

Sanbornton Town Park Committee Minutes
October 12, 2023, 5:30-7:00
Sanbornton Town Library

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

1. The minutes of September 14, 2023 were read and discussed. Lacking a quorum, we will defer accepting the minutes until the next meeting.
2. Leveling and excavation of the park. Bob has spoken with Johnny VanTassel who has been occupied with road maintenance but hopes to do some more leveling of the gravel piles at the park. Johnny may have some funds in his budget to have Scott Auger finish spreading the gravel. Bob will talk with Johnny again and Barb will call Scott to further discuss. Measuring of the park area may be difficult without the gravel being leveled. In order to apply for grants, we will need to have a visual park plan drawing to submit.
3. Pavilion. Barbara is awaiting a quote from Tom Gosselin. Colleen requested a quote from Josiah Ahlgren.
4. Playing courts. Bob attended the recent Recreation Commission meeting where they discussed the quote from SportCourt Northeast for \$246,230.05. This quote includes foundation, installation, fencing and lights, which is about \$50,000 more than the remaining funds available from the SLFRF grant. Barbara will contact Amanda to discuss if the cost could be reduced by eliminating the lighting and some of the fencing. Barbara is in touch with Casey Belanger, Precision, LLC who has given a quote of \$142,000 for a 120x100 combo court. This includes fencing, paving with asphalt, hoops, tennis posts and netting, and painting of lines. This does not include excavation and preparation for paving. Barbara has contacted other companies but has not yet received quotes. The playing surface can be asphalt, concrete or tiles. Concrete lasts longer than asphalt but more expensive to maintain.
5. Bathrooms. The committee agreed a one stall ADA concrete block 10x10' building would be sufficient for the park. The pipes would need to be drained in the fall to prevent freezing. Barbara is awaiting a quote from Paul and Bill Gilbert of Franklin. Paul is a carpenter and Bill is a mason.
6. Grants. The committee agreed having a town employee involved in the grant application process would be helpful. Barbara will contact Amanda, the town recreation coordinator, to set up weekly meetings to work on grant applications.
7. News article. Patty and Barbara will work on writing a news article to be submitted to the Laconia Daily Sun and the Winnisquam Echo.
8. Bob recommended we contact Tim Lang, 603-566-9802, who may offer support in the grant application process.
9. Next meeting: November 9, 2023 from 4:30-6PM. Time is earlier than usual due to a library program being scheduled at 6PM.