



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Benson Park Committee

Jim Barnes, Chairman

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### Town of Hudson Benson Park Committee Meeting Minutes January 21, 2016

1. Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Benson Park Committee was called to order by Chair J. Barnes at 7:00 PM, January 21, 2016 in the HCTV Center, 19 Kimball Hill Road. Chair J. Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted that the HCTV Center needs to have an American Flag in the room.
2. Attendance: Members present include Chair J. Barnes, Selectman Liaison P. Nichols, R. Alio, A. Desrosiers, D. Empey, J. Griffus, R. Ingram, J. Leone, M. McQueeney. S. Jasper and H. Schibanoff were excused.
3. Public Input: None
4. Approval of Minutes for January 7, 2016: J. Griffus emailed minutes of the January 7, 2016 on January 21 to the committee members, but not everyone had the opportunity to review them before this meeting. Approval of the minutes is postponed until the next meeting on February 4, 2016.
5. Old Business:  
Utilities Project: The test boring was conducted in the park, and the results indicated extensive rock along the suggested shorter connection, thus making the suggested shorter utilities connection impractical. Chair J. Barnes stated that S. Jasper has not yet received word from Liberty Utilities regarding their services regarding the utilities. J. Griffus brought up the point that it will be difficult for the Benson Park Committee members to discuss the utilities project with the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, and the community-at-large without having a definitive plan to present. The timing is such that the next committee meeting will be only two days before the Town Deliberative Session, so even if there is a definitive plan, that will not leave much time to inform and educate others on the proposal. If there is no definitive plan to present at the Deliberative Session, S. Jasper will consider a motion to reduce the budget for the project to \$0.00, effectively removing Warrant Article Q from consideration.
6. New Business:  
Wildlife Survey (UNH "Bunny Blitz"): Reviewed by J. Griffus. The discussions with UNH Cooperative Extension are still underway, and a proposed date for the information session and park walk-through is tentatively scheduled for February 27. J. Griffus will invite the UNH Cooperative Extension to hold the information session at the Benson Park Office Building. J. Griffus will process the request for use of Benson Park for this event through the Town Recreation Department, per town rules and regulations. Anyone interested in attending the session will register through the UNH Cooperative Extension. More details will be forthcoming from J. Griffus.

7. Other Business:

HCTV Video "Credits" at end of Benson Park Committee meetings: Richard suggested that the credits that roll at the end of the Benson Park Committee meetings be updated and corrected to show the current membership. D. Empey also noted two other errors in the credits that should be corrected. The HCTV staff person stated that the information was culled from the Town website, and he said he would work on updating and correcting the information in the credits.

Snow Sled Day at Benson Park: M. McQueeney asked about the status of Snow Sled Day. J. Griffus stated that the event is still being planned, but a specific date cannot be chosen until the snow conditions improve.

Benson Park Electrical Inspection Requested by the Board of Selectmen: J. Leone and D. Empey report that the inspection was completed, but the written report has not been received. J. Leone will request the report and distribute it to the committee members.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Benson Park Committee will be on February 4, 2016 at the HCTV Center, 19 Kimball Hill Road.

8. Motion to Adjourn: Motion by J. Leone, seconded by A. Desrosiers, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.