

Orford Parks and Playgrounds Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
March 16, 2022
Orford Town Offices
7:00

Present: JJ Hebb, Lawrence Hibbard and Robb Day

Also Present: Chris Crowley

JJ opened the meeting with a short discussion of Property Usage Forms that have been received. The Bandstand Committee has asked for use of the Bandstand for the summer concert series. The Orford Volunteer Fire Department Corporation has asked to use the Common for the annual flea market. The Orford Free Library has asked to use the Playground pavilion for a Squam Lakes Science Center presentation on June 26th. All have been approved

Chris Crowley from the Orford Trustees of the Trust Funds was given time to discuss Town Trusts. Parks and Playgrounds has access to three trusts. The Expendable Trust Fund, the Community Field Donor Trust (Hazen Morey) and the Playground Donor Trust Fund. The Donor Trust Funds can be expended by the Parks and Playgrounds Committee with permission from the Trustees of the Trust Funds. Expenditures through the Expendable Trust goes through the Selectboard. Chris feels that there is some confusion on the expenditures of trust funds in Orford. He will also be opening a dialogue with other committees and the Selectboard. The Committee thanked Chris for stopping by and clarifying the Trust Funds.

JJ motioned to accept the November 2021 minutes as read, Lawrence seconded and all were in favor.

JJ began a discussion regarding current projects:

-The Basketball Court was not resurfaced last year and JJ has touched base with Vermont Recreational Surfacing and Fencing Inc. and is awaiting a response with scheduling this year. The Committee felt that we needed to research other contractors for this service as VRSF has been unreliable in their scheduling.

-The East Common was slated for a lime application last summer but the contractor did not return JJ's messages. It was agreed to try again this year. Seeding areas of grub damage on the East Common will also be completed this year. Lawrence will touch base with Tim Godfrey to see when he plans to work on spring cleanup of the Common. At our (April meeting?) the Committee plans to treat the trees along the Mall walk with bark mulch. David Smith contacted JJ regarding the brush growing into the south boundary of the East Common. This brush has become a problem when setting up the annual flea market. Robb agreed to contact Violetta Faulkner, who owns the property to the south of the Common, to discuss the possibility of the Committee cutting back the brush.

The Mall walk needs to be restored to its full five foot width and Robb agreed to contact Bio Spray to see if they can provide this service and JJ agreed to touch base with Chip from Diamond Turf to see if they are able to provide this service as well.

The Indian Pond Beach parking area needs some stay pack brought in to fill in a large hole in the parking lot. Lawrence agreed to have the material delivered and the Committee plans to work on this at the May Meeting. Lawrence agreed to bring his tractor.

The April meeting will be at the Playground and the Committee plans to cut the brush growing up around the fence line. Lawrence agreed to bring his chipper.

The June meeting will be at Indian Pond to install the docks and floats.

The July meeting will be at the Community Field to discuss maintenance of the field.

JJ brought up some new business regarding the passing of Bob Thatcher, longtime Orford/Rivendell Athletics Director and Soccer Coach. The Committee discussed different ideas to commemorate his commitment and dedication to the Community Field and School. JJ agreed to look into this and research it further.

Meeting way adjourned at 8:41.

Minutes taken by Robb Day