

Sanbornton Town Park Committee Minutes

June 21, 2021

Location: Barbara Whetstone home, Sanbornton

Present: Barbara Whetstone, Colleen Longo, Patty Kasparian, Maya Hardcastle, Sarah Fox

The minutes of June 10, 2021 were read. Patty moved to approve the minutes. Maya seconded. All present approved the minutes as written.

Members shared information gathered since the last meeting and discussion followed.

1. The 2010 Town Park Plan does not appear to separate the Town Park from the Transfer Station property. This will need to be discussed with the selectmen.
2. Berm between the Transfer Station and access road to the park: Colleen reported via information from Jenn, who spoke with Nate, that the Transfer Station does not plan to erect a fence along the berm at this time. There is a water resource at the Transfer Station which would allow for a hose to be used to water plants on the berm. Due to excessive rocks and roots in the berm, excavation work will be required to plant trees or bushes. Patty will contact our road agent, John VanTassel, to discuss and/or invite to our next meeting, to inquire as to his thoughts about planting on the berm and how his department may be of help.
3. Apparently there is a septic system at the park but no well. This needs to be verified.
4. Trees, plantings and bushes around the playground. Patty will talk with Brochu Nurseries about the cost of mature trees. Sarah will contact Milligan Nurseries. Barbara spoke with David at Appletree Nursery who is willing to come to the park and make recommendations for plantings. He will also give the town a discount. Willow trees were recommended because they are fast growing. The question arose if companies who sell to a nonprofit still have to pay taxes on their income. Location of trees should be determined before adding picnic tables.
5. Picnic tables. Amanda thinks concrete tables are too expensive. We will continue to research other options for picnic tables. Maya reported ULine round metal picnic tables could be installed with the center post placed in cement. These are \$845 each if we buy three tables. Shipping cost is \$300.
6. Skating rink. We would like to see a rink available for use this winter. We will need to find a funding source. Amanda has information about the cost of a portable rink, similar to the one used by the Town of Tilton. This was located next to the new Tilton Police Station. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
7. Funding resources. Sarah agreed to research grants. Availability of Trust funds and recreation funds need to be explored. Maya offered to lead a yoga class at Old Home Day and contribute the donations towards picnic tables and plantings. We need to talk with Trish about the town Capital Improvement Plan to include park improvements. Patty suggested we do a brick walkway fund raiser in which the name of the donor would be on a brick.

8. Colleen will work on an article about the committee for the Winnisquam Echo and Laconia Daily Sun. We still need a Planning Board member to be included on this committee. Will will take a picture of the committee at the next meeting at the town Park.

9. The committee would like to see the storage containers moved further in the direction of the transfer station and away from the town park and have them painted. They presently detract from the beauty of the park.

Next meeting will be July 29th at the Town Park. Time yet to be determined. Thank you to the members for a very productive meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Whetstone, Chairman