

Skate Park Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2024

The Skate Park Committee met in the meeting room at Town Hall at 3:00 pm with the following present: Mary Carey Seavey, Ben Colbath, Harrison Kanzler, Caren Peare, Greg Mossman, Ryan O'Connor, Mike Lane, Jim Badera, John Eastman and Krista Day.

Mr. Eastman called the meeting to order.

Ms. Seavey moved, seconded by Mr. Kanzler, to appoint Ben Colbath as Chair. The motion carried with Mr. Colbath voting present.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Kanzler, to appoint Caren Peare as Vice Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

The Committee members introduced themselves.

Two high school students, Tucker and Veronica were also present at the meeting.

There was discussion regarding whether they could be "at large members of the committee".

Ms. Peare wanted to include them even as advisory members only as they had been tasked in their marketing program to tie the Skate Park into mental health.

Mr. Kanzler moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to create an advisory committee of high school students. The motion carried unanimously.

This will be brought to the Selectmen to solidify at one of their next meetings.

Mr. Colbath stated that he would like to see Ryan Shepard, who is currently the Selectmen's alternate, to be the member at large.

There was discussion regarding whether they would like to advertise for the at large position.

Mr. Mossman is going to reach out to Tyler Ray to see if he is interested.

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Kanzler, to appoint Tyler Ray as the member at large pending his acceptance. The motion carried unanimously.

The nominee will need to be appointed by the Selectmen.

There was discussion regarding the hearing at Superior Court on December 16, 2024.

Mr. O'Connor explained that they had received a grant towards this project, however, they would need to meet some conditions before the end of the year including taking control of the land. Due to the lawsuit, that is going to be unattainable.

Mr. O'Connor explained that they need to create the easement, but the State is not willing to move forward on that until the case is over.

Mr. Colbath asked if they needed to do anything further with the plans.

Mr. O'Connor explained that because it will need to go through the bid process, there are a few things that need to be added/adjusted to the plans.

Before the next meeting, they will come up with a list of what those things are.

They may need to hire an outside engineer.

Ms. Peare noted that they currently have raised \$286,000 but unfortunately since the new article regarding the lawsuit, their fundraising has slowed.

The next meeting will be held on December 19, 2024 at 3:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 pm by the call of the Chair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krista Day

Executive Assistant