



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee

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Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2014

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Benson Park Committee was called to order by Vice Chair J. Barnes at 7:02 pm, January 16, 2014, Board of Selectmen Meeting Room, Town Hall. K. Bowen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

2. Attendance:

R. Alio, Vice Chair, J. Barnes, K. Bowen, A. Desrosiers, D. Empey, John Leone, P. Nichols
Alternates: S. Jasper, (Alternate will vote for absent member this evening)
Excused: D. Briand, Selectman Liaison B. Nadeau, Chair H. Schibanoff,

3. Public Input

None

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of November 7, 2013

J. Leone made a motion to accept the Minutes of November 7, 2013

A. Desrosiers second the motion

Six (6) Ayes Two (2) Abstentions

B. Minutes of December 5, 2013

A. Desrosiers made a motion to accept the Minutes of December 5, 2013

J. Leone second the motion

Six (6) Ayes Two (2) Abstentions

5. Old Business

A. Financial Report December 31, 2013

Chair H. Schibanoff sent a report to all members. There were a few larger expenditures. **P. Nichols** asked about Stratum Tires and **D. Empey** asked about landscaping, **S. Jasper** asked about the dumpster. Vice Chair **J. Barnes** will check into this.

B. Scout Project List

P. Nichols sent out a copy of the listing that had been discussed at the last meeting. **R. Alio** said he felt we had decided to keep the Trail project in place because it could be done with a walking tape to describe trees, flowers, and some history of the park. The Girl Scouts did a similar project and the tapes are available at the Library. **P. Nichols** also made a suggestion to table this list until the Committee Spring walk-around. This would show more projects for our Scouts and projects for the committee to plan for the spring and summer months. **J. Leone** asked if it would be wise to pencil in a time for the walk-around. **K. Bowen** thought the end of March could be a viable time, as

there is usually a thaw. D. Empey suggested waiting until our first meeting in March to choose a day for the walk-around because we would have a better view on weather situations. This will be an agenda item in March.

D. Empey asked to return to the budget pages and he seems to think he knows why the added budget items were attached to Benson Park. He believes we are being charged for the clean-up of the old dump behind Hazelton Barn. D. Empey thinks this charge should be paid by the Senior Center. The State was supposed to clean this area but when the Town wanted to purchase land for the Senior Center/HCTV Access Center, this was in lieu of paying for the property. Vice Chair J. Barnes will speak with K. Carpentier about this.

6. New Business

Vice Chair J. Barnes mentioned that terms expired and should we vote now or in April. After discussion it was agreed to vote on Officers at this time. Vice Chair J. Barnes said there are three (3) positions open at this time: Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk. Vice Chair J. Barnes asked for nominations for the position of Chair. D. Empey nominated Mr. Barnes, and P. Nichols nominated Mr. Schibanoff.

Show of Hands – Harry Schibanoff (6) – Jim Barnes (2)

Vice Chair J. Barnes asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chair
P. Nichols nominated J. Barnes

By Acclimation – Jim Barnes (8)

Vice Chair J. Barnes asked for nominations for the position of Clerk
D. Empey nominated P. Nichols

By Acclimation – P. Nichols (8)

Committees: Building, Trails and Landscape

R. Alio has already been elected to Landscaping.

P. Nichols said to let everything stay the same unless someone wants to leave their position. J. Leone said he would be retiring from the Landscape Committee due to prior commitments and lack of time. D. Empey nominated S. Jasper as Chair of the Building Committee due to his past interest in this area.

S. Jasper was elected to the Building Committee by acclimation.

D. Empey will stay as Trails Committee Chairman

A. Desrosiers will stay as Photographer and Historian

K. Bowen will take over the volunteer assignments during the spring and summer months.

Vice Chair will still handle the Finance Committee

7. Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members

K. Bowen said it was nice to be back. He was an original member of the Benson Committee way back and has been following the progress with the park for the past five years and is looking forward to the future.

S. Jasper said he was also glad to be back after a hiatus of two years and is looking to contribute to the future of the park. He mentioned with sadness of the passing of Arthur Provencher, last owner of Benson Park. He was glad the Friends of Benson Park were able to work with him and purchase his memorabilia from that era.

J. Leone said the Friends of Benson Park were contacted by a potential volunteer who would like to do some work this winter. If anyone can think of some work that could be done this winter please contact John Leone.

P. Nichols welcomed S. Jasper and K. Bowen. She is very glad they are here. She is looking forward to a great year with lots of work. Congratulations to all newly elected Officers and anyone that would like her position please feel free to speak up. She is thrilled at what has been accomplished through the years and is still happy to be here. **A. Desrosiers** has not had a chance to go into the park to snow shoe but is looking to an opportunity for more snow. She also heard that a Bakery would open soon near the parameter of the park and they are going to continue with the Benson name which will be interesting. Just waiting to see what they will offer.

Vice Chair J. Barnes welcomed K. Bowen and S. Jasper to the Committee. He is looking ahead to a productive and exciting year.

8. Next Meeting:

D. Empey mentioned he felt that meeting on February 6, 2014 would be necessary due to the many issues coming up this spring. He said there is money that is available and the Old Shoe needs a new roof, some shingles and a new door. The Office Building needs materials and this should be discussed soon, with the possibility of putting out bids and hiring a contractor to do these repairs.

February 06, 2014 – Buxton Community Development Room, Town Hall at 7:00 pm

Adjournment 7:35 pm

P. Nichols made a Motion to Adjourn

A. Desrosiers Second the Motion

All in favor-Motion Carries