

Orford Parks and Playgrounds Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
October 18th , 2023
Orford Town Offices
7:00 pm

Present: JJ Hebb, Robb Day, Kevin Follensbee (Selectboard Liaison)

Also Present: Lawrence Hibbard

JJ opened the meeting with a motion to accept the August meeting, Robb seconded and all were in favor.

The Selectboard suggested adding \$5000 to the OP&P Committee annual budget for repairs and unforeseen problems.

JJ felt that we will need to post the Beach Monitor position for Indian Pond Beach. Since there has been very little coverage over the last couple of years JJ suggested not collecting the annual allotment of funds that Piermont pays into the position for the 2024 season. Robb agreed.

JJ went over the 2024 budget for OP&P line by line.

Swim Program- level funded with the exception of reducing Social Security by \$65 and Medicare by \$14.

Electricity – level funded

Portable Toilet Rental – level funded

Improvements – level fund.

Very little of the Improvements budget was used this year. Lawrence suggested doing something about an area of turf on the Community Field that has not grown grass very well over the past few years. Robb suggested adding compost to the turf.

Herbicide treatment of the Mall Walk – reduce by \$250.

Rivendell Trails – level fund at \$450 with the understanding that if the trails does not collect its annual contribution, the line would be eliminated for 2025.

Garden Club – Level Fund. Robb suggested that the island at the junction of Bridge Street may not be planted next year due to lack of volunteers so the budget may go down in future years.

Lawrence felt that we should add hard pack to the parking area at Indian Pond Beach. There has been an increase in usage and the parking lot needs improvement. Also it was suggested that no parking signs near the Dam would also be beneficial.

JJ discussed the Bandstand repairs with Tim (Bucky) Olsen. He looked over the Bandstand and felt that it may be best to repair it in place instead of our current plan of removing the roof to replace the substructure. He agreed to give the Committee a quote for repair.

The Selectboard is currently reviewing the Orford dog policy on Town property. Our opinion was asked at past Selectboard meetings and both JJ and Robb expressed concerns with pet waste on the properties.

Jamie Bourn (Rivendell Operations Director) contacted JJ about the new dugouts that were delivered to the school from Coventry Log Homes. These were donated and are not assembled. JJ informed Jamie that currently we need to think about funding the installation and that they would not be installed this year. Jamie agreed to look into finding volunteers and JJ and Robb felt that OP&P can help with some funding for installation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Minutes taken by Robb Day.