



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Benson Park Committee



Harry Schibanoff, Chairman

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### Town of Hudson Benson Park Committee Meeting Minutes July 19, 2012

#### 1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Benson Committee was called to order by Chair Harry Schibanoff at 7:00 p.m. July 19, 2012, at Benson Park.

#### 2. Attendance:

Vice Chair J. Barnes, D. Empey, C Gagnon, John Leone, P. Nichols, Chair H. Schibanoff, N. Undercofler, Alternate, D. Briand

Excused: A. Desrosiers, R. Alio,

Absent: Selectman Liaison B. Nadeau

#### 3. Public Input

None

#### 4. Presentation

##### A. Girl Scout Troop 12360

A project application was submitted to the committee by Girl Scout Troop 12360. The Scouts would like to update the inside of the Old Shoe including repainting, adding furniture (possibly a bookcase w/books, a miniature bed, a miniature dresser, etc.) add a more realistic “Old Woman” and kids, and replace the Plexiglas window. Fund raising by the troop will be included to support the restoration. The consensus of the committee was to approve this project.

##### B. Dog Park Rules:

**D. Briand** handed out copies of the rule changes for the Dog Park, per BOS. He explained the changes to all.

**C. Gagnon made a motion to accept the new rules**

**N. Undercofler second the motion**

**Six (6) yeas-One (1) Nay-One (1) abstention-Motion Carries**

##### C. Remote Control Car Area

**Mike D.** spoke to the committee again about his plans for this area. He said that some trees needed to be taken down on the back side of this area so he could start his project. A lot of questions and thoughts were discussed and it was the committee’s decision to have him put his plans on paper and then steps could be taken in order to complete this area. Mike D. stated that he has a donation of asphalt for the track and some rock. The trees to be removed have to be chosen before anything is done. Someone with knowledge of tree removal and someone to supervise will be needed to complete this first phase of the project.

#### 5. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of July21, 2012

Chair H. Schibanoff asked for one (1) correction: Under New Business, # 7 Budget Sub-Committee, Chair H. Schibanoff may only attend the meetings of this new committee; he will not be a member.

**N. Undercofler made a motion to accept Minutes, with the correction, of June 21, 2012**

**J. Barnes Second the Motion**

**6 in favor-1 abstention, Motion Carries**

## **6. Old Business**

### **A. Signs**

New updated signs for historical buildings and signs to protect the Old Shoe were discussed. Chair H. Schibanoff will contact New England Signs, regarding standard size, etc., will inform committee of his findings and cost.

### **B. Budget-2012**

**Chair H. Schibanoff** sent budget reviews, etc to all committee members.

### **C. Office Furnishings**

**Chair H. Schibanoff** said we would not be getting any chairs from the Rec Department at this time.

### **D. Toilets**

**Chair H. Schibanoff** asked if anyone knew if the toilets are being emptied twice a week instead of once a week and, have they been moved. No one was sure on this point, but visitors are still complaining about the odor. Chair H. Schibanoff said he would talk to D. Yates about this again.

## **7. New Business**

### **A. Budget 2013**

**Chair H. Schibanoff** sent the new preliminary budget for the park and committee. He also handed out a copy of the Benson Staff Meeting of June 25, 2012, to address the spending procedures for Benson Funds.

### **B. Gorilla Cage update**

**Chair H. Schibanoff** asked if the Gorilla Cage was now unlocked and available for children to play in same. This was confirmed.

### **C. Facebook**

**Chair H. Schibanoff** asked the committee if they would like to have a Facebook page. The consensus at this time was no, with a possible review at a later date.

### **E. Park Tour**

Not needed this evening

## **8. Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members**

**J. Leone** asked if the committee had any desire to install a few of the new recycling blue barrels in the park. Discussion followed, and it was the consensus of the committee that this would not work in the park at this time. It was mentioned that a large Geocaching event would be held at the park on August 18, 2012. C. Gagnon said she had heard of this event, and gave information to have someone contact D. Yates about this. That is all she knows. Chair H. Schibanoff also stated that a letter of thanks to Home Depot for their contribution of money and volunteers in making repairs to the Gorilla House was published in the Hudson/Litchfield News, The Nashua Telegraph, and the Union Leader.

**The next meeting of the Benson Park Committee will take place on  
August 2, 2012 at the Buxton Community Development Room, Town Hall  
at 7:00 PM**

**Adjournment: 8:30 pm**

**J. Leone made a Motion to adjourn**

**C. Gagnon second the motion**

**All in favor-Motion Carries**