

## Sanbornton Town Park Committee Minutes

May 12, 2022, 10:30 AM

Selectmen's Meeting Room/ Town Park/ Franklin Dam Park

Present: Barbara Whetstone, Chair; Colleen Longo and Patty Kasparian. Absent: Amanda Pelissier, Will Ellis and Maya Hardcastle.

1. Minutes of April 14, 2022 were read. The State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds abbreviation was corrected to SLFRF. Patty moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Colleen seconded. All present approved the minutes as corrected.

2. Colleen and Barbara shared information from the Recreation Commission meeting. The commission agrees the first priority is addressing the need to improve the present playing fields which means having a source of water to irrigate the fields. We discussed a storage building for recreation equipment and supplies. Storage space for recreation equipment was discussed to be around 1000 square feet but Amanda will remeasure her needs for storage.

3. A priority list of park projects was discussed as follows:

Project one:

- a. A water source to irrigate the fields. Trish has been in touch with Gilford well and will find out from them if there is enough volume capacity and if a stronger pump could be installed to provide enough water pressure to irrigate the fields. Otherwise the park will need a new well.
- b. More top soil, fertilizer and lime for the playing fields.
- c. An irrigation system to maintain the integrity of the fields. Trish said that Gilford well does do irrigation systems. She will discuss with Gilford Well.

Project Two:

- a. ADA approved bathroom with two stalls and sinks, 10X10 feet. The committee visited the Franklin Dam Park which has a 10x10 ft public ADA bathroom. This bathroom is made of stone and is very attractive. Other options would be concrete block or wood frame.
- b. The committee also visited the town park and agreed a good site for the bathroom would be just south of the present shed.

Project Three:

- a. A storage shed for Recreation Commission equipment to replace the two metal containers presently at the park. Amanda and Colleen have both researched storage buildings. Amanda shared info about a 16x32 barn with a second level which can be bought through Home Depot for \$17,246, not including a concrete slab, insulation or a heater. Colleen researched several companies: Jamaica Cottage Shop, Post Woodworking and Home Depot.

The priority of the following projects was discussed. Priority will depend on cost and recreation need.

1. A pavilion for covered outdoor activities, around 24x 40 feet. A good location would be to the west of the playground with a view of the field.
2. Additional playing field, regulation Little League, located to the east of the parking lot as identified in the park master plan.
3. A winter removable ice skating rink. The committee has already researched this and given the information to the selectmen.
4. A multipurpose court for basketball, tennis and pickle ball.
5. Trees, shrubs, landscaping. Beautification of the park. Creating a natural barrier on the berm between the park road and the transfer station is a priority.
6. A fence between the parking lot and the recreation areas is also a priority. Location will depend on location of future facilities. A walkway along the fence would also identify separation of the parking lot and the fields/facilities.
7. A recreation building with a community room, bathrooms, storage, office and attached pavilion. This will be a costly project thus will require long term planning and a funding source. If bathrooms, storage shed, and pavilion have already been build, this would be a smaller project. Ideally, attaching the recreation building and the pavilion would allow for activities to utilize both buildings.

The committee will continue to research the above projects. The committee's goal is the present an updated plan to the selectmen within the next month.

Next meeting: June 9, 2022, Town Clerk and Selectmen building, Selectmen's meeting room, 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Whetstone, Chair