



TOWN OF NORTHFIELD PINES PARK

Proposed Plan 2022

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Introduction

After many trees were removed from the Pines Park, the Board of Selectmen wanted the park looked at to see what improvements could be done to attract more utilization without the potential harm of falling trees/branches.

The Pines Park Committee was established and met weekly, including touring the park, established a list of needs, and finally working on the creation of a plan with recommendations. The committee received input from community partners including residents, and outside entities who benefit from the park. In addition, the committee utilized the Open Space Plan, Master Plan and NEDC Community Development Plan to put together recommendations. The result is a plan that includes various interests to improve the quality of life in Northfield.

Summary

This plan outlines the areas needing improvements/repairs and recommended additions to the park.

While the Town of Northfield is ultimately responsible for the park, it takes the efforts of community partners to maintain and improve these important assets. These efforts will require coordination on the part of Town officials to maintain the vision of the park and prevent the duplication of efforts.

Currently, there is no dedicated recreation staff in the Town of Northfield. Over time, there may be a need to phase-in recreation maintenance and programming staff either as a standalone department or as part of the Department of Public Works or even as a Parks and Recreation Committee with a Selectman's representative on the committee.

Pines Park

Size:	Pines 1	4.62 acres
	Pines 2	2.44 acres
	Pines 3	0.60 acres

Status: The Park on Pines 1 and all of Pines 2 are leased to the Tilton/Northfield Recreation Council.

Features:	Pines 1:	Police Station Horse Rink with bleachers and announcer's booth Baseball field with bleachers, dugouts, concession stand, and announcer's booth, Picnic tables, benches Picnic shelter Water Trough
	Pines 2:	Community Center, Basketball court, volleyball court, playground, paved parking, lighting
	Pines 3:	Undeveloped.

Restriction:	Pines 1:	None
	Pines 2:	Deed restriction in place states that if TNRC does not maintain the necessary insurance or is unable to comply with federal, state or local life safety/ health regulations then property, including buildings, reverts to the Town.
	Pines 3:	None

History: The initial parcel was deeded to the Town in 1918. This was added to in 1921 and further adjusted with construction of I93. The Baseball field was added in 1930's and has been modified several times since that time. The Police Station constructed in the 1970's. The Horse rink was added in late 1900s. The land was subdivided in 1991; at that time the Pines 2 was leased to the Tilton/Northfield Recreation Council through 2090 and the Community Center was built.



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

UPDATED BLEACHERS & PICNIC TABLES

- **Justification for Recommendations:** If additions are made to Pines Park allowing for more opportunities for members of the community, additional seating and parking would be necessary to accommodate a larger population of people utilizing Pines Park. Updating to seating currently in place would also serve to be a priority, as a majority of the seating currently in place is picnic tables. Current seating is hazardous and in disrepair. Bleachers 15'x2' 5 seats, 4 steps, 10 picnic tables.
- **Plan for Success:** Repaint, replace lumber as needed
- **Timeframe:** within one year
- **Responsible Parties:** Volunteers, Local Services, Local Community Organizations
- **Estimated Cost:** \$2000 - \$3000

LOAM / GRASS

- **Justification for Recommendations:** For safety and beautification it is recommended to fill holes, level the ground and turn to a grassy area.
- **Plan for Success:** Donated loam, grass from local contractors
- **Timeframe:** Spring of 2022
- **Responsible Parties:** Contractors, volunteers, local vendors
- **Estimated Cost:** \$7000 for hydroseeding approximately 71,200 sq feet

INCREASED SEATING WITH BENCHES

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- **Plan for Success:** Punch steel with plastic coating, donation contributions for dedicated benches.
- **Timeframe:** After walkways
- **Responsible Parties:** Limited town responsibilities for cleaning and minor repairs.
- **Estimated Cost:** \$300-\$400 a bench, offset cost from dedications

INCREASED PARKING

- **Justification for Recommendations:** To add parking spaces and define a parking area to utilize for the park.
- **Plan for Success:** Utilize the existing stone and adding stone to frame the parking area, have it graded and smoothed out and bring in hardpack. Parking lot could hold approximately 15-20 cars.
- **Timeframe:** 2022 preferably when they are loaming the park.
- **Responsible Parties:** Town, vendor
- **Estimated Costs:** \$1000 for hardpack

New Fence Around Horse Rink

- **Justification for Recommendations:** The existing fence is falling apart which is dangerous and an eye sour. Replacing it would beautify the area and make the rink more appealing to be used.
- **Plan for Success:** New composite lumber, look to community involvement for restructuring, create a cover for the top rails to utilize when horses are using the rink.
- **Timeframe:** Summer after Old Home Day
- **Responsible Parties:** Local community organizations, Town
- **Estimated Cost:** \$6000 - \$8000 for all posts and rails

REPAIR ANNOUNCING BOOTH

- **Justification for Recommendations:** Current structures are a hazard with holes in the floor and roof, repairing these will accommodate for more usages.
- **Plan for Success:** repairs to all lumber, update electrical, new roof to match gazebo
- **Timeframe:** 2-3 years
- **Responsible Parties:** Assistance with local community organizations, and Town
- **Estimated Cost:** Donated materials from local lumber yards

ADD LIGHTING AND ELECTRICAL

- **Justification for Recommendations:** With improvements to the park, it is important to protect the investment and to add features to make it more appealing. Adding lights will help with night time security, and adding electrical to the structures will appeal for additional events, this includes lights in the gazebo, pavilion, and pathway lights.
- **Plan for Success:** Hire local contractor to install underground electrical for lighting features, outlets that can be locked, and update existing wiring to horse rink stand.
- **Timeframe:** 2-3 years – after gazebo installation
- **Responsible Parties:** Town for billing, Contractor for installation
- **Estimated Cost:** TBD

PAVILION REPAIRS / EXPANSION

- **Justification for Recommendations:** Currently the pavilion there is dedicated and should be updated and preserved. In addition, expanding it making additional covering for picnic tables would invite additional gathering areas. Pavilion is 23'x12' and dedicated to "Harryss Hen House" Lamprey/Laughy
- **Plan for Success:** Paint, replace lumber, expand concrete, replace roof to match gazebo
- **Timeframe:** Concrete at the same time as gazebo, remaining improvements 1 year
- **Responsible Parties:** Contractor, volunteers
- **Estimated Cost:** \$3000

ADD WALKWAYS

- **Justification for Recommendations:** implementing walkways allows easy access to the park for all ages and abilities.
- **Plan for Success:** hardpack/stone dust walkways with dedication bricks on two sides of the gazebo. Approximately 3100 sq feet, 4 Foot walkways to accommodate handicap with accessibility every 200' having a 5 foot area for wheelchairs to turn around.
- **Timeframe:** after gazebo is installed
- **Responsible Parties:** Contractor
- **Estimated Costs:** \$8000 without edging for 3100 square feet

RECOMMENDED FOR PROGRAM/ACTIVITY & ADDITIONS

GAZEBO

- **Justification for Recommendations:** To bring the community together, allow space for events and make a focal point for the area. In addition, this structure should include the Union Church bell above the gazebo in a cupola, and an informational sign to be installed as you approach the gazebo containing Northfield historical information.
- **Plan for Success:** purchase a kit, and with community involvement construct in designated location. Bell size is 3x3x3
- **Timeframe:** 1 year
- **Responsible Parties:** Assistance from Historical Society
- **Estimated Cost:** \$50,000 - \$60,000 with concrete base

COMMUNITY GARDEN

- **Justification for Recommendations:** In a survey distributed by Open Space Committee community members expressed a need for an area to have a community garden. The Town has a lot of farmers in the area, and local gardeners that are willing to help. This would be appealing to renters and village area owners who do not have the space to have their own garden. The garden will bring in wellness, socialization, food production, and education opportunities.
- **Plan for Success:** Usage of hay bales so there is no permanent ground disturbance.
- **Timeframe:** 1-2 years
- **Responsible Parties:** Local community members
- **Estimated Cost:** \$100 prepping area for hay bales or direct planting

ICE SKATING RINK (PORTABLE)

- **Justification for Recommendations:** In a survey distributed by the Open Space Committee the addition of an ice-skating rink to Pines Park is something that received a large number of votes from community members as something that they would like to see at Pines Park. It would provide community members the opportunity for outdoors recreation during the winter months.
- **Plan for Success:** construct a portable ice rink utilizing half of the horse rink, 32x64 in size.
- **Timeframe:** 1-2 years
- **Responsible Parties:** Town or committee
- **Estimated Cost:** \$5,000 for first year, \$1,300 each year to fill with water.

HORSESHOE PIT(S)

- **Justification for Recommendations:** Allowing anytime recreational activities enhances the use of the park.
- **Plan for Success:** construct two horseshoe pits on the Dearborn side of the park, this would be a bring your own horseshoes area.
- **Timeframe:** 1 year
- **Responsible Parties:** Local Community Organization
- **Estimated Cost:** \$500.00

LANDSCAPING

- **Justification for Recommendations:** Placing flowers around the gazebo and in other areas throughout the park will make the park more appealing to visitors. Additional, placing small flowering trees in various areas in the park such as along walkways, helps close in the park, provide some shade and continue to make it appealing.
- **Plan for Success:** once all construction is complete, walkways are in, plan the placement of the trees and flowers.
- **Timeframe:** 2 Years
- **Responsible Party:** Contractor to plant the trees, volunteers
- **Estimated Costs:** \$300 - \$400 per tree, average height 5 feet

PLAYGROUND

- **Justification for Recommendations:** The playground currently in place at Pines Park, located to the left of the Pines Community Center, is quite small, offering only a few structures that are geared towards mainly Pre-K children. Adding additional structures and potentially relocating the current structures would be a great opportunity to bring more families to Pines Park.
- **Plan for Success:** construct a playground kit either by the police station or ball field, but separate from Pines Community Center
- **Timeframe:** 2-3 years
- **Responsible Parties:** Town
- **Estimated Cost:** TBD

OLD HOME DAY

- **Justification for Recommendations:** To continue to hold Old Home Day in the Town of Northfield, community members seek to improve the park and make it more appealing and safer to use.
- **Plan for Success:** make recommended improvements, and leave enough open space for community events and vendors.
- **Timeframe:** 2022
- **Responsible Parties:** Community organization

COMMUNITY DAY

- **Justification for Recommendations:** The community members of Northfield would like to see it's own community event held sometime in the fall. Some ideas were fall festivals and goat race days (see binder).
- **Plan for Success:** This is where a Parks and Recreation committee would be handy to implement these types of activities.
- **Timeframe:** 2-3 years
- **Responsible Parties:** New Committee
- **Estimated Cost:** TBD

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

List of Community Organizations that may be interested in helping with either volunteer time, supplies and/or regular maintenance.

- Tilton-Northfield Rotary
- Local Schools
- Pines Community Center
- Girl Scouts
- Boy Scouts
- 4-H
- Local Businesses
- University of NH
- Youth Assistance
- Historical Society
- Old Home Day Committee
- Northfield Economic Development Corporation
- Foothills Foundation
- T-N Arch Trail Travelers
- Conservation Commission

GRANTS AVAILABLE

University of NH, Lakes Region Planning Commission and NH Economic Development have all offered to assist with grants in the past.

Sidewalks

- USDA Rural Development – Streetscaping www.rd.usda.gov
- Northern Boarders www.nbrc.gov
- NHDOT – Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) www.nh.gov/dot

Community Garden

- American Public Gardens Association – Public Garden funding resources www.publicgardens.org
- Growing Spaces – grants for community gardens

Overall Park

- City Parks Alliance – Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program www.cityparksalliance.org
- USDA Rural Development www.rd.usda.gov
- Historical grants to place the bell in the copula and signage.
- NRPA – National Recreation & Park Association
- Franklin Savings Bank

Playground Equipment

- Play and Park Structures – for Playground equipment www.playandpark.com
- Landscape Structures – for playground equipment www.playlsi.com

FUNDING

Public Funding

Private Fundraising

Partnerships

Grants

Pines Park

<u>Programs/Activities</u>	<u>Improvements</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>	
					<u>Installation</u>	<u>Maintenance</u>
	Loam/Grass	1	1 Year	Donations		Town
	New Fence around Horse Rink	2	1 Year	Local Organizations/Grants/Donations	Local Organization/Town	Local Organization/Town
	Update benches and seating	3	1 Year	Donations	Town	Town
	Add lighting and electrical	4	2 Years	Grants/Town	Town	Town
	Pavilion paint/addition	5	3 Years	Local Organizations/Grants/Donations	Local Organization/Town	Local Organization/Town
	Repair Announcing Booth	6	2 Years	Local Organizations/Grants/Donations	Local Organization/Town	Local Organization/Town
	Walkways	7	3 Years	Grants/Donations	Town	Town
	Increase seating	8	2-3 Years	Grants/Donations	Town	Town
	Increase parking	9	1 Year	Donations	Town	Town
Old Home Day		1	1 Year	Local Organization	Local Organization	Local Organization
Community Day		2	1 Year	Town/Donations	Town	Town
Gazebo/Bandstand		3	2 Years	Grants/Donations	Vendor	Town
Ice Skating Rink-within horse rink		4	2-3 Years	Town/Donations	Town	Town
Horseshoe Pits		4	2 Years	Town/Donations	Town	Town
Community Garden		4	2 Years	Grants/Donations	Local Organization	Local Organization
New Playground		6	3-4 Years	Grants/Donations	Town	Town



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DRONE PHOTOS

PROPOSED LAYOUT

