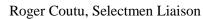
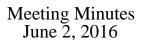


## **TOWN OF HUDSON**

## Benson Park Committee







Present	James Barnes, Shawn Jasper, Richard Empey, Ralph Alio, Ann
	Kinneen-Desrosiers, Margaret McQueeney, John Leone, Harry
	Schibanoff, Roger Coutu, Selectman Liaison, Jeremy Griffus
Absent	Joe Undercofler
Public Guests	None
Call to Order	Jim Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge was led by Jim.
Public Input	There was no public input.
Approval of Minutes	<ul> <li>Roger motioned to approve the minutes of May 17, 2016;</li> </ul>
	Ann seconded it. All approved.
Old Business	• The Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, June 4.
	<ul> <li>The parking lot should be paved by then.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>John will open the gate at 7 am to let the Derby</li> </ul>
	volunteers into the park.
	<ul> <li>Swan Lake will be stocked by Friday.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Proposed permit parking ordinance.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Public Hearing is scheduled for June 14 and June</li> </ul>
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	o Roger explained what occurs during the Public
	Hearings.
	o Purpose of hearing is to explain the ordinance.
	Citizens will be able to speak in favor or in
	opposition to the proposal.
	o Any changes to the proposed ordinance should be
	presented at the first meeting on June 14.
	<ul> <li>As written now, five parking spaces are proposed for volunteers and ten parking permits for</li> </ul>
	volunteers.
	<ul><li>Shawn asked where and how the recommendation</li></ul>
	for ten parking permits came about.
	Roger replied the Board of Selectmen are
	going to put together a plan of action for
	the future of the Park.
	The BOS need to establish
	management control of all of the
	parks in town.
	The Benson Park Committee
	cannot oversee the Park forever.
	<ul> <li>There is a need to look at who</li> </ul>
	should manage the Park.
	<ul> <li>One member of the Board of</li> </ul>
	Selectmen told Roger she will not
	commit one additional dime to
	Benson Park. Right now three of
	the selectmen support Park, two do



not.

- The town needs a management team for structure and better control.
- The ten parking permits is an arbitrary number.
- Roger is afraid volunteers will call the police if non-permit holders park in one of the five allotted spaces.
- Permits cannot be transferable.
- Shawn stated generally volunteers work during the week not on the weekend.
  - There are a lot of empty spaces.
- Jeremy stated the drive behind the ordinance is to provide adequate parking for the FoBP and the grounds crew.
- Ralph asked why the ordinance only allows for town residents to obtain a permit.
  - Many of the volunteers are from other towns and some even from out-of-state.
- Margaret stated the ordinance did not guarantee five parking spaces; it states up to five spaces.
  - Roger stated this needs to be discussed at the public meeting.
- John requested all but two of the accessible parking spaces be paved over to become regular parking spaces. The closest to the train station should remain accessible.
- o Roger will work with Kevin Burns to get the spots paved over.
- John moved to have the spots paved; Shawn seconded. All approved.
- Long Range Planning Discussion Next Steps
  - Jim suggested we put the projects in order by the results of the committees voting.
  - o Roger stated he thinks a cost analysis should be completed prior to placing the projects in order.
  - Jim stated a planning function should be completed and John agreed with him.
  - O Shawn stated Roger is right. A vision needs to be presented to the Board of Selectmen.
    - Some things like the security person may need to be reformulated.
    - Money will be required.
    - Item No. 4 Generating Revenue changes everything.
    - The Committee needs to sit down with the Board of Selectmen before moving forward with any planning.
  - o Roger will request the meeting.
  - The Committee stated their concern over not having a more refined plan to present.
  - Jeremy expressed concern the document the

	Committee has now is not ready for prime time.  Resources need to be looked into
	Restrooms.
	<ul><li>Restrooms.</li><li>Roger stated the RFQ can be done; the</li></ul>
	BOS may dictate a different way to do
	things.
	<ul> <li>Jim stated the next step is to setup a workshop.</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>Roger will setup the workshop.</li></ul>
New Business	Parking lot directional signage
	<ul> <li>Margaret stated that at a prior meeting the</li> </ul>
	Committee approved signage to be placed at the
	top parking lot directing to the main lower parking
	lot.
	<ul> <li>Roger stated it isn't needed as did Shawn.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Margaret stated in her experience from working in</li> </ul>
	the park on the weekends and during park cleanup,
	many people stop and ask where they can park.
	Having a sign will help eliminate this constant
	question.
	<ul> <li>Roger motioned that the signage is not needed.</li> </ul>
	o The motion failed because there was no second to
	the motion.
	<ul> <li>Shawn stated the sign should say main parking, 500' ahead.</li> </ul>
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	o Jeremy asked if a vote was taken on this at an earlier meeting or if it was just discussed. Jim said
	we would look into it.
	<ul> <li>State approval may be required to place a sign</li> </ul>
	along Kimball Hill Road.
	• 9-11 Memorial maintenance.
	<ul> <li>John questioned who is responsible for the</li> </ul>
	maintenance.
	<ul> <li>Dick said the Highway Department is responsible,</li> </ul>
	but the problem is that there is no water. Once the
	utilities are in, water can be pumped up for the old
	well. This project should have a higher priority on
	the list.
	<ul> <li>Ted's wife mentioned the condition of the grass</li> </ul>
	around the Memorial.
	o Volunteers do cleanup the Memorial. Cindy
	Undercofler does most of the maintenance.
	o Jeremey suggested using a fertilizer or weed killer
	to help with the condition of the grass. Only
	natural fertilizers may be used in the Park. Nashua
	Farmers Exchange carries natural fertilizers. Roger will see if some money can be raised to help pay
	for irrigation of the memorial area.
	<ul> <li>Maintenance of the lawn is done by the Highway</li> </ul>
	Department. The biggest problem is lack of water.
Adjournments	Roger motioned to close the meeting, seconded by Shawn,
2 Tajourninonts	all agreed.
	<ul> <li>The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.</li> </ul>
Action Items –	Action Items
Assignments	Roger – contact Kevin Burns regarding paving

○ Margaret – minutes.
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