



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee

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Meeting Minutes

Nov. 6, 2014

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Benson Park Committee was called to order by Chair H. Schibanoff at 7:05pm, November 6, 2014, in the Buxton Community Development Room, Town Hall.

S. Jasper led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

2. Attendance:

R. Alio, J. Barnes, A. Desrosiers, D. Empey, S. Jasper, J. Leone, and Alternate Selectman Liaison P. Nichols, and Alternate S. Kancharla

Absent: Selectman Liaison B. Nadeau

3. Public Input - None

4. Old Business

A. Budget – Chair H. Schibanoff had presented the budget to the Board of Selectmen, and there were no changes. The BOS was pleased with the committee's performance.. The budget presentation before the Budget Committee will take place in December.

B. TD Tree Day Grant – the paperwork is in order and has been filed. Funds will be released shortly. The Benson Park Committee would like to express its appreciation to TD Bank.

5. New Business

A. BOS Request for Study of Park Fees/Donations – this topic had been brought for up for discussion due to the heavy usage of the park by large groups. An area of concern has been encumbering expenses for additional servicing of the Porta-potties. In the future there will be electricity at the Amphitheater. Would the guests be required to pay for this service? S. Jasper suggested that we get our answers from the State. He did not see any problem with asking large groups to make a donation, but such groups as schools may not necessarily had funds to donate J. Barnes stated that compensation for heavy usage of the park was a reasonable request.

The consensus was to make a request from the State via the Board of Selectmen for their interpretation on Park Fees and/or Donations

B. BOS Request for A Frame Roof Repair – S. Jasper stated that the Town Administrator has been contacted, and a decision will be forth coming regarding the cost.

C. Clean-up for November – the regularly scheduled 2nd Saturday of the month Clean-up Day has been canceled. On the weekend of November 22 & 23rd Mal's Pals will be installing the Mallory Gray Amphitheater with the volunteers from Benson Park and other highly skilled workers for a Community Build Project. Natalie Undercofler will coordinate the lunches with other volunteers to provide meals for the work force.

There will not be any more Clean-up Days until the Spring.

D. Winterizing Office Contents – Kevin Burns will be asked to house the 3 cases of water at the Town Garage.

6. Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members

S. Jasper commented that in December he will meet with an architect for the Dept. of the Interior to discuss the standards which need to be followed for renovations on the Office Building and finding a qualified candidate to work on the project. The Train Station foundation will be “ready to go to bid” in January and the movement of the structure could possibly happen in the spring.

J. Leone made a request to relocate 3-4 slabs of wood presently housed in the Elephant Barn. A suggestion was made to check out availability of space in the back of the Gorilla House. He also offered thanks to those who supported the Friends of Benson Park's Spaghetti Supper fundraiser. The event was a huge success, and new windows have been installed on the Elephant Barn through their fundraising efforts.

Next Meeting

December 4, 2014

Adjournment 7:32pm

J. Barnes made a Motion to Adjourn

S. Jasper Second the Motion

All in favor-Motion Carries