



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee

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Town of Hudson Benson Park Committee Meeting Minutes February 6, 2014

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Benson Park Committee was called to order by Chair H. Schibanoff at 7:05 pm, February 6, 2014, Buxton Community Development Room, Town Hall. _____ led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. Attendance:

R. Alio, Vice Chair, J. Barnes, A. Desrosiers, D. Empey, Alternate D. Briand, (Alternate will vote for absent member this evening.)

Excused: K. Bowen, J. Leone, Selectman Liaison B. Nadeau, P. Nichols, S. Jasper,

3. Public Input

Dan Caouette proposed a donation of a granite etching to the park – free of charge. With the recent passing of Arthur Provencher, his intent was to pay tribute to the last owner of Benson Park and a closing to that historic era of the park. His laser etched design was proposed for a 12in x 12in granite tile slab. Questions arose regarding its placement in the park, durability in our climate, and security. It was suggested that the past 2 to 3 owners of Benson Park be etched on the plaque (John T, Benson, the Boston Corporation, and Arthur Provencher.) Possible prominent locations for displaying the etching were the Kiosk/former ticket booth and the future museum. D. Caouette was more that agreeable to work with the committee and will return with updated samples for his proposal.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of January 16, 2014

J. Barnes made a motion to accept the Minutes of January 16, 2014.

A. Desrosiers second the motion.

4 Ayes 2 Abstentions

5. Old Business

A. Financial Report

Questions had arisen about 3 line items on a recent Expenditure Report at our January meeting. (Stratham Tire, Pinard Waste, and Trimmers Landscaping). A request for details has been submitted, and information will be reported soon.

6. New Business

A. Planning Budget

A proposal was made by H. Schibanoff to create a sub-committee to develop a planning document for moving forward. S. Jasper, J. Leone, R. Empey, and H.

Schibanoff will work on this sub-committee and report back to the Benson Park Committee at the March Meeting.

B. BAE

BAE has made a request to offer clean-up services at the park with a large force of volunteers on May 3, 2014. While this is not our usual monthly weekend to volunteer at the park, a suggestion was made to experiment and discover if the first Saturday of the month might entice more volunteers to lend their support on clean-up days. H. Schibanoff will contact BAE about the estimated number of their volunteers and capabilities for manual labor.

7. Other Business/Remarks

R. Empey had been at the park recently and noticed that the new development abutting the park had not abided to an agreement of leaving a 200 foot buffer in a natural and untouched state. He reported a large pile of dirt and stone resting 50 feet from park property. The decision was made that R. Empey would contact the developers to bring the matter to their attention and resolve this possible oversight. He also mentioned that the park was being put to good use this winter by many of the snow enthusiasts.

H. Schibanoff inquired about the Port-a-Potty usage during the winter months and will contact Dave Yates if it should be a necessity for next year. He also cautioned committee members to be observant about turning off the lights in the Office when exiting the property.

Next Meeting

March 6, 2014 – Buxton Community Center, Town Hall at 7pm

Adjournment 7:30 pm

J. Barnes made a Motion to Adjourn

A. Desrosiers - Second the Motion

All in favor-Motion Carries