

Orford Parks and Playgrounds Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
March 15, 2023
Orford Town Offices
7:00

Committee Members Present: JJ Hebb, Lawrence Hibbard and Robb Day.

Also Present: Jennifer Carter (OSB), Ann Green, Brad McCormack and Gary Dimick.

JJ opened the meeting at 7:06 with a discussion regarding the repairs needed on the Bandstand. The Bandstand Committee listened to a brief report from Robb on his meeting with Scott Woodward. It was suggested that the building should be jacked up and the foundation should be addressed as well as the rotten or sagging timbers below the floor decking. Brad described the structure of the bandstand to the group and mentioned that the building had been settling from the beginning and that we should entertain the idea of putting in a slab or piers to shore up the structure. The current foundation is 8 or so large rocks placed on a foot or so of crushed gravel. After a thorough discussion, it was decided that the Committee will be unable to complete the repairs before the summer season. Many ideas were discussed from pouring a slab below the structure to shoring up the existing foundation.

Robb asked Jen where would the funding would come from to complete this repair. She agreed to look into options but felt that the Town Buildings Repair Capitol Reserve Fund may be a good source. The work could possibly take place in the Fall of 2023.

Robb will ask Jordan Sutherlin for information regarding building movers, he had worked with Jordan on the Orford Energy Committee and there was discussions of foundation replacements on the Town Offices. Gary will contact Pat Tullar, Brad agreed to contact various building contractors and Lawrence agreed to contact Greyton builders (?).

The Bandstand Committee members left. JJ discussed possible property use forms that should be coming out soon for the Rivendell Rec to use the softball field.

Jen informed the group that she will be the the Selectboard liaison to the Parks and Playgrounds Committee and plans to attend meetings when possible.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10

Minutes taken by Robb Day.