

Sanbornton Town Park Minutes
September 14, 2023,
Sanbornton Public Library

Present: Bob Lambert, Selectman; Patty Kasparian; Colleen Longo; and Barbara Whetstone, Chair.

1. The minutes of June 6, 2023 and July 20, 2023 had been read. Patty moved to accept the minutes as written and seconded by Colleen. Accepted by all present.

2. Colleen reported she attended a meeting with Norm Harris, of Gilford Well, at the town park to discuss specifics of the well. Norm reported no change to the quoted cost. Drilling of the well and installation of the irrigation system will occur spring, 2024. Norm recommended placement of the well be near the playground. If a water storage tank is necessary, it would be placed out of sight behind the shed.

3. Bob reported Johnny VanTassel presently is busy with road maintenance and does not have time to finish spreading the gravel at the park at present. DPW may have funds to pay Scott Auger to finish spreading the gravel. Bob will talk with Scott. Leveling of the gravel is needed before playing courts and a pavilion can be built.

4. The committee members present were divided about which projects to utilize the remaining SLFRF funds for playing courts or for a pavilion. The committee will proceed with obtaining quotes for both.

a. Pavilion: Barbara will contact Tom Gosselin. Colleen will contact Josiah Algren. Barbara has been in contact with American Landscape Structures and is awaiting the brochure via mail. Patty will review the information from the Timber Framers Guild.

b. Playing courts. Barbara has received an updated quote from Casey Belanger, plinestriping@gamil.com, for \$142,000 to build a 120x100 sport court (basketball, tennis and pickle ball). Barbara will contact Amanda to obtain information from a company she has contacted.

c. Bathrooms. The committee agreed one 10x10 ADA bathroom would be adequate to meet the needs of the park. Colleen and Patty will research this project and contact Gilbert Block for info about blocks and cement.

d. Trees and bushes. Deferred until a later date. Shawna obtained quotes for a fence for the berm: \$14,000 for wood and \$20,000 for metal fencing.

5. Grants

a. State matching 50/50. Barbara will further investigate.

b. Community Center Investment Program grant. Colleen reported we will need the

total master plan to submit. Patty will contact the Town of Wakefield to inquire about the grant they received.

c. T-Mobile. Patty will pursue information about their grants.

d. Patty asked Bob if there was any administrative help to apply for grants and if not, could we hire some help. He stated that usually the heads of the departments apply for grants. Barbara will contact Amanda.

6. Other business.

a. Patty will write an article to be submitted to the local newspapers to educate the public about the park projects.

b. Bob reported he spoke with Amanda Osmer and thanked her for the donation to the Town Park recreation storage building.

c. Colleen will contact Trish regarding creating an email address for our committee and find out about establishing a fund to accept donations for the park projects.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 12, 2023, Sanbornton Public Library, 5:30-7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Whetstone, Chair