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Dear Freeport Town Councilors,

We represent a community group that has been working since March 2021 to find a location for a skatepark in Freeport. Our goal is to build an outdoor concrete skatepark that is free and within walking distance of the Freeport schools. After assessing many properties, we identified an area within the Leon Gorman Park as the best spot, based on proximity to schools and access to services. The planned use of that section, in 2007 when LLBean gifted the property to the town, was as an ice skating rink but after only one season the idea was abandoned.

At the October 19, 2021 Town Council meeting we presented our idea to you. (Chip, John, and Dan may recall.) It was well received but you wanted us to provide more details with an actual design and demonstrate community support before you would consider granting us permission to develop the property.

Since that time we have met with many stakeholders. We've been assured that the LL Bean family is not in opposition to this idea for re-developing the overgrown area. We have met with the Town Planner and Engineer to identify red-flag issues (ie drainage, zoning, etal.) and found none. We met with the sewer district manager who thought the site was a great location for this use. We conducted a boundary and topographic survey of the area, completed in September 2022, and then we had a landscape architect prepare a preliminary design. (see attach1)

In February 2023 we shared that design with the Town Manager and Planner. They recommended that we develop a more detailed concept plan for the council to consider. They also suggested that we hold a community meeting with an eye towards the immediate neighbors to LGP. (We had delivered letters to the adjacent neighbors in Feb 2023, requesting feedback with concerns; we received 2 responses.)

Now we come to you with our concept plan for the park. (see attachments 2&3). It is the result of Nor'Easter Skateparks (Chris Hogan and Keith Powers) conducting three Design Input meetings followed by a Community Meeting on January 24, 2024. Also at these

meetings were representatives from the Maine Skateboard Association whose aim is to help communities build safe and appealing parks. This plan represents our groups' best thinking for a skatepark that will meet the needs of our community skateboarders (and other wheelers), from beginners to advanced.

We have many partners excited to be part of the next steps if you approve our request to develop the property. We would develop the construction plans and submit an application for review with the Town Planner. We would also begin our fundraising efforts in earnest (but know that we have assurances from some community members with deep pockets that this park will be well funded and its maintenance endowed for years to come).

Thank you for considering this project. We look forward to presenting more details and answering your questions at the March 5 meeting.

Sincerely,

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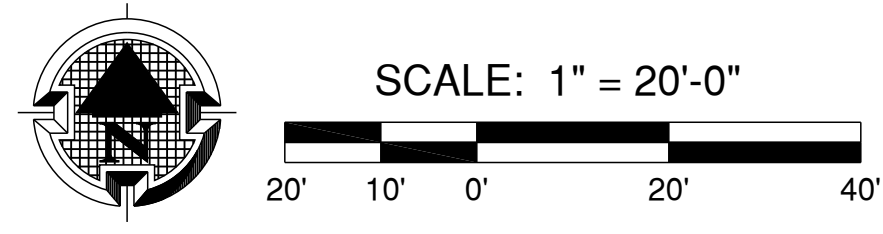
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