

**BRATTLEBORO SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014
SPECIAL MEETING – 5:30PM
VARIOUS SITE VISITS
MINUTES**

Selectboard members present: David Gartenstein, Kate O'Connor, David Schoales, John Allen, and Donna Macomber.

Staff present: Interim Town Manager Patrick Moreland, Recreation & Parks Director Carol Lolatte, Planning Services Director Rod Francis, and Executive Secretary Jan Anderson.

Media present: Olga Peters and Randy Holhut representing The Commons, Howard Weiss-Tisman representing the Brattleboro Reformer, and volunteers from BCTV.

Others present: Many members from the public, various members from BASIC (Brattleboro Area Skatepark is Coming) Committee, various members from the Skatepark Site Selection Committee, and Adam Hubbard from Stevens & Associates Engineering.

Chair David Gartenstein called the meeting to order at 5:35pm at the Elm Street parking lot. He confirmed that the meeting was properly warned. He said that the purpose of the meeting was to visit potential skatepark location sites that were selected by the Skatepark Site Selection Committee. He said that the Board would meet at a later date to discuss the results of the site visits and take public comment.

POTENTIAL SKATEPARK LOCATION SITE VISIT – *Elm Street Parking Lot.* Recreation & Parks Director Lolatte reviewed and discussed the site, the proximity of the Whetstone Brook, parking, and the surroundings. Planning Services Director Francis reviewed and discussed Town zoning regulations and State regulations regarding the brook. Members of the Board and members of the public asked questions and made comments about the site.

Gartenstein called a recess and said that the meeting would move to the Crowell Lot on High Street and would immediately reconvene at that location.

POTENTIAL SKATEPARK LOCATION SITE VISIT – *Crowell Lot.* Gartenstein reconvened the meeting at 5:55pm at the Crowell Lot. Recreation & Parks Director Lolatte reviewed and discussed the site, the skatepark plans previously prepared for the site, and the lease with the School District. Planning Services Director Francis reviewed and discussed Town regulations. Adam Hubbard discussed the nearby bank and the previous skatepark plans. Members of the Board and members of the public asked questions and made comments about the site.

Gartenstein called a recess and said that the meeting would move to the lower section of Living Memorial Park by the basketball court and would immediately reconvene at that location.

POTENTIAL SKATEPARK LOCATION SITE VISIT – *Living Memorial Park.* Gartenstein reconvened the meeting at 6:10pm in the section near the basketball court at Living Memorial Park. Recreation & Parks Director Lolatte reviewed and discussed the site, proximity of the Whetstone Brook, bank stabilization, flood zone, and neighboring Brookside condominiums. Planning Services Director Francis and Adam Hubbard reviewed and discussed State fluvial regulations, Act 250 requirements, and local regulations. The Board and participants then moved to the senior/camp stabilization area of the park. Lolatte, Francis, and Hubbard discussed the site, State fluvial regulations, Act 250 requirements, and local regulations. The Board and participants then moved to the upper level of the park in the middle of the horseshoe turn of the road. Lolatte reviewed pros and cons of that site for use as a skatepark. Members of the Board and members of the public asked questions and made comments about each of the three sites at the park. Schoales suggested that participants remain after the meeting to discuss options and compromises for the location of a skatepark.

MOTION BY DONNA MACOMBER AT 6:49PM TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

David Schoales, Clerk