

**Plainfield Recreation & Public Arts Committee**  
**October 28, 2024**  
**Meeting Minutes**

- I. New Members (5min) – Beto Silva is interested. Jake will follow up to confirm and have him send an email with his bio to send to the Select Board for official approval. Ben proposed Acorn for the Rec & Public Arts Comm. Jake will reach out to Acorn to ask them to join the committee.
- II. Update on Erosion Mitigation Project w the Conservation Commission. Jamie will forward the email from Rose Paul for review. No further action needed from the recreation and Public Arts Committee at this time. We support this work moving forward. (5min)
- III. Update on the Mill St. bridge sculpture project (5min) - Jesse Cooper
  - A. Is there a timeline when the debris will go away? What made the shapes of the rebar? The year “1929” is printed on the stone, because of a previous flood in 1926. If the FEMA buyouts happen then many properties will be permanent green spaces, so how can we commemorate what used to be there? Jesse has been thinking a lot about these questions. Could be part art piece, part memorial, led by a large community conversation. A lot is dependent on the buyout program and what happens with the land. The large piece with the block with the date has been moved to Flywheel Industrial Arts Shop for storage for the time being. The FEMA buyout process will likely take years. Idea to have a community engagement event at the site, and at Flywheel to gather ideas from the community for what the piece evokes for them. Animating Infrastructure Grant through the VT Arts Council would be a good funding source for this project. Jesse can look into the grant deadline. Jesse will bottomline a community engagement event in the spring and reach out to the committee for support.
- IV. Discussion on long-term planning at the Rec Field given increased green space and flood plains (20min)
  - A. Recreation areas around the state are often put in flood prone areas.
  - B. It might be reasonable to “armor” the side of the brook at the Rec Field to protect it. It should be done. Check with Karen Hatcher to get this on a list for grants.
  - C. Re. the skatepark, check with the State Flood Plain Management Ned Swanberg, to check the State regs around re-building the skate park with concrete ramps.
  - D. Consider more wooded buffer around the edge of the park.
- V. Skate Park Planning (10min)
- VI. Shelter needs (10min) – Power needs sorting and the ground needs leveling, need another chain for the 4<sup>th</sup> picnic table.
- VII. Mtg Schedule (5min) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 5:30-6:30pm (during the winter), summertime 2x/month
- VIII. Other business
  - A. Maintenance Needs
    1. Leveling ground under the shelter
    2. Electrical review and repairs

3. Bolt coming up through the tube slide