



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee



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Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2014

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Benson Park Committee was called to order by Chair H. Schibanoff at 7:08 pm, August 7, 2014, Buxton Community Development Room, Town Hall. D. Empey led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. Attendance:

R. Alio, Vice Chair, J. Barnes, D. Empey, John Leone, Selectman Liaison B. Nadeau, P. Nichols Alternate Liaison

Excused: A. Desrosiers

Absent: K. Bowen, S. Jasper, Alternate, D. Morin Sion

3. Public Input

None

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of July 10, 2014

Vice Chair J. Barnes made a Motion to Accept Minutes

R. Alio Second the Motion

One Abstention – Rest in Favor

5. Input from Town Liaison

Tabled until a later date

6. Old Business

A. Little Library

R. Alio asked if the "Little Library" was on probation and if the LeClair Family were to report back to the Benson Park Committee before the summer was over. J. Leone would like the LeClair Family to come back to the committee and report issues they have had, if any. R. Alio stated that the "Little Library" would be taken down at the end of the summer season and the LeClair Family would come before the committee at that time. They did not plan on leaving the "Little Library" in the park during the winter. This would be acceptable to the committee.

7. New Business

A. ACT/TD Bank Grant

Chair H. Schibanoff sent information for the October 3, 2014 Tree planting to be done by TD Bank employees. This information is extensive with an eight (8) week program that is quite involved and there will be additional monies allowed for lunch

for TD Employees. The allotted planting time is three (3) hours, a photographer and arborist will be needed to help with showing how to plant trees is one of the requirements. Chair H. Schibanoff is forming a sub-committee of D. Empey, P. Nichols and H. Schibanoff to plan this. Others who would like to be part of this can let Chair H. Schibanoff know. Selectman Liaison B. Nadeau asked if it was known how many would be in attendance. Chair H. Schibanoff stated that the information on this would be forthcoming. Alternate Selectman Liaison P. Nichols asked what kind of photographer was expected: could we use our own or would they expect Hudson/Litchfield News coverage? Chair H. Schibanoff said this information would be sent shortly.

B. Budget

Vice Chair J. Barnes stated he has not done too much on this yet. He asked the town accountant to give him an itemized list of all expenditures for the last fiscal year. Vice Chair J. Barnes will be starting with the Budget request from the last fiscal year and would like to know of any projects you have in mind so he can list them and start a discussion going.

C. Project Request

Chair H. Schibanoff received a request from UMass Amherst Alumni. They would like to come into the park and pick up trash. They would like to come in on a cleanup day and that would be no problem. There would be less than ten (10) so that would also be no problem and they are looking to do this on the second (2) Saturday of September, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Chair H. Schibanoff has given them permission.

D. Cleanup

Chair H. Schibanoff said that the next cleanup is Saturday, August 9, 2014 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Alternate Selectman Liaison, P. Nichols said she could not be there, J. Leone, D. Empey and Chair H. Schibanoff will not be there. Vice Chair J. Barnes and R. Alio will conduct this cleanup.

E. Future Land Clearing

R. Alio thought it would be good to have a plan in place for future Land Clearing. He said the committee should decide what areas it wants cleared and what areas should be left alone. Chair H. Schibanoff suggested a map could help determine what areas should be done. Selectman Liaison B. Nadeau asked if there was a good map or aerial map of the park. He also suggested looking at the GIS on the town website. This was discussed in depth. The Trail Map seemed to be the best at this time. D. Empey suggested that we should work on one area until it was done before moving on to another area. He also spoke about wild flowers being put in one area and said this would not work at this time due to the fast growing bittersweet vines. Grass being put down and mowed often would eventually kill the bittersweet and later wild flowers could be placed in this area. This subject will be tabled until spring due to the many projects that are listed at this time.

7. Remarks by Committee Members

None

Adjournment 7:28 pm

J. Leone made a Motion to Adjourn

Vice Chair J. Barnes Second the Motion

All in favor-Motion Carries