

**Orford Parks and Playgrounds**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**July 22, 2021**  
**Orford Town Common**  
**6:00**

Present: JJ Hebb, Lawrence Hibbard and Robb Day.

JJ opened the meeting at 6:00. Carl Schmidt had requested that the OP&P take another look at a tree across from Patterson's Store along the Mall Walk to prune off a dead portion of the tree. JJ brought up that Carl made this same request earlier this year and the Committees response at that time was that the tree in question is not on Town property and out of our jurisdiction. Bill Wilson (Orford Tree Warden) made this determination as well. All agreed that since there is no new circumstances that would change this decision, the Committee's opinion has remained unchanged. Robb agreed to contact Carl and let him know.

JJ ordered new rubber caps for the dock at Indian Pond Beach. Robb will install them when they arrive.

There has been human waste found in the parking area of the Orford Playground again after cleaning up prior messes. All agreed that this needs to be addressed as it appears to be more of an issue than an isolated incident. JJ will contact Esther and ask what the Selectboard would like to do about this.

The women's softball team elected not to use the field this year. JJ has been in contact with Chip from Diamond Turf and he will be applying the grub treatment and fertilizer to the Community Field soon as well as to treat the skinned infields of the baseball and softball fields. The group decided not to have and slice seeding done this year due to the cost and the results from last years seeding. Lawrence has not seen a great benefit as of yet and was concerned about the cost of the application.

All agreed that we could try some spot seeding ourselves.

JJ motioned that we hire Diamond Turf to spread grub control and fall fertilizer on the Community Field as well as treat the skinned areas of the baseball and softball fields and schedule fall cleanup of all fields. Robb Seconded and all were in favor.

JJ reported that Vermont Recreational Surfacing and Fencing has rescheduled the resurfacing of the basketball court to Late August or early September.

Lawrence reminded the group that Bio Spray will no longer be applying herbicide to the Mall Walk. Lawrence contacted Esther and she agreed to look around and see if there are other companies locally that preform the service. Lawrence agreed to check around as well.

Business Meeting was adjourned at 6:59.

Minutes taken by Robb Day.