

**Sanbornton Town Park Committee Minutes**  
**June 10, 2021, 10:30-noon**  
**Sanbornton Town Park**

Present: Amanda Pelissier, Barbara Whetstone, Colleen Longo, Patty Kasparian, Jenn Dykstra, and Maya Hardcastle

Minutes of May, 28, 2021 were read. Motion made by Kasparian, seconded by Hardcastle to accept. All present accepted the minutes as read.

Amanda reported John VanTassel leveled a gravel area to enlarge the parking area. Jenn reported Katie Surowiec is interested in helping with the beautification of the park and will donate some plants once the plant buying season has lessened and will place 2022 plant orders for us in the fall if we are interested. Amanda has been unable to find information as to whether there exists a boundary between the Sanbornton Transfer Station and the Sanbornton Town Park. She reported there exists a septic system in the park located near the parking area. She will further investigate the boundary issue and if there exists a water source. The committee walked the trail leading to the Pemigewasset trail which gets used for hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding and snowmobiling. There exists a wide and easily walkable trail from the park above the playground to the Pemigewasset trail and does not require further development at this time. A sign might be helpful to locate the entrance of the park trail.

Town park needs were reviewed and prioritized into short and long term projects. Discussion followed. Funding will be needed to be raised for most projects.

Short term:

1. Park beautification: add bushes near the play ground along the line where a lilac bush is planted; weeding of the garden around the flagpole; two to five trees between the playground and the playing field to provide shade; bushes or trees on the berm between the road entrance and the transfer station. Bushes and trees would need to be watered at the beginning of planting. Plantings for the berm should require minimal pruning, minimal watering, heartiness and deer resistance. Patti suggested California Privet bushes. Jenn and Patti will further research the best options for the berm. Maya will contact the Belknap County Conservation District/ UNH Cooperative Extension about ordering bushes/trees. Amanda will talk with John VanTassel about the possibility of digging holes and providing top soil for planting on the berms. Amanda mentioned there has been some discussion about a fence being placed on the berm. Randy at the transfer station should be contacted about this. Appletree Nursery, Agway and Belknap Landscaping may be resources.

2. Socialization and observation areas for observing sports and children on the play ground. Picnic tables would be located near the play ground. Cement picnic tables are preferable to avoid vandalism and removal of the tables. Amanda reported wanting to have wooden benches build rather than bleachers for observing sports. They would be more cost efficient and could be built by volunteers. A doggie bag holder would encourage pet owners to clean up after their dogs. Patti recommended a water bubbler which will require a water resource. Amanda will research the cost of cement picnic tables.

3. Outdoor winter skating rink for this winter would be a fun winter use of the park. Amanda has information about the cost and type of portable rinks such as the one erected near the Tilton Police station. Amanda would like the rink to be located near the dugouts to provide an area for changing into skates.

4. Funding resources. Amanda will find out how much is in the recreation trust funds. Depending on the project and its cost, we could make a request from the Recreation Commission for support from the Revolving Fund. Fund raising was briefly discussed. Maya offered to hold a yoga class at Old Home Day and would accept donations for park projects. Prior to fund raising, we will need to identify a specific project and the cost of the project for which we are requesting funding.

5. Maya and Colleen recommended we begin to promote and educate Sanbornton residents about the committee and its mission. An article in the Winnisquam Echo was suggested. Maya will contact the Echo. Colleen and Barbara will write an article on be submitted.

6. Beautification of the metal trailers. Removal of the metal signs and painting of a mural.

Long term goals:

1. Add an additional playing field. The present field is cramped for soccer and not large enough to include Sanbornton as a site for Cal Ripkin Baseball.
2. BMX tract. We need to discuss with John VanTassel as to whether his crew could create an area for a tract. This would be for non motorized bikes.
3. Paved court for basketball, tennis and pickle ball.
4. Recreation building to house sports equipment, provide bathrooms, provide a room for meetings, socialization and winter warming area. The room could be rented out for town functions such as birthday parties.

Next meeting: Monday, June 21st, 10 AM at Barbara's house, 125 Calef Hill Road, Sanbornton.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Whetstone