

Orford Parks and Playgrounds Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
November 23, 2021
Orford Town Offices
7:00

Present: JJ Hebb, Lawrence Hibbard and Robb Day

JJ opened the meeting at 7:00. JJ motioned to accept October minutes as read, Lawrence seconded and all were in favor.

JJ listed all of the Committee's accomplishments over the 2021 season:

Docks and floats were put in and taken out at Indian Pond Beach.

All of the dock supports had rubber caps replaced.

Trees along the West Cemetery and the East Common were trimmed.

Replaced the tarps on the home plate and pitchers mound.

Created some interest in outside groups using the softball field.

Dirt berm around the basketball court was removed.

Replaced swing seats at the playground.

Flags were put up and taken down for the season on Rt 10 and 25a.

Lawrence suggested that we request more money be put into the tree care and replenishment fund on an annual basis due to increased costs of removal and replacement of trees. JJ agreed but reminded the group that this is a Orford Tree Warden issue and not necessarily a Parks and Playgrounds issue.

JJ reached out to Kate Lester (Orford Swim program coordinator) for input regarding this season and has not heard back. She will send along information as it is received.

Lawrence brought up a concern regarding the lot line between the Wurtz property and the Community Field. The line is very close to the Wurtz's house and he has noticed that many items have been accumulating on Town owned land. The OSB will be meeting on

Wednesday night to discuss this. Robb felt that since the line is not well marked, maybe a surveyor should be hired to shoot the line and remark it.

JJ went over projects for the 2022 season:

Basketball court refinishing.

Lime application at Town Common.

Over-seed areas of need at the East Common.

Repair parking area at Indian Pond Beach with hard pack.

Trimming of brush at the playground.

Treat the trees along the Mall walk with bark mulch.

Spray Mall walk with herbicide and restore to original width.

It was agreed that meetings in December and January will be canceled.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Minutes were taken by Robb Day.