

JOHNSON SKATEPARK & BIKE TRACK COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES – NO QUORUM
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING / REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY ZOOM
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025

Present:

Committee Members: Casey Romero, Howard Romero, Alexis Daniels

Others participating in person: Adrienne Parker, Blake Parker

Others participating via Zoom: Pierre Hall

Absent: George Swanson, James Whitehill, Greg Fatigate

A quorum was not present, but those present started an informal discussion at 5:33.

Casey said Tom Galinat has been out sick so she doesn't know when or if the packet on the skatepark project got sent to the state. After the state gets the packet they pass it on to FEMA and we get in line for approval. We are hoping to get approval in time for fall construction.

Casey said we can continue to refine the current design for the concrete area. She thinks we need to wait to discuss further changes until we have a few more details about where we are in line to know when we might put out an RFP. Pierre said he wants to make some of the tweaks that have been discussed soon. He will be going out of state this coming week and will be gone for 2 months.

Casey talked about some factors mitigating the loss of street features. We lost a metal rail to vandalism last fall and we are going to replace it. We still have the mound. And at least until construction we have the jersey barrier. So there will be some street features. She thinks people will likely bring in some ledges.

Pierre left at 5:43.

New selectboard member Adrienne Parker said at the next selectboard meeting she wants to recommend a big joint meeting with all the chairs of town committees and commissions and Reimagine Johnson task forces. Chairs can bring ideas of projects they would like to do in the next 5 years or so and the group could look for overlaps and prioritize, then hand the list of priorities to Randall Szott as a road map for what grants to go after. She would also like to open a conversation about possibly reconstructing some of the committees, maybe rolling some of the Reimagine Johnson task forces into town committees. If the selectboard is okay with the idea of a joint meeting with committees, maybe a meeting date could be set that would give committees time to meet once more to put together project lists.

Adrienne and Blake left at 5:48.

Alexis asked if we are releasing details of the Let's Roll program yet. Casey said we are changing the program from what was originally conceived 2 years ago, on the advice of Hannah Wood, co-owner of Talent Skatepark, and also Alexis and Joey and Kayla Handy, who might coach Let's Roll. Instead of being for any small wheeled equipment like roller blades or scooters, it will just be for skateboards. Parent participation will not be very hands-on but we still probably want parents to come watch and learn. She thinks we will still have a dozen kids in grades K-6.

Howard asked, a dozen is the upper limit? Casey said yes.

Casey said she will get input from Joey and Kayla and then talk to Isabelle Sullivan about the program. Soon there will be information on the Johnson recreation website and Facebook page. The information will probably be public in 2 or 3 weeks. Let's Roll will be on Saturdays in June.

Casey handed out a draft sketch of what is planned for the sheds. We will do carpentry work to connect the two shed parts through an interior lockable door in response to vandalism. Existing wooden doors at the end of the building will be sealed off. She thinks it is too small a job to need an RFP but she needs to find out for sure.

Casey said we also need to replace the vandalized rail. We had been thinking a mini-grant from Healthy Lamoille Valley could provide additional money for Let's Roll, but it could also be used for the rail replacement. The loss was too small for an insurance claim.

Casey said we will have Green Up Day activities at the skatepark again.

The meeting ended at 6:02.

Meeting notes submitted by Donna Griffiths