

JOHNSON SKATEPARK & BIKE TRACK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING / REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY ZOOM
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026

Present:

Committee Members: Casey Romero, Howard Romero, Alexis Daniels, George Swanson (via Zoom)

Absent: Greg Fatigate

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

At 5:30 there was not a quorum, but Casey started informal discussion. She said directors' orders included \$700 for mowing of the bike tracks and the meadow.

Alexis arrived at 5:33, making a quorum.

1. Call to Order

Casey called the meeting to order at 5:33.

2. FEMA: Concrete Project; Permit & Budget Updates

Casey said we heard from Susan Baird that our Act 250 application was complete. The public notice period is 20 days. The draft permit will go out on Monday and comments are due by July 7. If there are none, our permit can be signed July 8. Casey will pass that news on to Geoff Hall.

Casey said this coming Monday the concrete project will be on the selectboard agenda. John Sutherland is hoping the selectboard will officially approve the project. She is not clear if that means they will then sign a contract with Catamount. John and Casey worked on a revised budget that included funds on hand plus the projected \$8K in revenue from fundraising. For expenses, it only included the construction bid, not permits or event expenses. That reduced the gap to \$28,396. The library has met their budget goal; the library project is funded.

Casey listed some grants we are looking at applying for. If we got all of them, the total would be \$34,500. The biggest grant on the list is a recreation facilities grant. Those applications are usually due in fall, with a decision in December. That would mean approving a grant for something that is already built. Casey feels we need to confirm whether that would be possible.

Alexis and Casey are working on getting a Coin for 'Crete GoFundMe up. Casey needs to get information from John about who the funds should go to, given the transition in the office with Rosemary's retirement.

3. Water Line, Other Site Issues

Casey said she has been telling John that if we are going to go for a grant for the water line project we need a plan. Greg Fatigate gave a preliminary cost estimate of \$3K or \$4K. The grant would cover up to \$5K. John wants to have the skatepark discussion at the next selectboard meeting focused only on the concrete project and he wants to schedule discussion of the water line project for July 6.

Casey said we are trying not to have a dumpster at the skatepark this year. John has a truck and he has offered to collect cans and either dump them in the town dumpster or add the garbage to his own garbage and keep track. He hasn't yet talked to Jason Whitehill, the head of public works, to see if using the town dumpster is okay. Not having a dumpster would save us substantial money.

4. *Let's Roll & Skate the Arts Programs; Town Recreation Economy Planning Grant*

Casey said we will start advertising and registering kids for Let's Roll soon. Joey Handy will coach. There is one Saturday when he can't be there, but it looks like someone who has coached Skate the Arts can coach that day.

We have a contract signed for Skate the Arts. We still need a liability certificate from them.

The town has a recreation economy planning grant. As part of that, towards the end of August there will be a day and a half when planners and a town group are working together. There will be one or two community input sessions during that time. Casey told the selectboard that she hopes the planning can include committee work and the need for a rec coordinator.

5. *Laraway Report*

George said the last day of school for students is this Friday. The school garden is planted. Hopefully it will produce enough to supply families and the food shelf. The greenhouse is a real success. A plant donation will be coming tomorrow so students and staff can take home plants for their gardens. Session One starts July 6. Laraway is on a 5-session calendar. Everything went well this year.

6. *Minutes of May 13, 2026*

Alexis moved to approve the minutes of May 13, 2026, Howard seconded and the motion was passed.

7. *Other Business*

Casey said the portalet will be arriving soon if it is not already here.

8. *Adjourn*

Alexis moved to adjourn at 5:51, Howard seconded and the motion was passed.

Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths