

This past fall we co-taught a DCI class the first semester. During the class, students worked on bringing their passions to the community and the students did a fascinating job. We had passions and projects that included students teaching origami, holding a sports clinic, beautifying the tunnel in town and designing a skatepark. The tunnel and the skatepark are ongoing projects that the students are still involved in even though the class has ended.

We were writing you in regards to the skatepark. We have met with the town a total of 3 times to discuss details to move forward, the students presented their design to the town, we have been communicating with a design company called Pillar designs and the Tony Hawk Foundation, and have reached out to a few parents that are interested in helping out. We don't have a 100% commitment from the town yet, but we are very close. We have some work ahead of us that is beyond our scope and the students. Work including surveying the land, examining the water table, finding a Fiscal Sponsor, fundraising events, etc.

We are looking to get the message out to try to build a committee of people to assist with the next steps. The village board has mentioned that people have tried to bring a skatepark to Cold Spring before, but the momentum stops and the interest is lost. We feel as well as the students that this is important to the community and have been keeping our momentum going since September.

Thank you,

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