

## Approved BASIC Meeting Notes 9-19-13

Members in attendance: Joe Bushey, Jeff Clark, Melissa Clark, Spencer Crispe, Francine Vallario, Linda Whelihan (Quorum has been met)  
Others in attendance: Howard Weiss-Tisman, Marty Fitzgerald, Patty Fitzgerald

1. Approve minutes from 9-5-13 - Approved
2. Feedback from conversations - While speaking with various school board members regarding downsizing the skatepark, their opinions seemed positive.
  - a. Discussion Regarding Downsizing of Skatepark – Below is the proposal that BASIC will be voting on this evening. If approved by BASIC members, it will be presented to the Selectboard for approval. To summarize the proposal, BASIC is not proposing a new design, just downsizing the current one and removing some of the more expensive features. We are unable to put a dollar figure on the proposed cost and square footage of the park until talking with Stantec. However, we need approval from the Selectboard to move forward with this concept prior to working with Stantec on the new size and budget. BASIC is encouraged that with a reduced skatepark, the existing play structure will be able to stay in its current location.
  - b. BASIC voted unanimously to accept the below proposal, as discussed above, to be presented to the Selectboard. Jeff will speak with Carol about when this can be presented to them.
3. Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting October 3, 2013 6:30 PM Hannah Cosman meeting room. #

### **Proposal before BASIC for the Selectboard 9/19/13**

We are asking our group to approve this proposal:

A smaller park. Downsize the park from 11,000 square feet to approximately 5,000 square feet - All within the same footprint, aesthetics and safety will be the exact same. Eliminate the more expensive features – With the smaller design, Stantec confirmed that the play structure could stay at its current location and would remain a safe distance from the skatepark.

Brattleboro Skatepark Sub-committee will formally request of the Selectboard to approve our adjustment of simply making the park smaller. We will be also asking the

Selectboard to decide the very same night, so we can continue the momentum of our fundraising.

We want to succeed in the mission the Selectboard tasked us with. We are going to have the same designer, same architectural firm. It will just be to scale down the same design to meet the fiscal needs in this economy.

This will still be an excellent wheel friendly park, attractive to all skill levels of users. It will meet a critical need in Brattleboro and the greater area.