

## Meeting Notes May 3, 2012

Members in attendance: Marty Vallender, Dennis Wygmans, Francine Vallario, Jeff Clark, Patrick Clark, Melissa Clark, Spencer Crispe, Joe Bushey (Quorum has been met)

Others in attendance: Carol Lolatte, Sam Drowley, Eric Langman, Dot Lenhart, Dave Durfy (owner of Credo), Kate Anderson (town Arts Committee)

1. Approve Meeting minutes from 4/19 – Approved, unanimous vote
2. Public Participation – no questions from those in attendance
3. Guests - Dave Durfy (owner of Credo), Kate Anderson (town arts committee)
  - a. Town Arts Committee – The committee can offer assistance with integrating the skatepark design into the park and the park into the neighborhood. Kate Anderson suggests we have a Charette, which is an event where you invite interested people to come to a meeting in which they are divided up into 4-5 groups. Each group comes up with a concept for the park design over the course of about 2 hours. People then feel they have a part in the process and ownership in it. The committee can also help us with getting specific pieces of art for the site.
  - b. CREDO Shop – Dave Durfy has agreed to donate some prizes for Go Skateboarding Day. He suggests Who Skates is a good designer for us to send an RFP to. Spencer says he's opposed to them due to negative feedback that he's heard. BASIC will start putting together a list of companies to send design RFP's to and forward this list to Carol.
4. Shriner's Parking Area – Skateboarders have allegedly moved some parking curbs on their property that were recently installed. Shriner's has notified police and they will now be issuing warnings and citations to any skateboards. Members of BASIC moved the curbs back and contacted people from Shriner's to make amends.
5. Financial Update – Check was received from Windham Coach & Carriage for \$25. Jeff will write a thank you letter.
6. Fundraising – Dave Durfy suggests we look into the Kick Starter program. This could help bring money in from outside the area
  - a. Grants/Foundations
    - i. BS&L – This is a donation fund, not a grant, so we can go ahead and apply immediately. C&S is also a fund we could apply to.

ii. Chase your Dreams – This is a grant, so it needs to go through the selectboard for approval before we can apply. This grant will be on their agenda soon.

BASIC expects these two grants to bring a total of about \$10,000.

b. Local Business Donors

i. 99 Restaurant – Melissa has received information on the “Dining For a Cause” event that the 99 Restaurant offers. BASIC has decided to participate and will sign up for either June 25, 26 or 27, depending on which date is available. Dave Durfy is willing to donate a skateboard to raffle off at the event if we chose to do so.

ii. Chamber of Commerce letter – Marty has drafted up a letter asking for donations to send out to businesses that are members of the Chamber of Commerce. Marty will forward the letter to Carol for approval. Melissa has documented all businesses in the phone book that aren’t members of the Chamber of Commerce so BASIC can send letters to them as well.

c. In-Kind – Dennis and Joe will begin contacting companies to provide in-kind donations for concrete, fill, rebar, fencing, bark mulch, plants and diesel fuel. When making the Build RFP, we will need to make sure the RFP includes in-kind donations of materials. BASIC also needs to put a value on the hours spent by Adam Hubbard and Sarah Longsmith to include as part of our in-kind donations. These donations can be used during matching grants in the future.#

d. PR/Campaign – Postcards have been printed to be handed out at the May Gallery Walk. It includes information on our T-shirt contest. Dave is willing to send us a shirt template for us to put on our website. Francine & Dot will contact Lyn Barrett about helping with PR. Spencer, Dennis & Francine will talk to Chief Wrinn of the Police Dept. regarding an officer, who is also a skateboarder, taking part in Go Skateboarding Day. BASIC feels this would help create acceptance between the police and the skateboarders.

7. Gallery Walk – Marty will plan on being downtown before 5. Spencer will talk to Greg Worden to see if we can set up in front of VT Artisan Designs

8. Park Clean-up – Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 10-12. Paul Ethier will provide paint, brushes, rakes, drop cloths, trash bags, etc. Dennis will be there around 9:00 AM to accept the supplies. Other BASIC members will show up closer to 10. The town will come back to pick it up later.

9. Landscaping Update – Dot has made up a list of trees/shrubs that she recommends. Dave suggests not putting landscaping within the park. From

his experience, these trees end up dying off and our money could be better spent on landscaping outside the park.

10. Town/Rec and Park update – Fountain is still being fixed.

11. TV Short – No updates

12. Go Skateboarding Day 2012 – June 21<sup>st</sup>. Eric will contact Catamount Ramps to donate ramps for the event. We will look into posting our event on the “National Go Skateboarding Day” website.

Next meeting May 17th 6:00 Hannah Cosman meeting room.