



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee



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Meeting Minutes May 1, 2014

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Benson Park Committee was called to order by Chair H. Schibanoff at 7:00pm, May 1, 2014, Buxton Community Development Room, Town Hall. A. Desrosiers led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

2. Attendance:

R. Alio, Vice Chair J. Barnes, K. Bowen, A. Desrosiers, John Leone, Selectman Liaison
B. Nadeau, Alternate Selectman Liaison P. Nichols, and S. Jasper
Excused: D. Empey

3. Public Input – None.

4. Presentation

Rusty Ottman of the NH Last Cast Fishing Club came before the committee to seek authorization for the 2nd annual fishing derby at the park on June 7th (Saturday), to bring a grill to provide hot dogs for the participants, and to display signage. The club would also like to display a boat at Swan Lake. The club also requested that they like to make this an annual event, and the committee agreed as long as it was notified before the event.

5. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of April 3, 2014

K. Bowen made a motion to accept the Minutes of April 3, 2014

J. Barnes second the motion

Eight (8) Ayes

Minutes of April 17, 2014

J. Leone made a motion to accept the Minutes of April 17, 2014

J. Barnes second the motion

Seven (7) Ayes

One (1) Abstention

6. Old Business

A. RFP for the Shoe is moving along and the renovations will be completed before July 1st. Clarification is needed from the Girl Scouts on funding which will be donated towards the project.

B. Red Barn Area

Updates were provided on the current work project – such as removal of the fence and trees. The project may be finished by Memorial Day.

C. Gazebo Gift - The Highway Department has recommended that the structure not be moved to the park due to its impracticality and wobbly construction.

S. Jasper made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Highway Department and decline the offer of the gazebo. J. Barnes second the motion. The motion carried with All in Favor.

7. New Business

A. The Highway Department has made a request to close the park for one day a week for approximately 6 hours so that they may safely maintain the grounds. The park attracts many guests between the hours of 10am and 2pm, and the volume of the visitors hinders the work crews from mowing & weed-whacking efficiently. Safety is the prime concern. K. Burns will prepare the signage and lock the gates. Plans will be made in advance to publicize the park closure for maintenance.

S. Jasper made the motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the Highway Department be allowed to do maintenance at the park for one day a week and not to exceed 6 hours for the closure. J. Barnes second the motion.

Seven (7) Ayes One (1) Objection
Motion Carried

B. Realizing that our first weekend of the month Clean-up Schedule would be conflicting with other designated events and holidays,

S. Jasper made a motion to return to the 2nd Saturday of the month for clean-up at the park. J. Leone second the motion. The motion carried.

8. Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members

K. Bowen has coordinated the menu and refreshments for the Clean-up on Saturday, May 3rd. He will also send an email to the volunteers to announce that future clean-up days will return to the 2nd Saturday of the month. He also expressed much thanks and appreciation to the Highway Department for all that they do in the park.

A. Desrosiers was very pleased with the newly installed marker at the Shoe.

J. Leone announced that the Friends of Benson Park are seeking the necessary procedure for the installation of windows at the Elephant Barn. Estimates for the project will be forthcoming, and a recommendation from the committee will be needed to present to the Board of Selectmen.

H. Schibanoff spoke about the Permit procedures. While we would like to accommodate groups with permits, it is necessary that the written form should indicate that specific locations cannot be guaranteed for events. When a permit application is received by the Recreation Department, they could possibly state our current policy and suggest other optional locations within the park.

Calendar of Events – J. Leone will pass on information for the Yahoo Calendar so that committee members and the Rec. Department are made aware about activities scheduled in the park.

The TV audience was informed that there are vacancies for the Benson Park Committee: one committee member position and two alternate positions Applications will be accepted at the Board of Selectmen Office.

Next Meeting

May 15, 2014

Adjournment 7:50 pm

J. Barnes made a Motion to Adjourn

S. Jasper Second the Motion

All in favor-Motion Carries