



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee

Richard Empey, Chairman David Morin, Selectmen Liaison



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Committee Minutes

Date: 03/17/2023 - 7:00pm

Location: Parking lot Outside the HCTV building, 9 Kimball Hill Road, Hudson, NH

- **Call to Order:** at 7:03 pm by Vice Chair Ralph Alio who was standing in for John Madden
- **Attendance:** Ralph Alio, Selectman David S. Morin, Sarah Petkiewicz, Erica Carreau, John Leone, and Scott Anderson
Excused: John Madden & Judith Brouillette
- **Public Input:** none
- **Approval of minutes:**

Reviewed February 16, 2023 minutes. John Leone made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Erica Carreau. 4 yes/0 no/1 abstain

Old Business:

- Balance and Expenditures** – Current FY23 Budget Year – Ralph
- Update on 28 picnic table inspections, conditions, and replacements.** Mr. Alio confirmed that all the rotten/broken board on the picnic tables have been replaced using wood that was available from prior purchases. At this time, there is no need to pursue replacement of picnic tables that the committee had previously been exploring.
- Membership**-Two Alternate Member vacancies remain, Terms ending April 2024 and 2025. Nancy Caron member vacancy, Term ending April 2024-Ralph.
- Report on BPC Member Vacancy Sign for bulletin Board at Dog Park**- Ms. Brouillette had emailed prior to the meeting to confirm that sign has been placed it by the dog park.
- Report on lead paint inspection Train Station**- This update will have to wait until Mr. Madden returns. We will need to seek a second quote.
- Report on possible window replacement Train Station**- Mr. Alio provided an update that Moynihan Lumbar has given an estimate of \$25,750 to replace all of the windows, glass, and frames in the train station. The committee felt that this expenditure was a good use of the capital fund and will propose it to the Selectman. However, Selectman Morin reminded

the group that prior to approval the group should seek approval from the state to get the vendor (Moynihan Lumber) approved. Mr. Alio will follow up with Mr. Madden to ask him to get in touch with Elvis and Jess to work with DES to get the vendor approved.

- G. **Shelving/display cases donated to Friends of Benson Park & stored in DPW Pickle ball Park Building, Melendy Road** – Mr. Leone stated that there has been no forward movement on this at this time. He will work to connect with DEW to resolve this.
- H. **Baby Changing Station for Handicapped / Family Restroom in Gorilla Building** – Ms. Carreau stated that she had reached out to several vendors to get information on prices for the changing stations. The least expensive was Lavex at \$138.99 and the most expensive was through Diaper Depot at \$238.81. The committee asked that we confirm the changing station in the other bathroom so that we can match models. In addition, we need to find out the dimensions of the bathroom and how much clearance needed to properly install and to meet requirements. Mr. Carreau said she would follow up.
- I. **Acceptance of a donation of an original wooden lithographic printing plate for printing direction signs to Benson's Wild Animal Farm** – Mr. Leone stated he would follow up with Mr. Madden directly regarding the donation, as Friends of Benson Park would accept it.

New Business: None.

Calendar

- a. Rescheduled Town Meeting to Tuesday, March 28th - Warrant Article #14 for \$10,000 and Town Budget-Ralph.
- b. Next meeting – Thursday, April 20, 2023, 7 pm.
- c. Volunteer Clean Up – 3rd Saturday, April 15, 9 am to 2 pm - Tentative

Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members

- a. Mr. Alio confirmed his decision that April would be his last month on the committee. He stated that he had asked Mr. Anderson if he would be interested in taking his place on the landscaping committee so the two will connect to discuss further.
 - b. Ms. Petkiewicz raised that she had reviewed the deed and questioned where it stated that a fundraiser with food trucks would not be permissible. Mr. Alio confirmed that there is wording about all money for vendors in the park must stay in the park but that he would follow up to provide that wording. Mr. Morin agreed with Mr. Alio that the park is not permitted to have vendors even if they donate their profits to the park. All money made (including that which is needed for cost of goods) must be given to the park. However, Mr. Alio pointed out that a fundraising event could be conducted outside the park to benefit the park.
 - c. Mr. Anderson said that at a recent meeting there was a question raised about the safety of the park and asked for any commentary from the group in regards to this. Mr. Morin confirmed that there had been no police reports of any kind related to park activity.
- **Motion to Adjourn by:** John Leone **Second by:** Scott Anderson
Passes unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.