Alexis and Joey wanted to see more street features. Pierre and Geoff will incorporate all discussion into the next set of drawings.

Discussion then included use of the remaining N-S stretch of asphalt for additional street features. Riders would like that. Casey said we would need approval (state & local) for any features outside the new concrete area, and we could not build any wood features. If metal rails can be sufficiently embedded in the asphalt to be flood resilient, she hoped that could be allowed. Poured boxes or ledges would become part of the existing asphalt. She will discuss this ASAP with the Town Administrator. Geoff said that ledges or boxes could be built of the excess concrete left after every pour. They routinely do this on other jobs and it’s beneficial all around.

Someone asked how the “base elevation” was determined, and whether the existing asphalt was considered “grade” at that point. Howard believes base elevation and “existing material on site”

is defined the day before the flood event. and that asphalt would be considered “grade”. We agreed that these flood zone construction questions need to be discussed ASAP with the Town.

Casey already spoke with Tom Galinat about the water line. It’s partly covered by the halfpipe, and will be further covered by this concrete expansion. Tom said waterlines are routinely covered by streets and other construction, so we don’t need to move the waterline for this project.

Pierre wrapped up the project discussion and we agreed to meet again on Wednesday March 12 at 5 pm. He, Geoff and Dean left, along with the guests on Zoom, so the Zoom meeting ended at approximately 5:55 pm.

3. Let’s Roll Program, Options Alexis and Casey briefly described the program to Syd. We decided to hold the program in June, on the weekends, coached by Joey and Kayla Handy. Casey will flesh out more details with Rec Coordinator Isabelle Sullivan so she can set up registration on Sports Engine. Casey will buy skateboards and other supplies with grant funds on hand; this should cover 2025 and 2026.
4. Other Business None.
5. Adjourn No further discussion; we left at approximately 6:15.

Meeting notes submitted by Casey Romero