

JOHNSON SKATEPARK & BIKE TRACK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING / REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY ZOOM
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026

Present:

Committee Members: Casey Romero, Howard Romero, Greg Fatigate

Absent: Alexis Daniels, George Swanson

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

1. Call to Order

Casey called the meeting to order at 5:30.

2. Minutes of July 8, 2026

Greg moved to approve the minutes of July 8, 2026, Howard seconded and the motion was passed.

3. Directors' Orders

Casey said directors' orders totaled \$789. That included the Let's Roll program, landscaping, and portalet rental.

4. FEMA Bowl: Concrete Project; Fundraising and Budget Updates

Casey said we have a definite start date of September 1 for the project. We have raised \$420 from GoFundMe, but a portion of that goes to GoFundMe. Rosemary identified a funding gap of nearly \$14K and the selectboard agreed that if the skatepark committee hasn't raised that much and needs money to pay bills, the town will give the committee money.

Casey reached out to the grant administrator for the Recreational Facilities Grant of up to \$25K that usually opens up in August, but she hasn't heard back. That grant opportunity hasn't opened up yet. She doesn't know if a project that finishes before they look at grant applications will be eligible.

5. Water Line Update

Casey said the grant application for up to \$5K for the water line project went in last Thursday. Applications were reviewed Monday and the grant administrator said in an email that she hoped to notify people within a few days of the group's decisions, so Casey is hoping to hear this week. If we do, then we can get the water line project done before September 1.

Greg asked if the village is doing the work. Casey said yes.

Casey said if we don't get any grant money, this will have to be on the selectboard agenda again. They meet next Monday.

6. Site Maintenance, Other Site Issues

Casey said the park looks good. She wants to get more clearing done on the back side of the fence. One of the applicants for the maintenance job cleared the front side, but she doesn't think he will be able to do the back side. The college student who worked for us last summer will be going to VTSU – Johnson and she hopes he will be available to do more clearing. We need to cut some evergreen limbs around the meter house.

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

Casey said we got \$150 in registration fees for Let's Roll. That was entered in the fiscal year that ended June 30. She looked at the remaining grant money and if we just have one coach we can run Let's Roll for another year with that money.

Skate the Arts camp has been having good weather so far. They did spray art on the back of the jersey barrier. There are 20 kids enrolled.

The town recreation economy planning work sessions are going to be next week. There will be an evening meeting on Thursday and a daytime meeting involving site visits on Friday.

We provided bottled drinking water for Skate the Arts and the fire department filled some cleaned and lined trash cans with water to be used for washing.

8. Laraway Report

George was not present to give a report.

9. Other Business

No one had other business to bring up.

10. Adjourn

Greg moved to adjourn at 5:43, Howard seconded and the motion was passed.

Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths