

Town of Hudson  
Benson Park Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 29, 2010

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

A meeting of the Benson Committee was called to order by Chair Harry Schibanoff at 8:55 p.m. on April 29, 2010 in the Great Room at Hills House on Derry Street.

**2. Attendance:**

J. Barnes, K. Dickinson, C Gagnon, Selectman Liaison S. Jasper, Clerk P Nichols, Alternates A. Desrosiers, J. Leone  
Excused: Vice Chair S. Rumbaugh, R. Empey, M Lee,

**3. Public Input**

None

**4) Consent Items**

A. Minutes of April 15, 2010 Benson Park Committee  
**K. Dickinson made a motion to accept minutes**  
**C. Gagnon seconded the motion**  
**All in favor...Motion Carries**

**5. Old Business**

**A. Liaison Report**

➤ **Selectman Liaison S. Jasper** mentioned that the Highway Dept. have been working in the park. They are almost ready to hydro-seed down by the old amphitheater. They have been removing loads of debris from the park. The new gate has been installed but not electrified yet but will be soon. Chair H. Schibanoff said that he noticed a crawl space under the gate that children or small adults could use to enter the park after the gate was locked. Selectman Liaison S. Jasper has not seen the gate closed but will investigate this. The fence company will be working on other areas of the park tomorrow. He also stated that he will be looking into how difficult it would be to get water into the area by the Old Woman in the Shoe. He will be meeting with Smith Plumbing to see what can be done and he spoke with the Town Engineer on this. Many ideas were discussed on this issue. Selectman Liaison S. Jasper said the BOS wanted an updated report on the committee's list for opening the park. Chair H. Schibanoff and Vice Chair S. Rumbaugh are preparing this for presentation to the BOS.

**B. Signs**

➤ **Jeremy Griffus** gave two (2) revisions of the sign to Chair H. Schibanoff. Some of the committee saw them at the clean-up. He passed them around to the rest of the committee to view at this meeting. K. Dickinson asked what the signs were made of. He was unable to attend the last meeting and J. Griffus was at Hills House for

a filming event and explained what was going to happen to refurbish the sign. Discussion of font followed and it was left up to J. Griffus to decide what would look the best.

**P. Nichols made a motion to accept J. Griffus Main Entrance Sign as shown and start as soon as possible.**

**J. Leone seconded the motion**

**All in favor-Motion Carries**

#### **C. Fencing and Access**

- **Chair H. Schibanoff** stated that at the last meeting it was voted to leave a park entrance on the Bush Hill road area. Since that meeting, vandals came into the camp and broke into the Elephant Barn where they caused some damage. He wants to revise his thinking on leaving an entrance open on the Bush Hill side of the park. Selectman Liaison S. Jasper is also against this opening because it gives some people egress to the park when everyone else has to wait for Park Opening times. A lengthy discussion followed with many pro's and con's. C. Gagnon asked about securing the buildings to cut down on vandalism. Selectman Liaison S. Jasper is going to devote more time to this when the park is finally opened.

**P. Nichols made a motion to repair the fence as planned on the Bush Hill side of the park.**

**Selectman Liaison S. Jasper seconded the motion**

**4 in Favor – 1 Nay – 3 Abstentions**

**Motion Carries**

#### **D. Dog Park**

- **Chair H. Schibanoff** sent an email to the Committee that the Department of Historical Resources was very helpful in suggesting ways to get D.O.T. to move forward on the Dog Park. Selectman Liaison S. Jasper said the Selectman R. Coutu was in contact with the Governors Legal Council about the potential Senior Center. Discussion followed. C. Gagnon said that our Liaison should watch the last Benson Committee Meeting to get an update on the 911 Memorial.

#### **E. Clean-up Activity**

- **C. Gagnon** said that a clean-up be scheduled for every Saturday for the rest of the month in order to be prepared for opening day. There will be no rain date. C. Gagnon wants to set up a clean-up once a month after the park is opened. Selectman Liaison S. Jasper asked that after the park is opened the clean-up volunteers concentrate on the buildings. They are in need of repair, cleaning and painting and there has been no time to put energy into this project.

#### **F. Graffiti**

- **P. Nichols** spoken on the Gorilla House Graffiti. Selectman Liaison S. Jasper stated that this building needed repairs and once that is done, the other issues could be tackled along with the graffiti on stone walls around the park. C. Gagnon mentioned the Butterfly Garden area be cleared and cleaned, Other issues were discussed

### **4. New Business**

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**A. Ice Cream Social**

- **C. Gagnon** mentioned that some of the volunteers were not informed of the Ice Cream Social but that has been corrected and she expected a reply on how many more will attend within a few days.

**6. Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members**

- None

**7. Adjournment**

**J. Barnes made a motion to adjourn**

**K. Dickinson Seconded the Motion**

**All in favor-Motion Carries**