



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee

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Minutes

May 3, 2018 – 7:00pm

HCTV Center, 19 Kimball Hill Road, Hudson, NH 03051

Downstairs Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order** at 7:01 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Jim Weaver
3. **Attendance**
Ralph Alio, Ann Desrosiers, Dick Empey, Paula Hubert, John Leone, Jack Madden, James Weaver and Alternate Member – Nancie Caron
Absent: Mark Boulger, Selectman Roger Coutu
4. **Public Input - None**
5. **Approval of Minutes**
Nancie made a motion to accept the Minutes of April 19, 2018; Jack seconded the motion. All in Favor
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **Dog Park Subcommittee Update**
Ofc. Jana McMillan and subcommittee members are working on the rules and regulations for the dog park. Paula has volunteered to be the committee liaison on the subcommittee.
 - b. **Restroom Subcommittee Update**
A meeting was held on April 20 to review the draft of 10 document updates. Eventually the subcommittee's draft will be given to the Town Engineer. There will be a Family Style/ADA accessible unit along with 3 toilets provided on each side for males and females.
 - c. **Shade Trees for Playground**
There will be 3 sugar maples planted during the week of May 14th. Two trees will be planted for shade at the playground. The third will be planted in the meadows
 - d. **Artists in the Park Day**
There have been no recent updates.
 - e. **Haselton Barn**
Nothing to report

f. Covered Bridge Replacement Update

At present construction plans are commanding the cost near \$16,000. Ideas are being generated to lower the cost.

g. Master Plan Next Steps

We are working on ideas. One of the priorities is to stabilize the Haselton Barn. The massive renovations on the structure will be extremely costly and require plans for usage.

h. New Volunteer Day Signs

The signs have been ordered and will be delivered around May 20th.

i. New replacement picnic tables

The frames are on order and will be delivered soon.

j. Update on Memorial Benches

Two benches will be placed in the playground area; one outside the restrooms at the Gorilla House; one at the Elephant Barn.

k. Report on FoBP April 29 Televised Fundraiser

The fundraiser was described as a success due to Steve Katsos, sponsors, audience, and volunteers. \$1,400 was raised.

l. Report on Saturday, April 21 Clean-up Day

Thirty-seven volunteers participated in our first Clean-up Day for 2018. There was a tremendous amount of work accomplished at Story Book Hill, the Gorilla House, and the Butterfly Garden.

7. New Business

a. Election of Officers

Paula made a motion to elect Dick Empey as the Chairman of the Benson Park Committee; seconded by Nancie; All in Favor.

Dick made a motion to elect Ralph Alio as the Vice Chair of the Benson Park Committee; seconded by Jim; All in Favor.

John made a motion to elect Jack Madden as the Clerk/Secretary of the Benson Park Committee; seconded by Jim; All in Favor.

b. Anticipated Spending for FY2018

Follow-up at next meeting

8. Calendar

- a. Committee meeting – May 17
- b. Artists in the Park – May 19
- c. Volunteer cleanup day – May 19
- d. Last Cast Fishing Derby – June 2

9. Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members

- a. The FoBP will sponsor Three Cage Concerts this summer -
June 16 Alvirne High School Jazz Band; July 21, and Aug. 11 or 18.
- b. Liberty Utilities will be sending approximately 15 workers to volunteer at the park
May 21 st. (Rain date on May 24th.)

10. Adjournment at 7:57 P.M.

John made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Paula; All in Favor