

Orford Parks and Playgrounds Committee

Minutes of the Meeting

March 20, 2024

Orford Town Offices

7:00

Present: JJ Hebb (Chair), Lawrence Hibbard, Larry Taylor (Selectboard Rep) and Robb Day (Secretary).

JJ motioned to accept January Minutes as read, all were in favor.

JJ brought Larry up to speed with current and ongoing projects.

JJ approved the Orford Bandstand property request forms for their 2024 concerts, Orford Volunteer Fire Department's request for the annual flea market and Cara Dyke's Orford Market Days. All activities are on the Common. Lawrence suggested that we request that during the Orford Market Days, that there be no parking or driving on the Common. It was agreed to ask that all parking be between the Mall Walk and Route 10.

JJ has received a verbal quote of \$30 to \$35,000 to repair the bandstand as built or \$40 to \$45,000 to include piers below the frost line for a foundation from Tim Olsen. He agreed to get a quote to her in writing but nothing has been received. Ann Green is requesting a written quote for her application to Mascoma Savings Bank for a Community Grant for \$25,000.

Larry suggested that foam insulation such as blue board be laid down below the soil line to prevent freezing under the structure as a more cost-conscious approach to reduce heaving over time. At this time the only written quote we have is from Stan Graton for \$57,000. Robb agreed to forward the quote to Ann G.

JJ brought Larry up to speed on OP&P's maintenance of the Orford Community Field. Chip from Diamond Turf will be coming by soon for spring maintenance and to check the baseball and softball fields over for play. There has been talk of RISD requesting a renegotiation of the annual lease contract. This

will take place closer to August and it was discussed whether or not to allow the school to perform some maintenance of the field for a lower rate. Jamie Bourne, RISD Director of Operations, has received shipment of new dugouts for the baseball field. It was brought to Larry's attention that these kits are stored in the parking area of the school and that although OP&P was not opposed to replacing the dugouts, there has been some miscommunication on the ordering of the materials and when and if the project would take place. Lawrence thought the dugouts are too small for Varsity play.

Green Up Day will take place on May 4th this year. OP&P will hand out kits and road assignments at the Town Dump on the morning of the 4th from 9 to 11.

Lawrence would like to see the parking area of Indian Pond Beach repaired which will require some gravel or hard pack brought in and spread. Larry agreed that he could bring a truckload or two in and Lawrence could spread it with his tractor or the Town road crew could also deliver the material.

It was agreed that OP&P should also think about spreading bark mulch around the trees on the Mall walk in the next month or so.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

Minutes taken by Robb Day.