

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT BOARD
SKATEPARK SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE
MEETING
JULY 1, 2014**

All minutes are draft until approved at the next meeting.

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board and the Skatepark Site Selections Committee met on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 in the Selectboard meeting room.

Selectboard members present: David Gartenstein, Kate O'Connor, David Schoales, John Allen and Donna Macomber.

Staff present: Interim Town Manager Patrick Moreland, Finance Director John O'Connor, Town Assessor Russell Rice, Public Works Director Steve Barrett, Highway/Utilities Superintendent Hannah O'Connell, Planning Director Rod Francis, Recreation & Parks Director Carol Lolatte, Town Clerk Annette Cappy, and Executive Secretary Jan Anderson.

Media present: Howard Weiss-Tisman representing the Brattleboro Reformer and Olga Peters representing The Commons.

Others present: James Banslaben, Les Montgomery, Kate Anderson, Melissa Clark, Jeff Clark, Jim Esden, Adrasteia K. Andrews, Jane [signature unclear], Ken Vitale, Patricia Fitzgerald, Marty Fitzgerald, Ann Wright-Parsons, Bonnie E. Carr, Elizabeth Gentile, Tom Robertson, Simrin Socci, Cassandra Holloway, Dan Sontag, Claudia Fanto, Marge Guthrie, Scott Dixon, Bob Everingham, Anne Brinton, Tad Montgomery, Elizabeth McLoughlin, Jane Sontag, Fric Spruyt, Barry Lane, Steve Sontag, Jim Latchis, Wendy Creager, ASL Interpreters Elizabeth Bjerke and Janet Dickinson, BCTV staff and volunteers, and others who did not sign the attendance sheet.

Acting Chair Kate O'Connor called the meeting to order at 6:20pm in the Selectboard meeting room. She confirmed that the meeting was properly warned.

Skatepark Site Selection – *Recommendation from Recreation and Parks Board and Skatepark Site Selection Committee.* Kate O'Connor reviewed the history of the Skatepark Site Selection Committee and said that it had been charged with identifying and evaluating possible sites for a skatepark. Recreation & Parks Director Lolatte said that the Committee made recommendations to the Recreation & Parks Board, that the Committee's recommendations were endorsed by the Recreation & Parks Board, and the Board and Committee were present to provide the recommendation to the Selectboard. Betsy Gentile and Elizabeth McLoughlin, Chair and Vice Chair of the Skatepark Site Selection Committee, were present. Gentile said that the "Executive Summary" and "pros and cons of the top four locations" were provided to the Selectboard in its packet. They discussed the Committee's recommendations, the process used by the Committee in making its recommendations, and sites included and excluded from consideration. Jane

Sontag, Jeff Clark, Anne Brinton, Scott [no last name provided], Ann Wright-Parsons, Dan Sontag (member of the Skatepark Site Selection Committee), Les Montgomery, Fric Spruyt, Barry Lane, Steve Sontag, Jim Latchis, and Wendy Creager shared their opinions on the matter. There was a very lengthy discussion. It was agreed that the Selectboard would view all four suggested sites, get additional information about the impact on the parking system, and hold another meeting with public comment prior to making a decision.

NO ACTION TAKEN

MOTION BY DONNA MACOMBER TO ADJOURN AT 9:55PM. MOTION CARRIED 4-0 (SCHOALES WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE VOTE).