

Approved BASIC Meeting Notes 2-4-16
Gibson Aiken Center, 6:30 PM

Members in attendance: Joe Bushey, Joe Bushey III, Jeff Clark, Melissa Clark, Elizabeth McLoughlin, Francine Vallario (Quorum has been met)
Others in attendance: Carol Lolatte

1. Adjust meeting agenda – Add Art Place America Grant to item #4
2. Approve meeting notes from Jan. 14, 2016 - Approved
3. Public Participation - None
4. Art Place America Grant – Art Place America is an organization that promotes art that contributes to community development, youth, health, etc. This would be a good grant for us to pursue. Brattleboro is a very ‘artsy’ town and we’d like to incorporate art into our design in some way. They gave \$370,000 to Next Stage in Putney in 2014. Registration is due Feb. 16th and the grant application is due March 2nd. Liz will get the necessary paperwork going so we can get approval from the selectboard to apply.
5. Update on Tony Hawk Grant - Jeff reached out to Alec Beck with the Tony Hawk Foundation to update them on our current progress.
6. Update on Act 250 status – Since our last meeting, Rod talked with the state and it was determined that only the skatepark itself and the dog park are in need of an Act 250 Permit amendment, not the entire Living Memorial Park as we were previously told. An Act 250 Permit adjustment automatically requires a storm water permit. An engineer will need to be hired to obtain the storm water permit. Marquise & Morano has submitted a quote: not to exceed \$5,000 for redrawing the site plan to show the smaller skatepark and not to exceed \$5,000 for the storm water discharge permit. The actual Act 250 Amendment can be done by Rod and Liz and will not need to be sent out for bid. Carol will also get a quote from Southern Vermont Engineering for these same services. As long as the quote is below \$10,000, the job doesn’t need to go out to bid. We motioned to authorize Carol to accept the lowest bid and move forward with the permitting. Motion approved 6-0. The state also acknowledged that one of their concerns is the noise from dogs in the dog park. The dog park committee will be responsible for conducting a noise study to be submitted to the state.
7. Update on donations received – Another \$50 has been received
8. Update on Video – Spencer had a filming at Mondo last Thursday with several well-known people of the town.
9. Reach out to design firms – Jeff reached out to 6-8 design firms

inquiring on what cost per square footage we should expect to be sure we're on budget with our fundraising. Overall, \$45 per square foot seems to be an average expected cost. So our \$200,000 budget for 5,000 sq. ft. seems to be accurate. Melissa was contacted by Luke from ARC (American Ramp Co.). He suggested we use the NJPA (National Joint Partnership Alliance) when seeking designers instead of putting the project out to bid. NJPA is similar to a state bid. Anyone who joins NJPA becomes a vendor and can bid. It would save the town from having to go out to bid with the project, but you're limited to picking a vendor from the list of members. Since ARC is the only skatepark design firm that's a member of NJPA, they would automatically get the bid and we would not have other options to choose from. Grindline sent info on several skateparks they've built with their size and cost. There were several in their package around 5,000 sq.ft. or less that had great features and were in our price range.

10. Update on Feb. Gallery Walk - Permit has been secured from the town manager's office. Joe Bushey, III will be monitoring the table. Any donations will be turned in to Carol on Monday. We will plan to participate again at March Gallery Walk
11. Set date of next meeting – Feb. 25, 2016, 6:30 pm Gibson Aiken Center
12. Adjourn

