



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee

Jim Barnes, Chairman David Morin, Selectmen Liaison



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Sept. 7, 2017 – 7:00pm
HCTV Center, 19 Kimball Hill Road, Hudson, NH 03051
Downstairs Meeting Room

Minutes

1. **Call to Order at 7:02 P. M.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance was led by Paula Hubert**
3. **Attendance: Ralph Alio, Ann Desrosiers, Dick Empey, Paula Hubert, John Leone, Jack Madden, and Dave Morin**

Excused: Jim Barnes and Jeremy Griffus
Absent; Ben Nadeau and Mark Boulger

4. **Public Input** – Claudia Charbonneau Dodds, the daughter of Rhona Charbonneau, came before the committee to request a granite bench in memory of her mother who worked relentlessly for years on the earlier Benson Park Committee. (The site will be determined shortly.)

Paula made a motion to accept the proposal for the Rhona Charbonneau Memorial Bench at Benson Park; Jack seconded the motion; All in favor – unanimously.

5. **Approval of Minutes**
John made a motion to accept the minutes of
Aug. 3, 2017: Ralph seconded the motion: All in Favor -6
Abstentions - 1

6. **Old Business**

- a. **Restroom Project** next steps – the sub-committee will work together to submit a proposal for what the committee is looking for on the completed project. Electricity will be brought to the corner behind the Train Station (out of the historic district.) Eventually it will be underground down Benson Blvd. to the Gorilla House.
- b. **Office Building Project** - the sill and beam project is being delayed since the committee is still awaiting confirmation of funds via the Moose Plate Grant.
- c. **Master Plan** discussion – the committee agreed to use our September 21, 2017 (non-televised) meeting as a workshop for our future goals for Benson Park.

Some of the suggested ideas were upkeep and maintenance, advertising, opportunities for public input, Public Hearings, etc. – our visions for the park.

7. New Business

- a. YMCA Togetherhood Volunteer Day (Sept. 30, 2017)

While the Committee was extremely receptive to the group's volunteerism, concerns arose that some committee members would not be available on that date. Signatures for release forms and parental signatures for minor children would need to be filed – some committee members were not comfortable in handling the paperwork. A suggestion was made to contact the group and inquire if they could possibly arrive on our scheduled monthly Clean-up on October 21st.

8. Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members

John expressed his thanks to the attendees at the August 26th concert sponsored by the Friends of Benson Park.

- a. Next meeting date – Sept. 21, 2017 (non-televised workshop meeting)
b. Volunteer cleanup – Sept. 16, 2017

9. Adjournment at 7:35 P. M.

John made a motion to adjourn: seconded by Ralph; All in Favor