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Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2014 10:09 AM
To: skateparkideas@brattleboro.org
Subject: Skate park ideas

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7. Build it in the downtown or close. We do not like the idea of putting the park in West B because it will be too far for young people to walk safely. There have been so many pedestrians hit. Please locate the park within safe walking distance of the majority of residents.
8. Incorporate into the park a design for little ones to ride tricycles and training-wheels. There aren't enough safe streets for them.

Thank you for considering our ideas and for building a skatepark for our community!
Kate

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2014 10:25 AM
To: skateparkideas@brattleboro.org
Subject: Re: Skate park ideas

One more thing. This website makes some great points about location considerations.
http://fanwoodskatepark.com/Home_Page.html

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2014 3:43 PM
To: skateparkideas@brattleboro.org
Subject: Fwd: Site suggestion

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dennis Smith <[REDACTED]>
Date: January 18, 2014 at 2:45:15 PM EST
To: "skateparkideas@brattleboro.prg" <skateparkideas@brattleboro.prg>
Subject: Site suggestion

The roof of the "teen center" on flat street is 10,000 sq ft and the building was designed to go 2 stories higher. It is free land, downtown, already tied into utilities and at the same elevation as Elliot street.
Dennis Smith

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Leslie Montgomery [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 7:15 AM
To: skateparkideas@brattleboro.org
Subject: A Couple

Hi,

I would just like to briefly mention two issues facing the skate park siting process I believe to be important; one being the fact that you should not base your decision when considering relevant criteria hoping certain locations will improve for safety sometime in the near future and assume this will happen or that there will be future funding for such essential accommodations as bathrooms and additional design embellishments. This is especially true in the present economy with restrictive and limited spending for roadway improvement even though some significant areas demand immediate attention and have for some time (again, 8yrs) as the traffic accidents mount in these indisputable (red flagged) trouble spots in town.

I have lived at the corner of Western and Union Hill for some 16 years and over the course of the past 8yrs I, along with other neighbors, have petitioned the town in the past to resolve major inherent flaws of opposing traffic/pedestrian circulation not meeting, and in some case violating know safety requirements, combined with excessive speeds that impose eminent dangers for both pedestrians (possibly skaters) and the general erratic traffic dynamic attempting to navigate this hazardous intersection occurring on a daily basis (I recommend you research the police and emergency record for this area). Unfortunately there is a long and disturbing record of accidents out here culminating to the point one man recently trying to cross our most problematic (in shear length and placement) cross walk at the top of Union Hill (a matter of feet to the proposed skate park at Crowell) was struck and killed by a vehicle before the Christmas holiday this year. Of course I'm referring to the Crowell Lot location which in my opinion does not and most likely will not in the near future meet many critical safety requirements for a safe skateboard park with skaters coming and going considering the sites close proximity to a high volume traffic zone to an inadequate set back with obscured site lines on at least three sides.

The other issue concerns funding. Is there any hope of presenting a request at town meeting to use the 300,000 dollars recently saved by the Parks & Rec. committee on the ice rink repairs and put this toward the skate park project so we have a descent/ sufficient final product underway by this summer?

I will gladly attend the up- coming meeting and will hand a copy of the Arborist's Report conducted at Crowell Park that clearly determines the threat a skate park development would have on existing established trees in that park many in surrounding community has voiced a defined and definite need for the common enjoyment and essential presence of to remain protected.

Respectfully, Les Montgomery



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From: Adam Hubbard [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 10:33 AM
To: skateparkideas@brattleboro.org
Subject: Input

Dear Committee,

I just wanted to take a minute to clarify that I did not mean last week's comments to be negative. I am sorry for not being clearer. I understand you have a challenging task, and just want to emphasize the importance of skateboarding as an inclusive, social activity. In retrospect, I believe you probably already know that.

Adam Hubbard

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From: Alice Charkes [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 5:26 PM
To: skateparkideas@brattleboro.org
Subject: suggestions

I could see the skate park in the following possible places:

Living Mem. Park

West Bratt in the Dollar Store area (already built up with concrete) Home Depot parking lot (already built up with concrete) far end of high school parking lot (near the sand pit) Rte 142 south of the museum and Marlboro Tech on former train land Exit 1 Industrial Park land

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From: Leslie Montgomery [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 8:35 PM
To: skateparkideas@brattleboro.org
Subject: RE: A Couple

Thank you Carol,

Look forward to attending, sincerely want to see a skate park happen, my son is an avid and skilled skateboarder who would love for this to become a reality in a great location and we both thank you for all your efforts. Regards, Les

-----Original Message-----

From: skateparkideas@brattleboro.org [mailto:skateparkideas@brattleboro.org]

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 2:35 PM
To: Leslie Montgomery
Subject: Re: A Couple

Hi Les,

Thanks for your e-mail. I will pass it along to the Committee at our meeting on Thursday. The meeting will be at 5:15 P.M. at the Gibson Aiken Center if you are interested in attending.

Carol Lolatte
Recreation and Parks Director

Quoting Leslie Montgomery [REDACTED]:

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From: Frederick Engstrom [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2014 9:02 AM
To: skateparkideas@brattleboro.org
Subject: 4 emails with maps
Attachments: MAP1.pdf; ATT00336.htm

Hello site committee,

I am writing to add input to the Town owned properties that I could find on Brattleboro "Mapsonline".

I am going to attach a map with the highlighted property to each email. The first is the parking lot behind the Gibson-Aiken building.

Using the criteria that you have set out for map : 207Main street

Size: large enough

Location: central location, away from residential properties, part of the recreation center already established by town, could be made "park-like" adding to

the use by senior center, right next to public parking(town-owned), near public transportation-town hall-police department-library.

Safety: good visibility, near town administration, associated to recreation center (bathrooms), near public facilities, parking

Cost: Already cleared- otherwise normal

Topography: great flat site, already paved (so will not be taking over an established "green space"), beautiful view of river and Mount Wantastiquet.

Best, Stephanie Keep



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From: Frederick Engstrom [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2014 9:10 AM

To: skateparkideas@brattleboro.org

Subject: Map2

Map2, land-park between Putney Road and Linden Street above Retreat.

Size: over adequate size

Location: Central location , away from residential properties, beautiful views, near public transportation, parking lot and public parking

Safety: high visibility, proximity to town hall, courts, and police department, crosswalks. Problems: traffic density there is high

Cost: Normal

Topography: Flat and wide, great views , currently underutilized park. Problems : it is a green space.

Respectfully, Stephanie Keep

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From: Frederick Engstrom [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2014 9:22 AM
To: skateparkideas@brattleboro.org
Subject: Map 3

Attachments: map3.pdf; ATT00321.htm

Map3- Parking garage/transportation center.

A bit of a stretch, but the top floor of parking garage would make an amazing Skate park, amazing views, already concrete and it built for weight-so it could handle a skate park with plantings. Novel and potentially beautiful. Near the indoor skate park at boys and girls club, public bathrooms on ground floor

Size: Ample

Location: Utterly central and near where skate boarders like to convene, parking and bathrooms, accessible, great views. away from residential properties.

Safety: visible, central, near parking enforcement, bathrooms. Problems : high up in the air.

Cost: a unique design could utilize the nice flat and graded areas already there, like the "bridge of Flowers" some incorporation of a "roof Garden" would add to the park-like setting and draw a variety of people to enjoy the space.

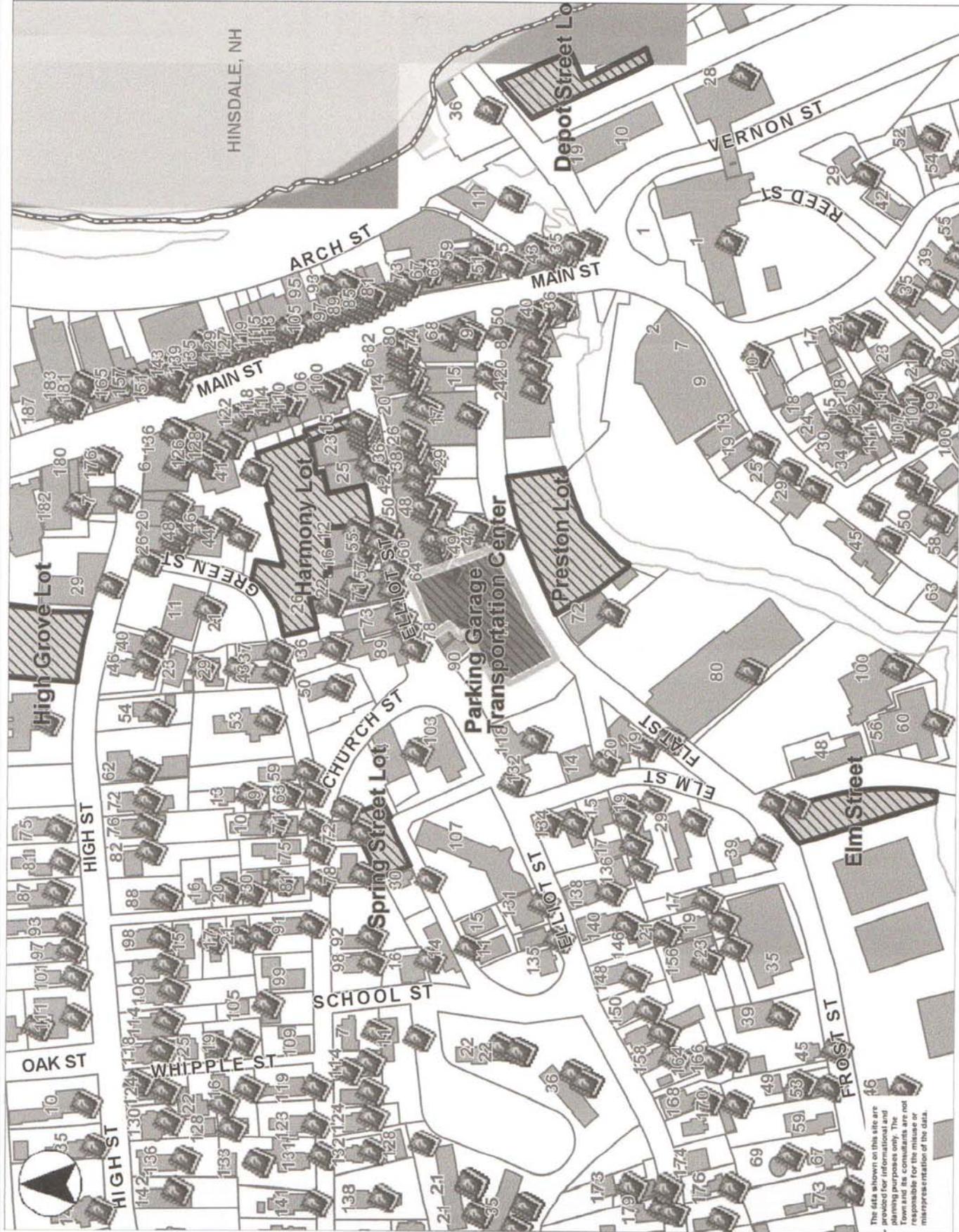
Topography: Flat and graded, already concrete, already fabricated space, does not take away from "town land".

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Subject: Map 4

Map 4 : From Main street 1- to River- town own park, property, museum property, lower parking lot and property by river.

Already slated for further development by the town. Small park under Holstein- rarely used, lower area near the river is

a pretty blank slate, other than maintaining "historic" shack.

Size: Ample-so much space, but assessment needed for which space there would work best.

Location: central, near parking and bathrooms, accessible, great views. away from residential properties, near other public spaces.

Safety: visible, central, near bathrooms and refreshment. Problems :the intersection has long been problematic

Cost: Same as others-

Topography: There is a mix of spaces mostly flat. Lower area is underutilized by all.

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From: Frederick Engstrom [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2014 5:57 PM
To: skateparkideas@brattleboro.org
Subject: Re: 4 emails with maps

Thank you Carol- these are from Stephanie Keep- Frederick's wife On Jan 30, 2014, at 10:54 AM, skateparkideas@brattleboro.org wrote:

- > Thanks Fredrick.
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From: Leslie Montgomery [REDACTED]
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To: skateparkideas@brattleboro.org
Subject: FW: Skate Park Considerations

Not sure you received this way back when? Thanks Les

From: Leslie Montgomery [mailto:REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2013 12:04 PM

Subject: Skate Park Considerations

Hi Skate Park Site Selection Committee members,

I wanted to pass along some considerations for a couple possible sites to you. One being an area just above the Living Memorial Gardens location at Living Memorial Park which I believe could be accessed via the little league parking lot at the corner of Maple and Guilford Streets. This area could be leveled with excavation and is off to the side of the general ski slope area within a fully accommodated recreation park (68 acres).

I have publically recommended the Upper Living Memorial Park skate park site before (possessing better respect to neighborhood buffer zones in an underutilized area) in our video titled as such available for viewing archived under "view on demand- Brattleboro local" on BCTV web site as well as the Elm street site video tiled "Another Location for the Skate Park" recently aired on BCTV. There was another video created that concerned the critical root zone areas and detriment to surrounding trees affected by skate park development proposed at Crowell Park bases on a professional arborist report conducted there, but was not aired. If you are interested please contact Maria Domiguez at BCTV.

If the Home Depot Building is ever considered, I was thinking it could be proposed to the BDCC to take over the building if time allowed to make additional space available for small upstart businesses considering they are nearly maxed out for space at both Industrial Buildings they manage (I have been a longtime tenant in both buildings), then reserve 15,000 sq. ft. on the left side of the building for a skate park with parking on that same side.

I have discussed this with my 22 yr. old son about this possibility and his one complaint as an experienced skateboarder is that indoor skate parks are too hot in the summer and air conditioning is not feasible. What could be done, is to open three industrial size garage door pockets combined with the natural light overhead windows and in the side of the building to allow for direct ventilation and fresh air. This way it could be considered a year round park and be able to be locked up with set hours. There even could be a skateboard shop run in combination with supplies and rental for novice skaters who can't afford to buy a skateboard.

I will pass on my suggestions for the skate park criteria emphasizing the fact I believe this park must be properly set back from heavy trafficked areas and must have as minimal of an impact as possible toward displacing or crowding out existing park activities already enjoyed. My personal top choice would be the Elm Street site as there is minimal impact to surrounding residential areas or park uses being located in a downtown paved urban setting and does not experience high speed and congested hazardous traffic volumes.

Regards, Les Montgomery



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