

Sanbornton Town Park Committee Minutes
October 13, 2022, 6:30-8:30 PM
Sanbornton Town Library

Present: Barbara Whetstone, Chair; Bob Lambert, Selectman; Patty Kasparian; and Jenn Dykstra.

A. The minutes of September 12th were read and approved without changes. Moved to accept by Patty. Seconded by Bob. Accepted by all present.

B. Jenn Dykstra has not been sworn in yet. The committee would like her to be a voting member. Bob will bring it up at the next selectmen's meeting to approve her as a voting member. She has already filled out the volunteer application form and given it to Julie Lonergan, Town Clerk.

C. Barbara and Bob shared information from the meeting with Norman Harris from Gilford Well. (See attached notes from October 4, 2022 meeting at the Town Park with Norman Harris.) Colleen Longo was also present at this meeting. Barbara spoke with Norman Harris today during which he explained the estimate for well drilling at the park and installing an irrigation system. Barbara distributed copies of the estimates and will attach to these minutes. Norman stated ideally we would want 20 gallons of water per minute to be produced to supply water to the park for bathrooms, a water fountain, kitchenette and irrigation. Gilford Well drills down up to 1000 feet maximum. Costs would be less than the estimate if sufficient water is reached before reaching down to the 1000 feet and if there would be no need for a storage tank. The estimate for irrigation would cover 350 square feet (size of the present playing fields) and would require 16 zones. Each zone would operate for 20 minutes a day, total 320 minutes watering a day, needing 17 gal/min. The irrigation system would be able to be expanded to cover additional field space. Bob inquired if the present electrical system could handle a 5 HP pump. Barbara will contact Will Ellis who installed the electrical system.

D. Amanda discovered, when cleaning out the Recreation Commission files, a copy of a topographical survey of the town park and transfer station dated July 10, 2009 surveyed by Lepene Engineering and Surveying, LLC. Barbara distributed a copy to committee members present. She will give a copy to Scott Auger who may be interested in doing excavation work. Patty had contacted four survey companies, the cost of which would have been \$6000 to \$16,000.

E. Mark, the town zoning officer, provided a copy of the layout of the park Sewage Disposal System, dated 4/11/2005 and designed by Lepene Engineering and Surveying, LLC. Barbara distributed a copy to those present. The system will need to be inspected to assess if it is functioning and able to handle the usage of two toilets.

F. Barbara distributed a working chart to identify park projects, needs and usage possibilities, priority and cost. A discussion followed and the committee identified projects by priority:

1. Water is the first priority to provide irrigation to the fields, bathrooms, kitchenette and water fountain. The cost of the well will depend on several factors including the depth of the well

and the need for a storage tank. Maximum cost of the well estimate is \$73,019. Irrigation system for 350 sq/ft: \$59,200.

2. Excavation of the north section of the park to remove sand, level and add top soil is the next priority. An enlarged area will provide space for future fields, parking, buildings and playing courts. Sand gets blown from the sand piles onto the playing fields disrupting the growing of grass. Cost estimates need to be obtained. Barbara spoke with Scott Auger who is unable to provide an estimate at present due to his overload of present jobs although may be able to do so eventually. He did speak at a selectmen's meeting, last spring, describing the work which would need to be done. (\$30,000?)

3. Two ADA bathrooms, both housed in a 10x10 foot building. Septic system may need pumping and an inspection. Cost TBD.

4. Recreation Commission Storage unit. The committee recommended a building which would provide storage of equipment used at the park only. The trailers should be removed. We would need to find a location for the town owned storage trailer, out of sight of the park, for other recreation equipment, such as on the town garage property. We will request Amanda to calculate storage need for use at the park. Cost will depend on the size of the building.

5. Covered post and beam pavilion, approximately 20-30x40 sq.ft., either standing alone or attached to a community building. Bob will look at Mortonbuilding.com for ideas. Will obtain an estimate from Jared, The Barn Builder, a Sanbornton resident, of \$60,000 for a post and beam, 20x40 foot pavilion. Eric Howard, from the Timber Framers Guild, is willing to meet with us to discuss the building of a pavilion.

6. Tennis/basketball/pickle ball combination courts, 110x120 ft. Barbara received and estimate of \$100,000-120,000 from Casey Belanger, Precision Sealcoating and Line Striping, Biddeford, Maine, which would include concrete, surface finishing with lines, tennis netting posts and basketball posts and hoops, chain link fencing around the courts. Does not include the nets.

7. Recreation building. Possibly combine the bathrooms, pavilion and community room into one pole building structure. Cost TBD.

8. Additional Little League field to be located in the northern area where there are now sand mounds. Cost TBD. Jenn met, at the town park, with Jack Lesperance of Total Groundwork's, Tilton. Construction of a baseball field would cost approximately \$25,000.

9. Berm between the entrance road to the park and the transfer station. Patty recommended 150 ft section with Norway Spruce and a variety of flowering bushes. Cost: \$1000. This could be done prior to other projects. John VanTassel said he would be willing to clear the area for planting. Landscaping to the park area would need to be designed once the location of facilities is determined.

G. Barbara distributed copies of the 2009 park plan and requested committee members brainstorm as to location of the proposed facilities. Bob offered to work on a draft of a layout of park facilities.

H. Bob will call Dana Newt to inquire about grant writing. Barbara shared information regarding the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery which is scheduled to ask lawmakers to put \$20 million in federal pandemic aid into a new Community Center Investment Program. Centers could receive up to \$1 million but would be responsible for providing matching funds. The lawmakers will vote on October 21, 2022.

H. Next meeting: November 10th, 6:30 PM at the Sanbornton Town Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Whetstone, Chair