



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Benson Park Committee



Harry Schibanoff, Chairman

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### Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2014

#### 1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Benson Park Committee was called to order by Chair H. Schibanoff at 7:08pm, June 5, 2014, in the Buxton Community Development Room, Town Hall.

D. Sion led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

#### 2. Attendance:

R. Alio, A. Desrosiers, D. Empey, S. Jasper, J. Leone, and Alternate Selectman Liaison P. Nichols, and Alternate, Dana Sion-Morin

Excused: K. Bowen

Absent: Selectman Liaison B. Nadeau and Jim Barnes

#### 3. Public Input - None

#### 4. Presentation

Jennifer LeClair came before the committee to seek approval for her sponsorship of the Little Free Library ([www.littlefreelibrary.com](http://www.littlefreelibrary.com)) in Benson Park. The presentation highlighted the promotion of literacy for children and love of reading. Mrs. LeClair and her family will steward the facility which will house free books for school-aged children. The intention is for the public to donate, share, and swap books. (Please take one; Please leave one.) The structure for the library will be about the size of a bread box – in a water tight house design with a door. (20in. x15in.x 12in.) It will house 30 to 40 books. Since the structure will rest upon a wooden support and require installation, it has been decided that several options for its location should be investigated before approval is given. R. Alio will conduct a walk-through with the LeClair family to determine possible sites for the installation. The committee gave their approval for the structure on the condition that a re-assessment will be held over the following months.

**H. Schibanoff made a motion for Jennifer LeClair to proceed with the Little Free Public Library and return to the committee on June 19<sup>th</sup> with her updated plans and possible location. D. Sion second the motion.**

**Seven (7) Ayes      One (1) Nay**

#### 5. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of May 15, 2014

**J. Leone made a motion to accept the Minutes of May 15, 2014**

**R. Alio second the motion**

**Eight (8) Ayes                      (0) Abstentions**

## **6. Old Business**

- A. **RFP for Shoe** - at this time the lowest bid has been approved. The contractor should have the project completed within a month.
- B. **Financial Status** – the committee should finish our fiscal year in the black.

## **7. New Business**

- A. **Volunteer Programs** – due to the absence of K. Bowen, the updates will be carried forth to our second meeting this month.
- B. **Park Events and Updates** –
  1. Committee members delivered much praise for the newly landscaped Red Barn Hill area.
  2. Hudson Senior Center/Hudson Community Television Access Center held its Grand Opening Ceremony on May 31, 2014.
  3. NH Last Cast Fishing Club will hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fishing Derby at the park on June 7, 2014.
  4. Tree Grant – to begin tree planting with TD Bank on Oct. 1. 2014
- C. **Summer Meeting Schedule** – a second meeting for June will be held. With the July 4<sup>th</sup> observance so close to our regularly scheduled meeting date, committee members have opted to reschedule for a future date. Discussions will continue on the topic for other summer meetings.

## **7. Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members**

- A. S. Jasper remarked that the hill behind the former Red Barn area is looking fantastic and has made a huge difference in esthetic appearance in the park. He also reported that federal funding is presently on hold and will not be available for additional projects in the park. There is a possibility that the Kiwanis may be interested in restoring the water system atop Storybook Hill. He also reported that dog waste continues to be a problem within the park, and some owners are not following the established guidelines.
- B. P. Nichols encouraged all to attend the fun-filled Fishing Derby on June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Discussion was held on the \*retired\* Red Barn sign which will no longer be needed at its present location. D.Sion suggested donating it to the future Friends of Benson Park Museum.

## **Next Meeting**

June 19, 2014 (possibly at the Hudson Community Television Access Center)

## **Adjournment 7:47pm**

**S. Jasper made a Motion to Adjourn**  
**J. Leone Second the Motion**  
**All in favor-Motion Carries**