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Subject: Re: Skatepark Land Access Discussion on Monday Selectboard
Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 12:56:53 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Bristol Town Administrator
To: HubDirector, Troy Paradee
CC: joelbouvier@yahoo.com, Porter Knight (knight@gmavt.net), davidr1946@gmail.com, Freeda Powers, Recreation Director, Zoning, Bristol Clerk

Thanks for the input on this, everyone.

This will be Monday's Selectboard agenda as the first discussion item after the consent agenda.

Having this on the agenda allows for open public discussion and input as the Town moves forward on the skatepark renovation project.

Ian

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Hi Troy!

Thank you so much for working so hard to find a solution to this! Let me find out who the lawyer is and I'll send you an email or text as soon as I get their contact info.

I'm going to present to the Selectboard about the process that we've been working together to navigate as it's a great example of collaboration, plus the ask is pretty significant so they should be updated.

Ian can chime in if he thinks that we actually don't need to be on the meeting but I'll plan to be present.

Thank you so much Troy so everything you do for the Rec Club and the ways that the Club improves Bristol.

Give me a call whenever works best for you,

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Hi Taylor, so sorry this has been taking so long on our part (Rec Club). We are getting coordinated on this issue and I think we can create an **Easement of Public Outdoor Recreation Use** for the Town. We would just need to create the legal documents to ensure the specifics if/when you get the grant and language that would specify any future where a skatepark might not be on this piece of property.

We just need to get all the Trustees to have a common understanding of what this all means long term for the Rec Club. Been hard getting everyone together on this. Who is the Town Lawyer for issues such as this?

I do not know if this would be a good use of Selectboard time at a regular meeting. However, getting a draft agreement we can look at would be very helpful.

I will call you to connect on how to speed this up.

Thanks so much for all your work on this effort to improve recreation for our community!

Troy

On Tue, Feb 18, 2025 at 5:23 PM HubDirector <hubdirector@bristolvt.org> wrote:

Hi all,

After giving Ian an update on this dilemma he made the recommendation that we have a discussion with the Selectboard on Monday, February 24th to work towards a solution or at least a decision regarding the land access for the skatepark project. We will be on the agenda and would love to have everyone present who will be contributing to the final decision, and is interested.

Let me know if you have any questions, Ian will send out attendance information for the Monday Selectboard meeting.

Thank you!

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From: HubDirector <hubdirector@bristolvt.org>

Date: Friday, January 31, 2025 at 2:17 PM

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Subject: Land Public Access Issue pertaining to the skatepark project

Hi All,

I've spoken with a few of you about this issue but to catch everyone up – we are applying for \$300,000 of Federal Funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for the skatepark. We ran into an issue with the land access, the exact same issue that was seen when the Rec Club was working on building the Ice Rink in 2001. The issue being that the LWCF and Federal Grantors need to see that the land the project is being built on will be open to the public permanently.

To prove that we plan to ensure the public access we need either a (1) Permanent Public Use Easement or (2) the land discussed in the grant to be owned by the town.

When the Rec Club ran into this issue in 2001 with the ice rink the solution was that they gave the town the land under the footprint of the ice rink, with a handful of stipulations to ensure that the land would always be utilized for recreational and public use. I've attached the deed with the language around this agreement to this email for folks to review.

I would love to have the opportunity to discuss this matter further either at a Rec Club meeting in the next few weeks or on a Selectboard Meeting. We would really love to be able to apply for the \$300,000 grant. Without a Permanent Public Use Easement or a transfer of the property of the footprint of the skatepark (or an agreement that says we will do one of those two things if awarded the grant) we are ineligible for the grant.

We are really excited about the opportunity to create a fantastic, accessible, outdoor community space and this grant from LWCF would make completing the project significantly easier.

Let me know about a meeting where we can all get together to discuss the options.

Thank you so much,

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