



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Benson Park Committee

Jim Barnes, Chairman      David Morin, Selectmen Liaison



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### Minutes

April 19, 2018 – 7:00pm  
HCTV Center, 19 Kimball Hill Road, Hudson, NH 03051  
Downstairs Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order** at 7:02 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Nancie Caron.
3. **Attendance: Ralph Alio, Jim Barnes. Mark Boulger, Alternate-Nancie Caron, Ann Desrosiers, Dick Empey, Paula Hubert, John Leone, and Jack Madden**  
**Absent:** Dave Morin
4. **Public Input - None**
5. **Approval of Minutes**  
**Dick made a motion to accept the Minutes form April 5, 2018; seconded by Ralph; All in favor – (6) Six**  
**Abstentions – (3) Three**
6. **Old Business**
  - a. **Dog Park Subcommittee Update**

Joe Undercofler, Ofc Jana McMillan, and a Dog Park patron will meet Wednesday, April 26, at 1:00 P.M. in the HPD's Ann Seabury Room to begin discussions and planning for signage and improvements at the dog park.
  - b. **Restroom Committee Update**

The subcommittee will meet Friday, April 20, to prepare an RFP to go out to bid.
  - c. **Shade Trees for Playground**

Countrybrook Farms will provide 4 sugar maples to shade the playground. The holes will be dug in preparation for the delivery and filled with loam which will make it easier for the planting of the trees. Paula and Dick with coordinate the planting day with Countrybrook Farms.
  - d. **Artists in the Park Day on May 19**

Jason Debow and Dave Morin have reached out to the artistic community, and advertising for the event will begin shortly.

**e. Haselton Barn**

There has been a lack of action for acquiring a “quote statement” for needed to maintain the barn, but hopefully this will be accomplished before this fiscal year.

**f. Covered Bridge Replacement Update**

This is still being worked on with a meeting planned in the near future.

**g. Master Plan – Next Steps**

Ideas will be needed for completion dates for projects.

**7. New Business**

**a. New Volunteer Day Signs**

**Jack made a motion to purchase (2) two Volunteer Signs to replace the old wooden sign which should not exceed \$150.00. Seconded by Paula. All in Favor.**

**b. New/Replacement Picnic Tables**

**Jack made a motion to purchase materials for (5) five picnic tables – not to exceed \$1500. Seconded by Paula. All in Favor.**

**c. Additional Memorial Benches**

The April 21<sup>st</sup> Volunteer Day date was decided as the day to determine locations for additional park benches. A vote was not necessary since the Friends of Benson Park would encumber the costs for additional benches.

**d. Anticipated Spending for FY2018**

Materials and expenses will be need to be reviewed over the remaining months for FY2018. Some of the expenses will be electricity, Porta-potties, mulch, topsoil, loam, and paint/stain for the animal cage on the Elephant Barn and the Office Building.

**e. Passing the Baton**

Chairman Bill Barnes announced that he had materials to distribute to committee members regarding the establishment and policies regarding Benson Park. Voting for the offices of the positions on the Benson Park Committee would be taking place at the May meeting. (Chairman Jim Barnes had previously informed all that he would be resigning from the committee.) The Chairman also announced to the viewing audience that a full time and an alternate position were open for interested candidates.

**8. Calendar**

**a. Volunteer Cleanup Day – April 21**

A “Soft Opening” of the Elephant Barn would be available to the public.

**b. Sustainability Committee Earth Day – April 22**

**c. FoBP Televised Fundraiser – HCTV, Steve Katsos Show – April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM will take place at HCTV facility at the North Barn on Kimball Hill Rd.**

**d. Next Committee Meeting – May 3**

**e. Artists in the Park – May 19**

**f. Volunteer Cleanup Day – May 19**

**g. Last Cast Fishing Derby – June 2 (has been scheduled with the Highway Dept.)**

**9. Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members**

Dick brought up the need to address the roofing issues above the former Kitchen Area. Jack expressed his appreciation for Jim's leadership. Jim remarked that he has had a great experience since the committee's inception in 2009.

**10. Adjournment at 7:52 P.M.**

**John made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jack seconded the motion; All in Favor**