

Orford Parks and Playgrounds Committee

Minutes of the Meeting

January 21, 2026

Orford Town Offices

7:00

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

JJ opened the meeting at 7:08.

November minutes were approved, all in favor.

Property Use Requests

The Orford Bandstand Committee has requested multiple dates throughout the summer of 2026 for evening concerts. All were approved.

Bandstand

The Christmas tree has been removed from the bandstand and the lights will stay lit. JJ will adjust the timer to allow for the longer days.

Community Field

JJ suggested that the Committee reach out to Chip from Diamond Turf to schedule the 2026 work to be completed on the Field. Robb suggested that the grub treatments and fertilizing should be scheduled. Lawrence added aeration treatments and to consider herbicide sprays on the baseball and softball fields. JJ said we should also make sure annual maintenance is completed on the ball fields as well. JJ plans to touch base with Julie Donnelly to replace the Community Field Sign. Lawrence suggested that we look over the scoreboards to see about any needed repairs. He also felt that the current dugouts are adequate for school team use but they should be repaired. Paint is needed and they may need to be raised and more material added under them.

Spring Projects

Projects that will be considered this year will be a bark mulch application around the trees on the Mall Walk, Pruning trees along the Mall Walk, Playground fence pruning , Paint the Kick Wall at the Community Field, Paint the gazebo at Indian Pond and install signage at the Kiosks at Upper and Lower Baker Ponds as well as Indian Pond. Lawrence suggested adding a portable toilet at Upper Baker Pond boat launch. JJ informed the Committee that the budget for 2026 has been set and an additional portable toilet for the season should be considered for 2027 but not in the budget for this year.

It was decided that there is no need for a February Meeting and that our next meeting will be in March.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

Minutes taken by Robb Day.