



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee

Jim Barnes, Chairman

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Minutes

February 1, 2018 – 7:00pm

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

Downstairs Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order** at 7:00P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mark Boulger
3. **Attendance: Ralph Alio, Jim Barnes, Mark Boulger, Ann Desrosiers, Dick Empey, Paula Hubert, John Leone, and Dave Morin**
Excused: Jack Madden
4. **Public Input**
 - a. Artist Events in the Park
Jason DeBow, a local artist, came before the committee to propose a Plenair Art Day at Benson Park. (Get outdoors and paint.) Committee members expressed an interest and suggested that the concept should start out small promoting local and NH artists. Musicians playing fiddles and banjos might be included to foster the park as a hub for the Arts. Mr. DeBow will return to the committee for an update and a possible date/time schedule.
5. **Approval of Minutes**
January 11 and January 18, 2018 Minutes will be presented at next meeting.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **Review Public Input for Master Plan**
The committee continues to work on cost information for the restoration and structural analysis of the Haselton Barn. Input is needed as we formulate a plan for the barn's future use. Jack has contacted another contractor as the committee progresses in completing its goal.

Notes from the Jan. 18, 2018 Master Plan Public Input Session include:

1. Add dollar amounts to Project Calendar.
2. Prepare inventory of natural landscape features.
3. Wildlife Management Plan
4. Additional signage near Swan Lake
5. Provide protection to Park by purchase of adjoining properties or restrictive zoning.
6. Better policing of activities in the Park

7. Additional signage in the Park reinforcing rules and regulations
8. Control number of people in the Park.
9. Add rules and regulations to the Master Plan
10. Establish fees for non-residents (outside of NH)
11. Need shade at playground and need additional benches for seating
(determine times for prime sunshine and arrival of crowds to assist in tree planting)
12. More picnic tables

Additional items post Public Input Session

13. Add street/trail signs in central area of the Park.
14. Provide sail shade/canopy at the playground.

b. Restroom Project Warrant Article will be presented at the Feb. 10th Deliberative Session. Chairman Jim Barnes will speak on the project's proposed lay-out and construction costs along with for first year operation expenses.

c. Electricity to Elephant Barn has been completed.

d. Haselton Barn Assessment

Steve Bedard is under consideration to help with the barn project
The Board of Selectmen's main concern is further damage to the barn. A recommendation has been made to acquire security cameras as soon as possible. The Hudson Police Department and Hudson Fire Department will meet with the Benson Park Committee to convey issues and offer suggestions for improvement.

7. New Business

Committee Membership

The audience was informed that a committee member's seat is open along with an alternate's position.

Chairman Barnes announced that he will be leaving the committee when his term expires at the end of April.

8. Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members

Chairman Barnes will speak on the Bathroom Project Warrant Article at the deliberative Session on Feb. 10, 2018

The Cardboard Sled Race will take place on Feb. 17th. Registration at 1:00 P.M., and the event will begin at 2:00 P.M.

(As of Feb. 12 – the event has been cancelled due to lack of snow.)

Former Benson Park Committee Liaison and Committee Member, Ben Nadeau, passed on January 23, 2018. He was recognized with deep appreciation for all his efforts and devotion to the Hudson community.

Next meeting date – Feb. 15, 2018

9. Adjournment at 7:45 P.M.

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