

Sanbornton Town Park Committee Minutes

May 28, 2021, 10:30-noon.

Location: Sanbornton Town Park

Present: Amanda Pelissier, Barbara Whetstone, Colleen Longo, Patty Kasparian, Jenn Dykstra, Sarah Fox, and Sara Fair

This was the first meeting of the newly formed Sanbornton Town Park Committee. We met at the town park, welcomed and introduced each to the other. Several other community members expressed an interest in the committee but were unable to attend today. They will be invited to the next meeting. We hope to enlist a member of the Planning Board.

Each member filled out a volunteer form which Amanda will file. Copies of the Sanbornton Town Park Mission Statement and Short and Long Term Goals were distributed and reviewed. A copy of the Town Park Conceptual Master Plan, dated November 2009 was also distributed and briefly reviewed. All park projects identified as a need for development by the committee will need to be reviewed and approved by the selectmen.

The conceptual plan does not identify a boundary between the town park and the landfill/transfer station. The committee walked the entrance road and were unable to find a designated boundary. A boundary will need to be set in order to plan for any proposed expansion of playing fields and facilities.

The access road berm was identified as needing landscaping to create a visual boundary of greenery, such as planting bushes. The berm appears to be rocky and root bound. Patty has experience in land scaping and made some suggestions. The committee also discussed contacting Sanbornton landscaping businesses for assistance. Amanda reported **talk of** a possible Transfer Station plan to have a fence built along the berm to prevent people from discarding trash from the park assess road side.

After reviewing the conceptual master plan, the committee identified and discussed the following park needs (not in order of priority):

1. Beautification of the park: plantings of flowers and bushes; painting of the equipment storage units and removal of old signs on the units; grading of the sand and gravel piles.
2. Increase number of parking spaces and identification of where cars should be parked.
3. Addition of another playing field which would allow room for three soccer games to be played at the same time and to upgrade field space for baseball/ softball teams to play with other town teams.
4. A winter season outdoor skating rink.

5. Paved courts for tennis, pickle ball and basketball.
6. A pump track **for bicycles**.
7. Picnic area with tables.
8. Bleachers for spectators.
9. Hiking access trail to the existing trail along the Pemigewasset River.

Amanda reported we are able to do fund raising activities.

Next meeting will be at the Sanbornton Town Park, Thursday, June 10th at 10:30 am.
Bring a chair if you would like to sit.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Whetstone