

**Orford Parks and Playgrounds Committee**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**7:00**  
**Orford Bandstand**

**Present:** JJ Hebb, Lawrence Hibbard and Robb Day

JJ opened the meeting at 6:50. JJ motioned to accept the August minutes as read, Lawrence seconded and all were in favor.

JJ reviewed new property use forms. A local Scottish line dancing group asked to use the Bandstand, this was approved. The West Common in was requested for the Bernard Sanborn Service. This was approved.

JJ received a complaint of consumption of alcoholic beverages at a Bandstand Concert. The Town of Orford does not allow alcohol on Town properties. It was decided that this will be brought up to the Bandstand Committee in regards to future concerts.

JJ contacted Connecticut Valley Ag to spread lime on the Common. She has not received any word back and will attempt to contact them again. Prior soil tests have listed that 1.5 tons per acre of lime is needed and there are roughly 5 ½ acres to be covered.

JJ also has had no news on the date of the repair of the basketball court at the Community Field. She will try to contact Vermont Recreational Surfacing and Fencing again.

It was agreed to meet at Indian Pond Beach to remove the floats and docks for the season on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.

JJ noted that there continues to be a problem with human waste at the Orford Playground. The Selectboard has been notified and JJ will try to schedule a time to talk to the Board about this.

Lawrence felt that the Softball field should be used more often as we have invested a great deal of time and money in it. Robb agreed to contact Clem Powers regarding his interest last year to use it for a Middle School team. Lawrence felt we should consider installing fencing in front of the softball dugouts for safety purposes.

Lawrence was also concerned about the quality of the turf on the Community Field. It was agreed that the Committee would try spreading some grass seed before winter in the bare areas on the practice soccer field and fill in some low areas with some topsoil.

JJ brought up some new business. Ann Green expressed her concern regarding the lack of herbicide treatment of the Mall Walk this year. JJ informed her that the usual company, Bio Spray, is no longer interested in doing it. As it is so late in the year, it was decided to not spray this year. Lawrence felt that we should contact another contractor for next season and plan to restore the Mall Walk to it's full width as his measurements show that the grass is encroaching. Lawrence has talked to Chip Stevens from Diamond Turf and he has expressed interest in the work for next year.

Chip Stevens completed the fall maintenance on the ball fields and it was noted that the home plate and pitchers mound tarps were in need of replacement. JJ has been in contact with Chip S. and we agreed to purchase new tarps for \$325 a piece. Skip felt that home plate needed to be replaced this year or next. Lawrence agreed to take a look.

JJ motioned to adjourn at 8:00.

Minutes taken by Robb Day.