

# Skatepark Site Selection Committee Minutes

Wednesday May 7, 2014

**Meeting called to order:** 6:19 PM

**Members present:** Joe Bushey, Marty Fitzgerald, Betsy Gentile, Elizabeth McLouglin, Jacob Roberts, Dan Sontag, Andrea Watkins

**Others present:** Iishana Artra, Brenda Carr, Andrew Clark, Jeff Clark, Melissa Clark, Les Montgomery, John Ogorzalek, Tom Robertson, Simrin Socci, Linda Whelihan, Francine Vallario, Patty Fitzgerald

## Agenda:

### 1. Public Participation

None

### 2. Approve Minutes from May 1, 2014 meeting

**Motion:** Approve minutes from May 1, 2014 meeting

**Vote:** Motion carried

**Resolved:** Minutes from the meeting on May 1, 2014 approved without modification

### 3. Public Input via E-Mail – [skateparkideas@brattleboro.org](mailto:skateparkideas@brattleboro.org)

One of the e-mails expressed a “thank you” for listening to the public input and another from a Frost Street resident expressed noise concerns for the Elm Street site.

### 4. Review Site Visits

The consensus of the committee was that the third site visited on upper Living Memorial Park, which members visited independently, scored well except for visibility. Jake reported that New England Youth Theater felt it would be too long before the “brown field” on their property could be developed to make it a viable site for the skate park.

### 5. Final rating process

It was decided that the scoring would be done by without using committee member names. There was a short discussion about the criteria not all having the same weight. Members then gave their total scores for each of the 10 locations and the numbers were tallied giving these results (a perfect score for a site would be 2,310 requiring all 7 members to give all the criteria a 10):

1<sup>st</sup> Elm Street (1,819)

2<sup>nd</sup> Crowell Lot (1,518)

3<sup>rd</sup> Living Memorial Park by the pool (1,458)

4<sup>th</sup> BAMS (1,433)

5<sup>th</sup> Living Memorial Park upper hill (1,428)

6<sup>th</sup> The Common (1,373)

7<sup>th</sup> Elliot Street Park (1,370)

8<sup>th</sup> Living Memorial Park above memorial garden(1,289)

9<sup>th</sup> Fort Dummer Field (1,220)

10<sup>th</sup> Cedar Street (1,006)

After the tallying of scores, the committee was questioned as to when public opinion would be heard in reference to the top sites. It was explained that the interim town manager, Patrick

Moreland, wanted the upcoming Park and Recreation meeting to be very well publicized expressly for the purpose of hearing public opinion. It was then determined that presenting the sites at the next Parks and Recreation meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> was too short a time to accomplish that goal and the date was moved to May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Carol stated the discussion of the top sites at that meeting and the following Select Board meeting would give the public a chance to weigh in on the choices. It was also mentioned that the design process phase would allow for public input. Carol suggested that people near the site locations help spread the word of the two upcoming meetings to their neighbors. She would supply meeting information to them.

**6. Next Meeting**

Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 P.M. at the Gibson Aiken Center

**7. Other Business**

SSSC members chose to meet again to prepare for their presentation of sites to the Parks and Recreation Board on June 9, 2014.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:38 PM**

**Submitted by Patty Fitzgerald**