

Sanbornton Town Park Committee Minutes  
July 20, 2023  
Sanbornton Town Library

Present: Barbara Whetstone, Chair; Bob Lambert, Selectman; and Colleen Longo.

1. The minutes of June 6, 2023 were read. Due to lack of member attendance, approval of the minutes was deferred until the next meeting. The regular July meeting was postponed to today because several members were unavailable.

2. Barbara shared the results of the Town Park Survey conducted at the Sanbornton Senior luncheon, June 21, 2023 and at Old Home Day, July 15, 2023. The results were significantly positive for all facility items listed. There were a total of 97 responses with support as follows:

Well and field irrigation: 91

Pavilion: 83

Playing courts: 88

Bathrooms: 87

Other:

Splash pool: 6

Pump tract: 8

Trail and walking paths: 3

Pool: 3

Improve field: 2 (improvement of the existing field would be included with irrigation)

Rock wall: 2

Cement table with chess boards: 2

Sand box, another field, more seating, more swings, horse riding field, community center, shuffle board, add State of NH Float owned by Faith Tobin. (1 each).

3. Discussion about the State of NH Float. Those present recognized the importance of the historic float but decided it could not serve a function at the park, such as a place to sit, and that it would need to be protected from the weather thus not appropriate for the park.

4. Excavation of the park land. Johnny VanTassel has had to delay leveling the gravel brought in from Knox Mountain Road due to many new road repair projects as a result of excessive rain. Colleen will contact Johnny to inquire as to a time frame when he can finish moving the earth. The decision was made to defer going out to bid for excavation until Johnny finishes.

5. Well and irrigation system. Bob will contact Trish to have this item put on the next Selectmen's meeting agenda to ask the selectmen to approve hiring Gilford Well and have it funded with the SLFRF funds. Bob requested a representative from the committee attend. Colleen and Barbara agreed.

6. Berm. Bob reported 300 feet of fencing will be needed. Shauna obtained quotes for a chain link fence and a stockade fence. Since this has become a Transfer Station issue, beautifying the park side of the berm will not be considered until a fence has been installed. Shauna plans on removing the berm before installing a fence. Funds for the fence cannot come out of the SLFRF funds.

7. Old Home Day. Colleen was congratulated on a well executed and beautiful booth to share information and to conduct surveys with the residents. She offered water bottles and cozies in addition to hats for purchase. Jenn and Patty also helped. Barbara walked around collecting surveys. See above for results of the survey.

8. SLFRF guidelines. Barbara has read the guidelines and shared info with the committee. Responsibility for meeting the requirements for receiving grant funding needs to be identified. The committee needs to know what is the administrator's (Trish) responsibility, the selectmen's responsibility and what is the committee's responsibility. Barbara will contact Trish to set up a meeting with her and the committee, including Bob.

9. Barbara shared information about the NH Community Center Investment Program which had awarded this year's grants, approximately \$11,000,000 to NH towns. She recommended we apply next year for funding for the pavilion and/or the multipurpose court.

10. Colleen spoke with Sheena Duncan from the Pines in Northfield who would be a contact/resource person regarding the development of the park. Colleen will contact her for more information.

11. Donations to the park. Colleen will contact Trish to find out whether or not we have an account for park donations. She will also ask Trish if we can create a Town Park email.

12. Next meeting: August 10, 2023, 5:30 pm at the Sanbornton Library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Whetstone, Committee Chair