



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee

Harry Schibanoff, Chairman

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Meeting Minutes March 1, 2012

1. Call to Order

The Benson Park Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Harry Schibanoff at 7:02 p.m. on March 1, 2012 in the Buxton Community Development Room at Town Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Richard Empey.

2. Attendance

Chairman H. Schibanoff, Vice Chair J. Barnes, A.Desrosiers, R. Empey, N. Undercofler; Alternate D. Briand will be seated as a voting member

Excused Members: Selectman Liaison, S. Jasper, C. Gagnon. J. Leone, P. Nichols
Alternate R. Alio

3. Public Input

None

4. Presentations

None

5. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were accepted as presented.

Motion made by R. Empey; Seconded by D. Briand

6. Old Business

A. Review Potential Project List

Chairman Schibanoff asked members to review the project list before posting on the website. V-Chair J. Barnes questioned if any activities such as volleyball, horse shoe's, etc. would come before the committee for prior approval of designated location and activity. Chairman Schibanoff stated yes. R. Empey pointed out that the official trail name should be Haselton Farm Trail.

B. Remote Control Car Area

Mike Drouin, the person who has shown interest in the Remote Control Car area, has been in touch with Joe Undercofler and so far a date has not been set to meet with everyone to outline the scope of the project.

C. Financial Report

Chairman Schibanoff stated he did not have a financial report but he did want to share the monthly report he received. There were only two bills paid; one was the electric bill and the other bill for \$31 that was discussed at the last meeting and the latter has been discontinued.

D. Other Outstanding Issues and Updates

A. Park Signs and/or Maps

R. Empey stated he plans to have a finished trail map in a couple of weeks. He passed around a picture of a trail sign used in the Londonderry Musquash Conservation as an example. He has contacted 3 vendors and received preliminary quotes from two. The suggested plan would be to have 5-6 signs, similar to the Chestnut Tree sign, located at posts #15, #17, #18, near the parking lot side of the trail, etc. Of the two quotes, Dick discussed the useful life of the signs and he is recommending going with the more durable sign – approx. 12 years. This sign would be laminate-aluminum and would be easy to repair. The sign would be on 6X8 pressure treated post. Lead time for the vendor is 2-3 weeks. The funding for the signs could come from the trail grant. If approved, Dick would like to have them in place for the Memorial Day weekend.

Signs for the Historical buildings would be approx. 10” X 14”. The funding for this could come from the budget line item for brochures that is being replaced by the signs. This would be more permanent and durable.

Chairman Schibanoff asked about the addition of the Street names being included on the map and Dick stated that to do so would make the names illegible given the size of the map. This topic will be discussed with the Street Sign Committee.

Approval for the signs has been deferred to the next meeting – March 15th.

B. New Trail Name

Discussion pursued on naming the new trail. Names that were considered such as Woodland Path and Ledge Path were in conflict with existing names used else where in the town. R. Empey made a motion to name the path Lookout Path; seconded by J. Barnes. The motion passed unanimously subject to Fire Department approval.

C. Parking Lot Expansion

The parking lot essentially has been expanded. The finishing touches such as moving the kiosk, placing rocks, etc. still remain. Chairman Schibanoff asked about the placement of the dumpster and R. Empey mentioned that it will need to be close to the entrance gate but accessible for trash pickup.

D. Petitioned Warrant Article and Article 14

Chairman Schibanoff reported that he spoke at the Deliberative Session of the town meeting on the Petitioned Warrant Article regarding meters in the Benson Park parking lot. There was a lot of opposition to Article 15 since it would be in violation to the deed particularly since it states we cannot give any preferential treatment to Hudson residents. S. Jasper also amended the Article to basically say that even if it passed it would not be enforceable.

On Article #14, the lease for the Elephant Barn, there seemed to be no problems. Chairman Schibanoff questioned when does the lease go into effect and do we know when all the tools, etc. need to be moved. R. Empey stated it was his understanding that if the Article passes the lease would be effective April 1. As for the tools, etc. there is no immediate rush.

7. New Business

A. Committee Reports

None

B. Board of Selectmen Actions

At the BOS meeting a week ago, they voted to approve installing signs stating “No Dogs Allowed in the Playground”. They also approved the removal of the gate at Kimball Hill Rd. Entrance. This will make a much safer entrance/exit.

C. Clean up – March

C. Gagnon would like to have a clean up in March. After some discussion in light of the recent snow storm, it was decided that there would be a clean up, March 10th, weather permitting.

8. Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members

Ann Desrosiers stated that Mal’s Pals, the organizers for building the amphitheater, will be having two events coming up soon: 1st, Ladies Night Out is scheduled for March 9th 6 pm – 9 pm. The admission is \$5 with 5 free raffle tickets. There will be Home Party Consultants showing their products, answering questions, etc. 2nd, is the St. Patrick’s “Roast” with Corn Beef/Cabbage Dinner, surprise “guests”, music and dancing, tickets are \$25 per person. Tickets are available from any member of the Mal’s Pals Committee or Roger Coutu’s store.

Dave Briand mentioned that the Hudson Dog Park Committee had a successful Dog Sled Race. There were lots of people w/dogs and donations was nearly \$1,700 going toward payment for the fence.

Chairman Schibanoff stated he received an invitation from the Kiwanis Club wanting to know if the Benson Park Committee wanted to participate in their annual yard sale. The overall feeling that since we have had to enlarge our parking lot there is no need for anymore informational outings.

Chairman Schibanoff signed the necessary Boy Scout form, to be forwarded to the District Boy Scout Office, for Matt Gagnon's wildlife blind project.

Chairman Schibanoff announced that there were two Spaghetti Dinners coming up that relates to Benson Park. First, Bret Reid, Eagle Project – 2 bridges at Story Book Hill, is having a Spaghetti Dinner, April 15th at the Community Center, 4-8pm. Second, the Friends of Benson Park is having a fund raiser April 21st at the Community Center (time not available).

Reminder for everyone to vote on March 13th.

9. Adjournment: 7:58

Motion made by Natalie Undercofler; second by Dave Briand
Motion passed by all members present

NEXT MEETING – March 15th, 7:00 PM – Board of Selectmen Meeting Room