



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee

Harry Schibanoff, Chairman

Benjamin Nadeau, Selectmen Liaison



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Meeting Minutes June 21, 2012

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Benson Committee was called to order by Chair Harry Schibanoff at 7:01 p.m. June 21, 2012 Benson Park.

2. Attendance:

Vice Chair J. Barnes, A. Desrosiers, D. Empey, John Leone, Selectman Liaison B. Nadeau, P. Nichols, Chair H. Schibanoff, N. Undercofler, Alternate, R. Alio, D. Briand
Excused: C Gagnon

3. Public Input

None

4. Presentation

Jay LaFond presented a plan to clear and clean the area around the Duck Pond of weeds, poison ivy, other invasive plants, dead trees, etc. to make this more attractive to park visitors. J. LaFond has extensive experience in doing water gardening and looks forward to making this area an outstanding, beautiful addition to Benson Park. Questions and discussion followed the presentation This site will fall under the Adopt-a-Spot sub committee. Chair H. Schibanoff called for a Motion.

P. Nichols made a motion to accept J. LaFond' plan to clean and clear the Duck Pond as an Adopt-a-Spot

D. Briand second the Motion

All in favor-Motion Carries

5. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of June 7, 2012

J. Barnes made a motion to accept Minutes of June 7, 2012

N. Undercofler Second the Motion

All in favor-Motion Carries

6. Old Business

A. Signs

New updated signs for historical buildings and signs to protect the Old Shoe were discussed and will be left to the sub-committee. P. Nichols will try to have a meeting next week.

B. Budget

Chair H. Schibanoff told the committee he tried to encumber funds that were meant to be used when the Train Station was moved, but was told this would

not be allowed. Selectman Liaison B. Nadeau said he already used this money to purchase pipes, manhole covers, stones, RAP, etc. to be stored in the Town Barns until the Train Station is moved. With the knowledge that these funds were used for the future goals of Benson Park was welcome news to the committee.

7. New Business

A. Budget Sub-Committee

Chair H. Schibanoff requested that a new Budget Committee be formed for the new fiscal year. N. Undercofler, R, Alio, Vice Chair J. Barnes, C. Gagnon, and Chair H. Schibanoff agreed to be on this Committee. All members of the committee were in agreement.

B. Office Furniture

Chair H. Schibanoff asked Selectman Liaison B. Nadeau if the Rec. Department were going to replace some of their chairs and, if there were any that were usable, would it be possible for the Benson Committee to place some of the old ones in the Office Building at the park. Selectman Liaison B. Nadeau said he would look into this.

C. Toilets

N. Undercofler reported that with the summer months upon us, the usage for the port-a-potties has increased and that cleaning once a week is not enough. She requested that these be cleaned at least twice a week and that they be moved at an angle to the rear of the Gorilla House. Discussion followed with input from most members of the committee.

D. Empey made a motion to have the Port-a-Potties moved at an angle to the rear of the Gorilla House and cleaned twice a week during the busy summer months.

J. Leone second the motion

All in favor-Motion Carries

8. Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members

N. Undercofler thanked Home Depot for the volunteers and supplies used to clean and paint the graffiti at the Gorilla House.

A. Desrosiers also took the time to thank all the volunteers, along with Home Depot for the speedy and professional work that was done to clean and paint the Gorilla House.

N. Undercofler said she has a few requests for benches. J. Leone said he would take the orders.

Selectman Liaison B. Nadeau was asked why the Gorilla Cage was locked. He said it would be locked for a while due to the graffiti that was done to this building. Discussion followed with committee members stating that the graffiti was not on the mural and the last time the cage was locked, vandals threw trash, etc. inside. Selectman Liaison B. Nadeau said he would check on this.

Selectman Liaison B. Nadeau announced that Chronicle on Channel 9 would be filming in the park sometime in August or September to follow up on all the changes and updating the park has experienced since it has been officially opened. They will be in the park for 10 to 12 hours filming and the

committee will be treating the day like a regular clean-up, Butterfly Garden work, and Adopt-a-Spot planting.

Chair H. Schibanoff mentioned that the GFWC have received recognition for the Butterfly Garden as one of the top five (5) community projects in the nation and that the committee should send them a letter. P. Nichols will put a letter together and send to Chair H. Schibanoff for his approval. He also talked about the next meeting date on July 5, as this will be a Holiday week,

P. Nichols made a Motion to cancel the July 5th meeting

D. Briand second the Motion

All in favor-Motion Carries

Chair H. Schibanoff asked P. Nichols to notify J. McIntosh that HCTV would not be needed by the Benson Committee on July 5, 2012.

The next meeting of the Benson Park Committee will take place on July 19, 2012 at the Office Building at Benson Park, at 7:00 PM

The next clean-up date will be Saturday, July 14, 2012 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Rain date: Sunday, July 15, 2012 same time

Adjournment: 8:00 pm

J. Leone made a motion to adjourn

Vice Chair J. Barnes second the motion

All in favor-Motion Carries