



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee

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Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2014

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Benson Park Committee was called to order by Chair H. Schibanoff at 7:03 pm, September 4, 2014, Buxton Community Development Room, Town Hall. R. Alio led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. Attendance:

R. Alio, Vice Chair, J. Barnes, A. Desrosiers, D. Empey, John Leone, Selectman Liaison B. Nadeau, P. Nichols Alternate Liaison, and Alternate D. Morin-Sion

Excused: S. Jasper

Absent: K. Bowen, Alternate Sridevi Kancharla

3. Public Input

None

4. Presentation

Lisa Walker and Kathy Provencher of the Humane Society for Greater Nashua came before the committee to request posting a laminated sign (24" x 36") on the Dog Park fence. The sign is to promote the Humane Society's fundraiser, Walk for Whiskers. Much discussion ensued over a possible location(s) for the posting. Since Hudson receives services from the organization, several committee members were in favor of the proposal from this 5013C organization. Pam Anderson from the Dog Park Sub-Committee also spoke in support for the Humane Society's request.

There was a concensus amongst committee members that we develop a policy for future sign requests (as to what events we should allow to be advertised.)

J. Leone made a motion to accept two proposed signs on the gates of the large and small enclosed areas of the Dog Park to advertise the event and to remove the signs by Oct. 4th. (with the advertisement facing the interior of the Dog Park)

J. Barnes seconded the motion.

Discussion continued, and the motion was amended by J. Leone that the signs would be double sided.

J. Barne seconded the motion.

All in Favor – Motion Carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of August 7, 2014

Vice Chair J. Barnes made a Motion to Accept Minutes

R. Alio Second the Motion

Two Abstentions – Rest in Favor

6. Old Business

A. Update on the ACT/TD Tree Day

The gravel and Autumn Olive have been removed from the area, and the loam is in for the 40 trees. At this point in time all is pretty well organized and on schedule. On Wed., Oct. 1st, all 40 trees will be planted by approximately 50+ employees from TD Bank. Food will be supplied for the volunteers, and the table and chairs will be supplied by the Rec. Department. A podium could be supplied by the Fire Department.

H. Schibanoff has been in touch with various officials from TD Bank in preparation for the Oct. 1st tree planting, and all should be carried out according to plans.

B. Budgets

J. Barnes presented the FY16 Budget which has basically the same figures from this year due to the default budget. Electricity costs were increased, and there was suggestion to drop the projects for the Office and the A-Frame. Another suggestion was made that the Building Sub-Committee submit a plan of proposed work for these buildings if their intentions were to use the funds.

Committee members were encouraged to think of budget recommendations for our next meeting.

Praise and kudos were extended for the much improved conditions at the porta-potties over the last month.

Due to future scheduling conflicts

J. Leone made a motion to cancel the meeting of October 16, 2014.

R. Alio seconded the motion.

All in Favor - Motion Carries

7. New Business

A. Policy for Generator

Chair H. Schibanoff stated that our committee needed to establish a new policy for generators in the park – esp. in regards to the use of amplifiers. Selectman Liaison B. Nadeau suggested that we contact the Fire Chief and/or Building Inspectors to find out if there is a safety code, plan or procedure that other towns follow especially when it comes to noise, music, bands, etc. What would the criteria be needed to have a generator? There should also be a policy of grills in the park. D. Empey stated that we must meet codes and regulations due to liability factors. A policy is needed which applies to everybody, and the criteria is listed for all to meet. Chair H. Schibanoff recommended the formation of a Policy Committee which would address these

concerns and present their ideas to the Benson Park Committee. Chair H. Schibanoff and D. Empey volunteered to be on such a committee which will review generators, sound, signage, and possible fees at the amphitheater for electrical usage. (All policies to be approved by the Board of Selectmen.)

C. Clean Up Saturday September 13, 2014 from 9AM to 2PM

8. Remarks by Committee Members

J. Leone updated the committee on the vinyl siding project for the Elephant Barn and made a requested to continue the project around to the back side of the barn.

J. Barnes made a motioned to continue with the vinyl siding project one the back of the barn.

D. Morin-Sion seconded the motion.

All in Favor – motion carries

One Abstention

P. Nichols reminded viewers that a Spaghetti Supper would be held on Oct. 25th to raise funds for the remodeling projects at the Elephant Barn. Tickets are available at the barn and at the door. A reminder was also issued for voters to get to the polls on Election Day. Congratulations were extended to R. Alio on his recent engagement.

Chair H. Schibanoff asked for a point of clarification regarding members sitting on town boards and committees. D. Morin-Sion stated that he is a tax payer in Hudson, NH, but his main residency is not in town. D. Morin-Sion cannot be on a town board and hold voting rights. He expressed that it had been a pleasure to serve on our committee and will continue to volunteer and devote his energies to the park.

Adjournment 8:01 pm

J. Leone made a Motion to Adjourn

Vice Chair J. Barnes Second the Motion

All in favor-Motion Carries