

Sanbornton Town Park Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 9, 2023, 5:30-7:00pm  
Sanbornton Town Library

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

A. Minutes of February 9, 2023 were read and discussed. Patty moved to accept the minutes with the addition of "square feet" after 53,000 on page 2, paragraph 5. Colleen seconded the motion. All present voted to accept the minutes as corrected.

B. Bob updated the committee on the Selectmen's Meeting of February 15, 2023. He reported the recreation storage shed has been ordered and Trish has contacted Gilford Well to go ahead with the contract for the well and irrigation. Bob stated we need to identify the location for the shed. He thinks placing the shed on the existing pavement is a good idea to keep out ground critters and to prevent damage from ground water. He recommended placing the building on blocks and wants to be involved in the process. We will need a crew to build the foundation. He will check the information distributed by Jenn which gives the building specs.

C. There are two potential park grants for which the committee could apply. Information was distributed to those present.

1. New Hampshire Community Center Investment Program. Communities can apply for \$100,000 to one million dollar grants which will require 15% matching funds. The application is due by 4-21-23. Barbara signed up for a Zoom meeting to gather information about the application process. Patty will join her on the zoom. This is a one time grant and will not give us much time to raise funds and apply for the grant.

2. State of NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund Local Assistance Program. Barbara spoke with Bill Gegas who is the LWCF Grants Coordinator. Our park will most likely qualify for this grant which requires a 50/50 matching grant. Grant requests must be between \$50,000 and \$500,000. This grant is offered on a yearly basis. June 2nd is the deadline for applying for the intent to apply. A representative from NHDNCR will then make a site visit to discuss and determine if we are eligible and what they can do to help in the process. The 50% matching funds can come from other funds, calculated volunteer labor and supplies, and cost of preliminary work. The work must be done first before the town is reimbursed which would be January 2025.

D. In order to apply for grants, the park land will need to be subdivided from the transfer station. Bob recommended we meet with the Planning Board and the Zoning Board to inquire if they need to be involved. Barbara will ask Will to bring this up at the next Planning Board meeting. We will need to find out the cost of the survey to subdivide.

E. The committee discussed the need to plan strategies to fund raise for matching grant

money. Potential donors were discussed.

F. Next committee meeting: April 13, 2023, Sanbornton Town Library, 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Whetstone, Chairperson