

## **BASIC Meeting Notes March 15, 2012**

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

Others in attendance: Carol Lolatte, Eric Langman, Darryl Pillsbury, Wendy Creager, Patty Heinz Fitzgerald

1. Minutes from 3/1/12 and 3/13/12, as well as tonight's meeting, will be approved at the next meeting since not everyone has had a chance to review them yet.
  
2. Town Update
  - a. Carol's Update- During the Select Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup>, members will start putting together information to plan for the discussion of the skatepark regarding how the site location was established and the timeline that BASIC has gone through. A separate select board meeting will be scheduled for the final discussion. Darryl states 30 days is needed to warn the public of the meeting, so it will be 4-6 weeks until this meeting takes place. Darryl feels the select board will want to have another public hearing regarding the site location due to such a large controversy within the town.
  - b. Wendy Creager asked for more explanation regarding each site that has been addressed and why each wasn't acceptable. Carol provided explanation to her.
  - c. Wendy asked about legalities if someone gets hurt. Carol addressed that the park will be under the town's current insurance plan and will only be liable if the injury is due to miskeep or malfunction of the park. Carol also stated that the current rate of the insurance will not increase due to the building of the skatepark.
  
3. Selectboard Meeting
  - a. Information Packet was sent out by Marty to BASIC members for review. It was not sent to the select board as planned due to a connection problem with the internet. Since the skatepark will be discussed at a future select board meeting, BASIC now has more time to finalize the information packet.
  - b. Petitions/signatures - Marty questions if we should send around a petition in preparation of the meeting. Carol states that any names added to a petition should be from Brattleboro and not other

towns. Joe states that we may have a better feel of what needs to be addressed in our packet after the preliminary discussion at the March 20<sup>th</sup> select board meeting

- c. Committee Member updates on Conversations and letter writing – Spencer will continue to reach out to other select board members.
  - d. Town Rep Meeting – Carol stated that anything can come up under “other business” during town rep meetings. Francine stated that District 3 is planning on bringing the skatepark issue up at the school portion of the town meeting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>. Darryl and Carol agreed that over 70 people need to be there to form a quorum.
- 4. Media
    - a. Reformer Letters – Spencer agrees to write letters to The Reformer and The Commons regarding why Crowell Lot is the best location
  - 5. Public Participation- Eric Langman has offered to help with design/build of the park and possibly with finding a design/build firm.
  - 6. Renewal of our post office box is due by the end of the month. Carol will make the required payment from the BASIC account to renew it for another 12 months

Next meeting April 5th 6:00 Hannah Cosman meeting room.