

THE
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TOWN OF BRISTOL
VERMONT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
2008

Please bring this report with you to Town Meeting
Monday, March 2, 2009 at 7:00 pm

Voting by Australian Ballot
Tuesday, March 3, 2009
9:00 am to 7:00 pm

THE HUB YOUTH CENTER REPORT 2008

The Hub Teen Center & Skatepark is a place for Five Town teens to call their own, with adult supervision that makes it safe and comfortable for everyone. Part of the job of improving The Hub is making it a more compelling environment and facilitating the vision for The Hub that the kids bring to it.

The most obvious changes at the The Hub this year have been with staffing and the appearance of the main hall. Jim Lockridge stepped in as director when Ena Backus departed in the spring. Ryan Krushenick, a musician, joined the crew, and Lauren Aldrich, long responsible for the nutrition and media programs, departed in December.

Early in the summer the storeroom was converted to become a music room, with a band's worth of instruments and teach-yourself videos. A mini-ramp was built by the crew and Hub kids inside the main hall so that skateboarding could happen in the winter. In the late summer Conner & Buck reconfigured the ceiling, insulated, and helped install additional electric circuits and stage lighting that will support live music events. The interior was painted by the Hub staff. Altogether the Hub space has gained the feel of a clubhouse and looks new.

Through 2008 The Hub's programs have improved. The digital media program worked with a new iMac to create skate videos and photography that's now displayed on the Hub's walls. Community support helped expand the assortment of instruments available to learn with or practice on, and Ryan formulated a schedule of regular, free music lessons (drums, guitar, bass guitar). A new computer was donated to become a music editing workstation. The Internet kiosks were improved with donations of new monitors and the mini ramp became a full-fledged stage with lighting donated by UVM's theater department and dedicated electric circuits. New games were donated including a regulation sized air hockey table. Hub teens were vocal about their interests, and these were thoughtfully facilitated. Attention is being focused on improving the nutrition program that offers snacks every day, a constant desire of the kids, and projects formulated in 2008 will be developed and made real in 2009, including memorial murals for their deceased peers Sam Laframboise and Anthony Loyer to be painted on the skatepark ramps by experienced urban artists.

A new web site was built at <http://www.bristolskatepark.com> where a blog helps the community follow changes and news at The Hub. A summer concert featuring hardcore punk rock bands was a stunning success and future concerts are being planned with the involvement of Hub teens.

The community has expressed support for The Hub and its kids with gifts and grants through the year. Special thanks are due the Town of Bristol for the support contributed to the renovations by Conner & Buck. It has been a transformative year at the teen center, which has arrived at year-end prepared for an adventurous and productive year to come.

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	2007-2008 BUDGET	2007-2008 6/30/2008	2008-2009 BUDGET	2008-2009 12/31/2008 Year to Date	2009-2010 PROPOSED
YOUTH CENTER/SKATE PARK					
Full Time Labor	29,000	34,232	31,000	15,000	31,000
Part Time Labor	9,600	3,636	10,000	5,179	10,000
FICA	2,200	2,892	2,400	1,544	3,137
Health Insurance	5,500	2,993	5,450	-	-
Retirement	1,750	-	1,860	-	1,950
Workers Compensation	800	359	750	831	700
Disability Insurance	275	375	400	176	425
Travel	300	197	300	167	300
Supplies	1,300	1,203	1,000	461	900
Food	2,500	2,936	2,800	1,225	2,800
Equipment	1,000	372	1,000	1,577	-
Heat	1,800	2,720	1,800	313	2,100
Electricity	1,000	1,785	1,500	-	1,700
Telephone	1,100	1,099	1,200	534	1,200
Special Events	500	-	500	727	500
Programs/Workshops		-	600	-	-
Trash Disposal	500	656	800	464	400
Maintenance	1,000	1,519	1,000	1,432	1,500
Total YOUTH CENTER/SKATE PK.	60,125	56,974	64,360	29,629	58,612
POTTERY STUDIO					
Labor	9,800	9,276	9,800	5,404	10,100
Supplies	1,200	495	1,000	740	1,000
Kiln	1,000	653	600	-	700
Heat	500	35	800	-	900
Electricity	400	339	500	123	400
Rent	4,200	1,730	4,800	4,400	6,600
Telephone	500	467	600	192	500
Sewer Fees	450	125	350	-	-
Water Fees	200	133	150	-	-
Total POTTERY STUDIO	18,250	13,252	18,600	10,859	20,200
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>	193,875	195,269	207,827	109,100	210,874
<u>RECREATION DEPARTMENT</u>					
<u>NET SUPPORTED BY TAXES</u>	124,875	109,249	136,027	82,183	137,274