

## **Orford Parks and Playgrounds**

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

**July 17, 2024**

### **Upper Baker Pond Boat Launch**

**6:00 pm**

**Present:** JJ Hebb, Lawrence Hibbard, Robb Day and Larry Taylor (Harry Pease for a short time)

JJ Motioned to accept the May Minutes as read, all were in favor.

#### **Property Usage forms**

The Babe Ruth League will be using the baseball field from now until fall. Seth Parker, league contact, is aware he will have to share the field with the early soccer practices. Approved

Barb Dyke memorial service on the Town Common will be on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Approved

August 26<sup>th</sup> will be the make up day for the Brooks Hubbard concert that was rained out. Approved

#### **Town Common**

Lawrence has noticed that there are more vehicles parking on the Common than there should be during weekend market day. JJ will reach out to Cara Dyke. JJ also will touch base with Esther regarding the Mall Walk herbicide treatment.

#### **Indian Pond**

The swim lessons will start Monday. Harry Osmer, the beach monitor, has reported that the Piermont Town Office has been uncooperative in regards to issuing or allowing Harry to distribute Beach passes.

Robb has received notifications from the Conservation Commission that the water testing results have been very good, no issues for Indian Pond this year.

### Community Field

JJ unplugged the cord for the snack shack as there is nothing in the refrigerator. She will make an appointment with the new Superintendent of Rivendell and asked Robb to forward a copy of the Town Guidelines to her to be able to go over them with the new school administration.

Lawrence commented that the baseball and softball skinned areas need to be sprayed with an herbicide. The Basketball courts new surface is cracked in a small area that will need attention soon to prevent further damage.

### New Business

Harry Pease arrived to post Upper Baker Boat Launch for a High E-coli bacteria count. He mentioned that in his conversations with Camp Pemigewasset there was concern with the high e-coli count in that recreation area last week. They thought that maybe a port-o-potty at the boat launch area may help with bacteria levels. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 and reopened at the Lower Baker Pond Launch area.

Harry offered to take his York Rake down and try and smooth out the rough parking/launch area. Upon further inspection, Larry felt that that may cause more harm than good. The area is eroded but stable as is. Adding material to the driveway was also discussed. It was determined that many loads of gravel would be needed and it would be better to research this better before we agree to spend time and money on this. It is eroded, but not dangerously so at this point. Location of a possible port-o-potty was discussed and it was decided that we would try to place one for the month of August to see if that would help with the sanitation issues. Robb agreed to let Harry P. know about the decision to not rake the area and about the port-o-potty order.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Minutes taken by Robb Day.