

BASIC Meeting Notes March 1, 2012

Members Present: Marty Vallender, Dennis Wygmans, Francine Vallero, Melissa Clark, Adam Hubbard, Spencer Crispe, Joe Bushey (Quorum has been met)

Others Present: Carol Lolatte, Sam Drowley, Barbara Sondag, Dick DeGray

Town Update

The select board met Wednesday morning, Feb. 29th to approve the mediation agreement. Although they did approve it, they also stated that the location of the skate park and whether BASIC has gone through the proper procedures to get to where we are now are up for discussion.

Select board member, Dick DeGray, attended the meeting tonight to explain the current decisions of the appeal. Dick encourages us to talk with board members individually prior to the meetings to try to gain their support.

Barbara Sondag stated that we should bring in neighbors, youth groups, and other organizations that are in support of the skate park to attend BASIC meetings, select board meetings, send out letters to the editor and even send emails to the select board to show their support. The next select board meeting is scheduled for March 20th at 6:15 PM. Agendas generally come out 1 week in advance. A vote of 3 to 2 is needed in favor of BASIC for us to continue our mission.

It was suggested that BASIC may want to raise additional funds to put cameras at the park to alleviate public concerns and we should plan to self-police the park as well.

Dennis stated that after talking with a few individuals, it doesn't seem that the public or the board understands what our "mission statement" is. BASIC is a town-appointed committee that has been given the mission to fundraise, design and build a skateboard park located specifically at Crowell Lot and we, as a committee, don't have the authority to discuss other locations for the park.

Barbara Sondag will be added to our email list to receive our future meeting minutes.

Points discussed to bring to the attention of the select board members –

1. Skate park and skate boarding facts
2. Time line of our project as well as the time line since the early 80's when other individuals began to try building a skatepark.
3. Required maintenance (this location is already on the route for park

maintenance and if we pick a new location, it will add more maintenance to the current town plan)

4. Bringing more activity to the street reduces speed of the vehicles and creates more safety for pedestrians
5. Discuss the events we've put on for our community
6. Major supporters such as Tony Hawk Foundation
7. Show them supportive letters to the editor
8. Show where our funding has come from

Winter Carnival - Skate Jam

Marty drafted up Thank-you letters to thank people who donated to the skate jam or had other involvement.

Fundraising

We need to update the Tony Hawk Grant every 6 months on our progress so Marty has typed up a letter to them that needs to be approved by the Grant committee.

Financial news - \$64 from Skate Jam, \$1000 donation from Atamaniuk Funeral Home, \$93 refunded to Jeff Clark for BASIC Stickers purchased

Media

Brattleborology – No updates, Dennis hasn't heard back from them yet

RFP

No further updates

Next meeting March 15th, 6:00 PM Hannah Cosman meeting room