

Orford Parks and Playgrounds

Minutes of the Meeting

May 15th 2024

Indian Pond Beach

5:30 pm

Present: JJ Hebb, Lawrence Hibbard, Robb Day and Larry Taylor.

Also Present: Andy Schwaegler and Harry Osmer.

The work session began around 5:30. The dock was installed for the season and the two swim floats were put into the water. At this time Andy left and the business meeting began at 6:45.

JJ motioned to approve the April minutes as ready, all were in favor.

Property Useage Forms

The Orford Libraries are requesting to use the Common on 8/18 for a raptor program. This was approved

The Orford Libraries are requesting to use the playground on 7/6 for a Squam Lakes Science Center presentation. This was approved.

A local womens softball league requested the use of the softball field on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This was approved with the understanding that there will be no unattended children and they will work around the Rivendell Softball and Soccer practice schedule.

Community Field

After a short discussion it was agreed that the dumpster at the Community Field will be removed for a trial basis after the spring sports are over.

Lawrence is still seeing issues at the Field in regards to trash and improper upkeep of the Field by the users of the Field. JJ had sent an email to the school to address these issues and for the most part, issues were resolved with the exception of litter left on the field.

Lawrence also noted that the electrical outlet for the batting cage has been damaged and is in need of repair. Lawrence agreed to try and repair it and JJ added that if an electrician is needed, she will contact one.

The basketball court surface is having some chipping issues. This is noted due to the resurfacing of the court not more than two years ago.

Lawrence talked to Pike Paving about the rt 25a paving this summer. He suggested that the crosswalk from the school be repainted for safety.

Town Common

Lawrence noted that there is still damage to the lawn from the plow damage from David Murphy's driveway.

Robb gave an overview of the meeting with the Selectboard and the Bandstand Committee. The Committee is willing to act as a contractor and fundraiser for the bandstand repairs. The Committee requested to erect a tent on the south side of Arthur Dennises driveway for the duration of the summer. Robb felt that the Parks and Playgrounds would disapprove due to killing of the grass and mowing issues. The Committee agreed .

There will be no 4th of July parade this year due to road repairs on rt 91 and a detour on rt. 5. There has been some talk of the Fairlee Firefighters requesting the use of the Common for their chicken BBQ but JJ has not heard anything as of yet.

Indian Pond Beach

Harry had a few questions regarding his role as Indian Pond Beach Monitor. The Committee went over the job description. JJ agreed to order a new lightweight sign to be put out when Harry is on duty.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a work session/business meeting on the Town Common. The committee will be mulching the trees along the Mall Walk on June 12, at 5:30.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35

Minutes taken by Robb Day