

# Skatepark Site Selection Committee Minutes Draft

Thursday May 1, 2014

**Meeting called to order:** at 5:22 P.M.

**Members present:** Marty Fitzgerald, Betsy Gentile, Elizabeth McLouglin, Jacob Roberts, Dan Sontag, Andrea Watkins

**Others present:** Jeff Clark, Melissa Clark, Chris Mays, Les Montgomery, Simrin Socci, Francine Vallario, Patty Fitzgerald

## **Agenda:**

### **1. Public Participation**

Les Montgomery questioned why a site located higher up on the hill in Living Memorial Park was not considered for the skatepark. Carol explained that many sites had been removed from the potential site list because of lack of visibility and so was this one.

### **2. Approve Minutes from April 16<sup>th</sup> and April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting**

**Motion:** Approve minutes from April 16, 2014 meeting

**Vote:** Motion carried

**Resolved:** Minutes from the meeting on April 16, 2014 approved without modification

**Motion:** Approve minutes from April 29, 2014 meeting

**Vote:** Motion carried

**Resolved:** Minutes from the meeting on April 29, 2014 approved with correction

### **3. Public Input via E-Mail – [skateparkideas@brattleboro.org](mailto:skateparkideas@brattleboro.org)**

Carol Lolatte clarified an e-mail questioning whether a site in the middle of the hill at Living Memorial Park had been considered for siting the skatepark. Carol had informed the writer why it wasn't considered. Another e-mail mentioned that the ROW (right of way) and the Whetstone bank might be problematic if the area behind the pool was chosen. Someone e-mailed they favored 3 sites: Crowell Lot, the Common and Elm Street Parking Lot and supported their selections by quoting the Tony Hawk foundation criteria. Another e-mail made observations about the site visit at the Crowell Lot and referred to an independent arborist report about the trees at the Crowell Lot. After some discussion it was decided not to consider the report because it wasn't authorized by the town and arborist information wasn't available for all the sites.

### **4. Review Site Visits**

At Memorial Park, the committee felt the residents present from Brookside had made their feelings clear about the pool site. Dan Sontag inquired about the site higher on the hill that wasn't considered due to lack of visibility. After some discussion, the committee decided to view it as a possibility prior to handing in their scoring on the nine sites they had already graded (Elliot Street Park, Elm Street Parking Lot, BAMS, Fort Dummer Park, Cedar Street, the Common, two sites at Living Memorial Park and the Crowell Lot). Carol suggested that committee members could view this third site at LMP on their own. Les Montgomery offered that he and Simrin Socci had created a video about this site and it was available on BCTV. Carol said she would e-mail a link to the video to the committee members.

**5. Final rating process**

Betsy presented the sheet that will be used for recording the final scores at the next meeting.

**6. Next Meetings:** Wednesday May 7, 2014 at 6:15 PM Gibson Aiken Center (downstairs in the senior center) and Monday May 12, 2014 at 6:00 PM –Meeting with Parks and Recreation

**7. Other Business:**

There was a short discussion about how well some of the criteria worked in the grading process. Jacob Roberts brought up that he would like to follow up with a call to NEYT about the status of the brown site on their property to determine if there was any possibility of it being a site for the skatepark. Betsy will summarize the traffic report information she has received on the proposed sites and e-mail it to the committee members.

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:20 PM**

**Submitted by Patty Fitzgerald**