

Orford Parks and Playgrounds Committee

Minutes of the Meeting

May 20th, 2026

Indian Pond Beach

7:20

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

Also Present: Harry Osmer

April minutes were approved, all in favor.

The Rivendell Athletic Director asked JJ about adding some athletic mix stored by the dugout to the floors of the Softball dugouts due to dusty conditions. Lawrence agreed to look into it but did not see how adding sand would cut down on dusty conditions. All agreed.

Cara Dyke and Haley Gray requested to be able to put up a more substantial sign for the Open-Air Markets on the Common. Haley asked about some flower pots as well. Robb suggested that OP&P put up a permanent sign that identifies the Town Common and that signage could be hung off the sign depending on the activity. Larry was unsure if the deed and/or bylaws allow a permanent sign to be constructed there and JJ agreed to talk with Esther about it.

Property Request Forms

May 23rd, Orford Community Church Yard Sale. Portions of the West Common adjacent to the church were requested. All approved

May 30th, Orford Open Air Market yard sale. Approved.

June (?), Orford Libraries Story Hour at the Bandstand. Approved

Larry took a look at the area in front of the Bandstand and suggested that the lawn did not need rolling at this time and suggested that we wait. All agreed.

The June meeting will be at the Common. A work session is planned with work on the Bandstand and surrounding area.

JJ and Lawrence were concerned with mowing this year. JJ noticed the area behind the WW I monument by the Church was not mowed. Lawrence was concerned with lack of trimming in spots.

Harry talked about beach passes at Indian Pond and that there will be passes for Orford and Piermont residents, both different colors. Harry will be able to pass them out at Indian Pond this summer instead of respective Town Offices. Piermont was not issuing passes last year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

Minutes taken by Robb Day