



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee

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Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2015

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Benson Park Committee was called to order by Chair H. Schibanoff at 7:10pm, March 5, 2015, in the Buxton Community Development Room, Town Hall.

C. Cummings led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

2. Attendance:

R. Alio, J. Barnes, A. Desrosiers, D. Empey, D. Kancharla, J. Leone, Selectman Liaison
B. Nadeau, Alternate Selectman Liaison P. Nichols, and Alternate C. Cummings

Absent: S. Jasper

3. Public Input - None

4. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Jan 8, 2015

J. Leone made a motion to accept the Minutes of January 8, 2015

R. Alio second the motion

Six (6) Ayes (3) Abstentions

5. Old Business

A. New Liability Form

The previous paperwork for park volunteers has been filed with the Town Administrator. A new 3 year form has been issued for volunteers with an expiration date of December 31, 2018.

B. Financial Report

J. Barnes announced that as of the end of February, the committee had \$184 in the operating budget to carry us through for upcoming projects and expenses. (\$9,200 was absorbed for the Tree Planting Project and \$3,400 was encumbered for the Amphitheater.) The TD Bank Grant Funds have been paid to the town. There will be an accounting adjustment decided by the town staff and Board of Selectmen to supplement our operating budget.

6. New Business

A. Meeting with DOT March 4, 2014

The preliminary meeting has taken place with DOT, and Chair H. Schibanoff will share the details at a later date.

B. BOS Appearance in April

All the Chairmen of town committees have been invited to an April meeting with the Board of Selectman for an informational and “Meet and Greet” presentation. Chair H. Schibanoff will be leaving our committee on April 30th and was encouraged to also bring a committee representative to the meeting.

C. Fifth Anniversary Plans

The Friends of Benson Park sub-committee is enthusiastically working on plans for a 5 year celebration of Benson Park and has announced that Saturday, May 30th 2015 will be the scheduled day for the observance – with Sunday, May 31st as the rain date. The Friends of Benson Park has been reaching out to local businesses and organization and also hopes to have “unplugged” entertainment. Those who wish to become involved may reach the group at friendsofbensonpark.org.

D. Future Clean Up Scheduling

Clean-up Days will be the 2nd Saturdays of the month. The committee hopes to schedule a Walk Through of the park in early spring to identify possible future work projects. TBA

E. Future meetings

The next meeting will be scheduled for April 2, 2015. Bi-monthly meetings will be held depending on the increase of agenda items.

6. Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members

Selectman Liaison Ben Nadeau, who is leaving his Selectman role, stated that the park is a place to be cherished, and it has been moving in the right direction over the last 5 years. He has enjoyed his time working with the committee and Highway Dept. in making the park the beautiful place it is today. He also hoped that a fee structured would be instituted for large groups visiting the park

Alternate Selectman P. Nichols thanked Mr. Nadeau for his dedication to the park. She also commented on her attendance at the Mal’s Pals cardboard sled race, and a fun time being had by all.

Chair H. Schibanoff also extended his thanks to Mr. Nadeau for representing the Benson Park Committee and for a job well done.

J. Leone mentioned that he would like to receive feedback from the Senior Center regarding the placement of newly purchased benches throughout the park.

J. Barnes reminded others that it has been close to 6 years that some of hard working committee members and volunteers have served the park project.

A. Desrosiers commented that the Mal's Pals cardboard sled race was a great success with the largest number of entries. Monies were raised for the Mallory Gray Scholarship which will be awarded to a student from Mallory's graduating class - AHS 2015.

C. Cummings stated she was delighted to be on the committee and thoroughly enjoys her family visits to the park.

Next Meeting

April 2, 2015

Adjournment 7:40pm

H. Schibanoff made a Motion to Adjourn

B. Nadeau Second the Motion

All in favor-Motion Carries