

Sanbornton Town Park Committee Minutes  
September 17, 2021, 7 PM  
Location: Sanbornton Town Garage

Present: Amanda Pelissier, Colleen Longo, Patty Kasparian, Barbara Whetstone

The minutes of June 21, 2021 were read and approved with one correction to omit the "the" in paragraph two. Longo moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Kasparian.

Pelissier reminded members to be sworn in as official members. They can be sworn in by the Town Clerk, Julie Lonergan, at the town offices, after their application has been approved by the BOS.

Several interested members are unable to attend at night. All members present are able to meet during the day, thus the meeting time will be changed to the second Thursday at 10:30 AM. Location for the next meeting will be at the Town Park unless inclement weather, then we will meet at the Sanbornton Town Hall. Pelissier will turn on the heat.

Members shared information gathered since the last meeting and discussion followed:

1. Funding resources. Pelissier reported the Recreation Revolving Fund can be used for any recreation activity including equipment, including an ice rink and picnic tables. It cannot be used toward a town park building. She will clarify the usages of the recreation trust funds. The funds will need to be approved by the Recreation Commission and BOS.
2. Park boundary. Whetstone shared a map, not to scale, of the location of water, electric and septic connections, water spigot and location of the well at the town park. There apparently is no surveyed boundary between the Sanbornton Transfer Station and the town park. There is a chain link fence surrounding the closed dump. The pile of tree stumps is another eyesore when entering the park. Whetstone will contact VanTassel to discuss the possibility of having them ground.
3. Berm planting. The berm presently is filled with roots and rocks. Kasparian has volunteered to explore options for planting.
4. Skating rink. Pelissier will contact Justin B. to discuss if he is willing to help with the project. Discussed doing a survey to assess if enough residents are interested in having a winter skating rink. This is in the master plan. We will need volunteer help to accomplish this project. Further research is needed to determine the most cost effective approach. Pelissier stated we will need storage space for the plastic base.
5. Recreation building at the town park. This will be a long term project and we will eventually need a building committee. We discussed having a small building to provide storage, bathrooms, and a meeting room for multiple uses, (warming room for skaters, summer camp space when raining, rental event space, committee meeting space, recreation events), with a kitchenette.

6. Fundraising. Kasparian shared information about doing a brick fund in which residents could purchase a brick and have a message or name printed on the brick. A park walkway would be created with the bricks. Each brick costs \$20 through the Bricks R Us. She shared an example of a brick.

Whetstone will contact Sarah Fox to discuss grants.

The idea of a "gala" event was also discussed.

Pelissier will discuss with the BOS the recommendation to add a warrant article in the next town meeting warrant for funds to be placed in the capital reserve fund for a recreation building.

7. Advertising. Longo is working on an article about the committee to be placed in the local newspapers.

8. Storage trailers. We can only paint the trailer which is owned by the town. One is being rented. We will need a design and capable painters. Further research needed.

9. Tree planting. Pelissier does not want trees planted close to the playing fields to avoid having leaves and cones on the field. The committee agreed a good place for trees and picnic tables would be to the right of the playground and behind the septic system.

New business: The Committee identified a need to establish a town wide email list to inform residents of recreation events and town park updates. A suggestion was made to have a table at the town meeting to gather emails of town residents who would like to be on the list.

Next meeting date: October 14, 2021, 10:30 PM at the Sanbornton Town Park. In the event of inclement weather, the committee will meet at the Sanbornton Town Hall.

Submitted by: Barbara Whetstone