

Sanbornton Town Park Committee DRAFT Minutes
January 11, 2024
Sanbornton Public Library

Present: Bob Lambert, selectman; Will Ellis, Planning Board Rep; Patty Kasparian; Colleen Longo; Barbara Whetstone, chair.

1. Minutes from December 7, 2023 were read. Patty moved to accept. Colleen seconded the motion. All present accepted the minutes as written.
2. Barbara spoke with Jenn Dykstra regarding membership. Jenn does want to remain on this committee but needs to be on a leave of absence until she is available to return.
3. Patty reported the town park news article has been published in the Winnisquam Echo on January 4, 2024. As of today, the article has not been published in the Laconia Daily Sun. Patty will contact the Sun to inquire regarding publishing of the article. Patty and Colleen were thanked for their work on the article.
4. Heather Goodwin is interested in joining this committee but was unable to attend tonight. Patty mentioned that Melissa Beaupre Anderson may also be interested. Patty will contact her and invite her.
5. The committee discussed the meeting with the Board of Selectmen on January 3, 2024. The selectmen approved the hiring of the town lawyer to investigate any regulations the town needs to follow in order to further develop the park. They also approved going out to bid to hire a surveyor/engineer/town park planner to establish a boundary between the park and the transfer station and to draw a site plan for the park. Going out to bid will wait until information from the meeting with the town lawyer has been received. Trish Stafford, town administrator, stated she would set up an appointment with the town lawyer, herself and the park committee. This committee has not yet been informed of a scheduled meeting. Bob will contact Trish.
6. Barbara requested all committee members to identify and contact potential surveyors/engineers/park planners. Patty said she would contact Seth Creighton, Planning and Zoning Director for the City of Franklin, to inquire about who they have used for the development of their parks. Barbara will contact Bryan Bailey to inform him that we will be going out to bid for park site work and inquire as to his experience with municipal park site plans.
7. Colleen reported issues with the park gmail. She will follow up on this.
8. Barbara set the meeting schedule for 2024 and has emailed it to Amanda Pelissier to post.
9. Next meeting: February 8, 2024, 5:30pm, at the Sanbornton Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Whetstone, Chair