

Skatepark Site Selection Committee Minutes

Thursday March 27, 2014

Meeting called to order: at 5:23 P.M.

Members present: Joe Bushey, Marty Fitzgerald, Betsy Gentile, Elizabeth McLoughlin, Dan Sontag, Andrea Watkins

Others present: Carol Lolatte, Jeff Clark, Melissa Clark, Les Montgomery, Howard Weiss-Tisman, Patty Fitzgerald

Agenda:

1. Public Participation

Les Montgomery inquired if the committee had seen his updated suggestions for assigning a value to the site selection criteria and passed out copies to the committee. Betsy Gentile said they had and would discuss them later in the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes from March 13, 2014 meeting

Vote: Motion carried

Resolved: Minutes from the meeting March 13, 2014 approved without modification

3. Public Input Via E-mail

Other than Les Montgomery's suggestion about criteria, there were no other e-mail comments from the public. Betsy asked Howard Weiss-Tisman if he would again mention the site, skateparkideas@brattleboro.org, in his next article for the Brattleboro Reformer.

4. Report on phone calls of potential sites

Betsy reported on her findings as well as those of Jake Robert's and Andrea Watkins shared the results of her follow up inquiries. As a result of this information, the list of 18 potential sites was narrowed to 9. A site taken off at the last meeting was brought back, bringing the total number to 10.

5. Begin to put a value on criteria

A lengthy discussion began to determine how to grade the potential sites based on the criteria the committee had previously chosen. Les Montgomery's system of "yes and no" answers to specific questions concerning size, cost, and safety, while assigning a value of 0 to 5 to impact concerns was thoroughly discussed. The conversation then switched to exploring the method for evaluating sites at the time of choosing the West River Park. For homework the committee was asked to read the "yes and no" questions proposed by Les and be prepared to tackle weighting the criteria sheet at the next meeting.

6. April 1 Meeting with Select Board

All SSSC committee members and BASIC members were encouraged to attend the meeting. Carol, Betsy and Liz will give a brief SSSC progress report to the Select Board and answer any questions the board may have.

7. Set April Meetings

The following dates were set for the next SSSC meetings:
Thursday, April 3 - 5:15 P.M.

Thursday, April 10 - 5:15 P.M. (Will be starting site visits)

Wednesday, April 16 - 5:15 P.M. (Site visits)

Tuesday, April 29 - 5:15 P.M. (Site visits)

Thursday, May 1 - 5:15 P.M.

8. Next Meeting: Thursday, April 3 at 5:15 PM at the Gibson Aiken Center

9. Other Business: None

Meeting Adjourned: at 6:55 P.M.

Submitted by: Patty Fitzgerald