

**Orford Parks and Playgrounds
Minutes of the Meeting
September 21, 2022
Orford Town Common
7:00**

Present: JJ Hebb, Lawrence Hibbard and Robb Day

The committee met at the Town Common at 5:30 to spread some fertilizer that was left over from old projects.

JJ opened the business meeting at 6:57. JJ motioned to accept August minutes as read, Lawrence Seconded, all were in favor.

The group discussed the community field budget for fiscal year 2023. Diamond Turf sent a proposal for maintenance of the playing fields for 2023. The figure included baseball and softball field fall prep, two fertilizer applications, herbicide treatments for baseball and softball fields, grub control and turf aeration. Not included was repair of the baseball skinned paths and any seeding or de-thatching. Two options were given for the baseball field repair and the group opted for the less expensive option. The repair was needed because of improper raking of the base paths after games. This will need to be addressed in the future. The estimate was for \$14560. All felt that since the Community Field Lease will be re-negotiated with Rivendell, the annual lease needs to go up to cover added costs.

It was agreed to hold our October meeting on the 12th at the Town Office. On the agenda will be a discussion of the Parks and Playgrounds annual budget.

Robb discussed the trash cans left behind from users of the Town Common. These two cans were filling up with garbage long after the events were over. Robb and Sara Day emptied the cans and removed them from the Common. Robb felt that cans should be removed at the end of every event to eliminate this problem in the future. Lawrence mentioned similar problems at the Community Field. It was agreed to bring this up to the Selectboard.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59.

Minutes taken by Robb Day.