

## TOWN OF HUDSON

## Benson Park Committee

Jim Barnes, Chairman

Patricia Nichols, Selectman Liaison



January 7 2016 Called to order 7PM

Abst. Richard Ingram
Tardy Margaret McQueeney
Harry S. voting member

## Old Business:

Discussion on proposed warrant article for utility project Phase 1 BOS reduced \$250,00 from original \$375,000 (not to exceed amount)

Shawn J. Meeting with NH commissioner of Dept of transportation. The need for archaeologist could be waived during digging. Hudson Road Agent to do trenching. Shawn J. reaching out to Liberty Utilities and Eversource to request a community service outreach with regards to reducing cost of utility project phase 1.

Test borings need to be conducted on possible route of utilities. (approximate cost \$1,500) Critical to move forward with this phase so the committee / town can speak with certainty that there isn't ledge on proposed route.

Shawn J. motion to expend \$1,500 for test boring. John L. second motion

Discussion: Which account will funds be taken from.

Vote: Unanimously in favor

Upper entrance parking for volunteers. Jim B. will contact police and highway dept. to see what can be done to allow a few volunteer spots.

Amphitheater discussion: Margaret M. looking for an update on plaque and signage. Jeremy G. gives update, still working with Granite State Foundry. Mal's Pals still planning on sled race, just awaiting snow.

## **New Business:**

Recycling Bins in the park. Not recommended by the committee.

New projects and ideas: Dick E. Suggest post barriers near train station and newly paved driveway. Concerns that cars may get too close and damage the decking. Building needs to be secured with better locking / hinges.

Margaret M. raises question; what will the train station be used for? At this point, the usage is still unknown. Also, the need for the office building to be repaired. Major repairs needed for office building but will be costly due to the historic constraints.

Harry S. suggest cleaning out the interior of the train station.

Ralph A. Brings up the subject of need for volunteers in the park. How can we get the volunteers in the park again.

Committee agrees the need for a plan to promote the proposed warrant article to support the utility project phase 1 in the Benson Park.

Remarks by committee members. (no votes to note) Motion to adjourn: Shawn. J (unanimous)