

Orford Parks and Playgrounds
Minutes of the Meeting
July 19th 2023
Upper Baker Pond Boat Launch
5:30

Present: JJ Hebb and Robb Day

Also Present: Lawrence Hibbard

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

JJ approved three Property Use Forms. 1-Dog walking and care event at the Town Common, 2-Orford Historical Society food sales at the Bandstand Concert Series, 3-Mt. Cube Masons food sales at the Bandstand Concert Series.

Lawrence had been mowing the Town Common and noticed that another set of car ruts were located near the ruts created by last years Touch a Truck event. JJ agreed to touch base with Cara Dyke and let her know that pickups and larger trucks are not to be allowed on the Common at this time.

It was agreed that we will be mulching the trees along the Mall walk after the flea market. The herbicide application to the Mall walk is also scheduled for after the flea market.

Brad has met with a contractor regarding the repairs to the bandstand. Robb has not contacted any contractors yet.

JJ will call (Connecticut Valley Ag ?) to schedule a lime application for the Town Common for October.

JJ took down the baseball banner and emptied and removed trash cans. She will be asking Rivendell to remove the batting cage for the season.

Jamie has had the lumber delivered to the school for the new dugouts that were discussed at our May meeting. Robb was frustrated that we had not approved the new dugouts and at this time are not ready to install them. OP&P has also not budgeted the funds for installation of the dugouts.

Robb mentioned that Indian Pond Beach has been very busy. July 4th was packed with many non residents. Evenings have also been very busy, again with non residents and dogs. Robb expressed concern that no one is observing the beach rules. JJ has spoken with Kate Lester, beach monitor, and she acknowledged she had not spent much time there this season. JJ reminded her that we budgeted 15 hours a week with evenings and weekend times in the mix. She was also not to count times spent during swim lessons. Lawrence cut a large hazard tree on the corner of the boat launch access road and beach parking area.

Robb will be creating a checklist to be used at the Community Field to ensure that the basic maintenance standards are met that were agreed upon by the School and the Town.

JJ adjourned the meeting at 6:30.