TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee



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Meeting Minutes February 18, 2016

- <u>Call to Order</u>: The regular meeting of the Benson Park Committee was called to order by Chair J. Barnes at 7:00 PM, February 18, 2016 in the HCTV Center, 19 Kimball Hill Road. It was noted that the HCTV Center now has an American Flag in the room. J. Griffus led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- <u>Attendance</u>: Members present include Chair J. Barnes, Selectman Liaison P. Nichols, R. Alio, D. Empey, J. Griffus, R. Ingram, J. Leone, M. McQueeney, and H. Schibanoff. A. Desrosiers and S. Jasper and were absent, so H. Schibanoff and R. Ingram were appointed by the chair as voting members for this session.
- 3. <u>Public Input</u>: None
- 4. <u>Approval of Minutes for February 4, 2016</u>: No minutes were prepared for this meeting. Approval of the minutes is therefore postponed.
- 5. <u>Old Business</u>: None
- 6. <u>New Business</u>:

<u>Discussion with FoBP regarding Warrant Article Q</u>: Committee member J. Leone, Paul Lacasse, Treasurer of the FoBP, and other members of the FoBP were present to discuss the warrant article seeking funding for the next phase of the park utilities project. Following the discussion, the committee recommended that 1) a letter/article be prepared for the Hudson Litchfield News, 2) that a short video be prepared and distributed to HCTV and social media, and 3) that signs be placed in prominent locations prior to Election Day.

7. Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members:

R. Ingram brought up the topic of regulations and policies and safety issues regarding radio-controlled devices being used within the park boundaries. P. Nichols stated that the only restriction is that no gasoline-powered devices can be used on the ponds. It was noted by other committee members that the Federal Aviation Administration has sole responsibility for regulations and enforcement regarding the use of drones and other aerial devices. D. Empey stated that the only restriction is that no aerial devices can take off or land within Benson Park. The consensus was that there are no enforceable restrictions on the use of any devices in the park.

<u>Wildlife Survey (UNH "Bunny Blitz")</u>: J. Griffus reported that there are 20 people registered for the Bunny Blitz scheduled for February 27. A preliminary walkthrough of the park was done and two rabbits were sighted. The officials involved in the project are encouraged and enthusiastic about this event.

<u>Next Meeting</u>: The next meeting of the Benson Park Committee will be on March 3, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the HCTV Center, 19 Kimball Hill Road.

8. .<u>Motion to Adjourn</u>: Motion by J. Leone, seconded by J. Griffus, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.