

Sanbornton Town Park Committee Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2023, 5:30 pm
Sanbornton Town Library

Present: Barbara Whetstone, Chair; Colleen Longo; Bob Lambert, Selectman; Jenn Dykstra

A. Minutes of January 12, 2023 were read. Colleen moved to accept. Barbara, Bob and Colleen voted to accept the minutes as read. Jenn still needs to be sworn in as a member.

B. Discussion followed and the following issues were addressed:

1. Jenn stated we need to know the budget for the projects identified. Bob stated the grant money is around \$300,000. Bob said we will need to present to the selectmen a clear outline of the projects requested and the cost figures.

2. Colleen will find out the amount in the Town Park Building Trust Fund. At present, it looks to be around \$22,918.36. This may be almost enough to pay for the recreation storage shed.

3. Jenn shared information about purchasing a storage shed which she has researched. She recommended a shed to be purchased from Backyard Buildings and More, 24x 16 ft with a second floor. The structure looks like a small barn. Those present agreed it is the best option researched so far, providing the needed space, appealing style and the best price. The cost will need to include installation, shelving, foundation and a ramp. Approximately \$22,000 will be needed. Jenn will put together information about the shed and more precise figures to be presented to the selectmen at next Wednesday's meeting. Jenn has discussed this plan with Amanda. Location of the storage shed will need to be located near electricity and easy access to the playing field, thus a location near the present shed to the southeast of the parking lot would be best.

4. Project priorities were once again discussed: well, field irrigation, storage shed, excavation for a green space eventually to provide an area for a pavilion, bathrooms and playing courts and establishing a berm with evergreen trees and bushes to serve as a boundary between the transfer station and the park entrance road.

5. Barbara shared the Town Pit Reclamation plan map and cost breakdown prepared by Scott Auger and Hiltz construction. We were not charged for this plan. This plan details clearing and grubbing the entire site, creating an additional playing field area, loaming and hydroseeding the western slope, removing debris and stumps from the northern section at the entrance to the park, including loam and hydroseeding, and creating a 53,000 gravel parking area. Total cost is \$584,901. The committee agreed this cost is beyond our budget requests thus we will focus on a smaller area to include a green space large enough for a pavilion, bathrooms and playing courts.

6. Barbara shared her discussion with Scott Auger regarding excavation to create a green space and address the blowing of sand onto the fields. He will need to meet with the committee at the park to place stakes on the area we would like addressed. He will then be able to provide an estimate for the work. Colleen recommended we also address the need to redo the parking area. Barbara will set up a time to meet with Scott.

7. Bob has spoken with Johnny VanTassel about removal of the storage trailers, gravel pile and work on the berm. They will need to find a suitable place to move the trailers.

8. Barbara has contacted Trish and we will be on the selectmen's agenda for next Wednesday at 5 pm to present the committee's park project requests for approval and request funds from both the Town Park Building Trust Fund and the federal/state grant.

9. Next committee meeting: March 9, 2023, 5:30pm, Sanbornton Town Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Whetstone, Committee Chairperson