



Town of Whitingham

Parks Committee

MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2023

The Parks Committee had a meeting on Aug. 10, 2023, at 6 pm at Town Hill Park

In attendance: Seth Boyd, Aysha Wahlstrom, Carol Millett, Liz Weber, and Lyndsay Bushey-Hesselbach

Budget update:

- \$46,000 approved for building expansion.
- 1,600 still available for mowing, improvements and porta-pottys

Plaque for the remaining blank monument has been quoted to cost \$4000, will reach out to Eames fund to ask about possible helping to find this.

Eames Park in Jacksonville retaining wall is collapsing into the river. Repairs and funding needs to be discussed with Selectboard and Eames Fund.

Town Hill Pavillion Expansion Project:

- Specs for pavillion addition have been drawn up by Scott Reed. We will be requesting quotes on the project based on these specs. We would like the quotes ASAP.
- BDCC has brought a grant to the Parks Committee attention. This grant would be for matching funds for community building expansion. The Parks Committee will draw up a proposal for this grant (due 9-10) requesting matching finds of \$23,000 based on expanding the project to include more ADA compliant paths and accessibility. Parks Board unanimously agreed to move forward with this grant finding request.
- Would like construction for this project done this Fall 2023 or latest by July 1, 2024. This fall is preferable.

Liz will research a replacement swing for the one that had to be cut.

Town Hill Park Workday planned for Aug. 27, 11-1:00. Volunteers will spread wood chips and weed wood chip areas. Please bring work gloves, spades, shovels. Spread the word. Aysha will post on Facebook and request that Gig post on Town Site. Carol will post on Front Porch Forum.

Would like to have T.H. Park spiffy and ready for Old Home Week in Aug. 2026. Some Old Home events might happen at Town Hill Park.

Final discussion about the possibility of a music series next summer 2024. Carol suggested that Henry Millet might head a subcommittee to look into this.

Respectfully submitted by Aysha Wahlstrom