



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Benson Park Committee

Jim Barnes, Chairman      David Morin, Selectmen Liaison



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August 3, 2017 – 7:00pm  
HCTV Center, 19 Kimball Hill Road, Hudson, NH 03051  
Downstairs Meeting

### Minutes

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

Absent: Ben Nadeau

Excused: Mark Bougler

4. **Public Input**

- a. Proposal for Kindness Garden - Renee Callery came before the committee to present a proposal for a community involvement project to raise awareness on good mental health and to promote kindness throughout the park. Local students will paint inspirational messages on rocks which will be taken and shared. Renee has applied for a \$20,000 grant to fund the cost of the rocks, paint, and a plaque to promote mental health. The Hope Garden will be replenished regularly. Renee will return to the committee in the Spring of 2018 to discuss possible locations and updates on her project.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **Jeremy made a motion to accept the minutes of July 20, 2017; Dick seconded the motion. All in favor – 7; Abstentions – 1.**

6. **Old Business**

- a. Follow-up from BOS meeting – Committee members expressed their thoughts on looking for guidance and the roles/responsibilities to move forward. The emphasis was “the process to be followed.” Selectman Liaison, Dave Morin, recommended that the committee 1.) fulfill all the requirements requested by the Board of Selectmen for the Bathroom Project by December to have the project ready for a warrant article 2.) Work on a Master Plan which details the future of the park 3.) What needs to be done at the Haselton Barn?
- b. KnoxBox Request  
**John made a motion to approve an amount of monies not to exceed \$400 for the purchase the KnoxBox. Jeremy seconded the motion. All in Favor.**

- c. State Historical Resources Tour at Benson Park on July 31, 2017  
The visit was a good presentation. The State Historical Resources Council had not visited the park for many years and was impressed with the latest developments and improvements which have transpired since 2009.
- d. Project Updates  
**Restrooms** – the committee will compile all the data requested by the Board of Selectmen for a Warrant Article.  
**Office** – a drainage ditch will be addressed. The building will be ready for construction in September, but the committee is still awaiting notification for the “Moose Grant.”

#### **7. New Business**

- a. Is there a means to obtain a head count of visitors to the park.? Kevin Burns will be contacted about such a device.
- b. Dead Trees – Dick Empey stated that 5-6 trees are taken down annually. He is aware of other trees which have reached their expiration and is monitoring the situation.
- c. The committee would like to thank the HPD fire chief for the donation of fire hoses to the park.
- d. The Friends of Benson Park will be hosting a concert of local bands on August 26th at 5:30 P.M.

#### **8. Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members**

- a. Next meeting date – August 17th
- b. Volunteer cleanup – August 19<sup>th</sup>

**Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Dick seconded the motion; All in Favor.**

#### **9. Adjournment at 8:17 P.M.**