

Benson Park Committee Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2009

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- a. The regular meeting of the Benson Committee was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on October 15, 2009 in the Board of Directors Room at the Town Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. Attendance: Selectman S. Jasper, J. Barnes, J. Desrosiers, K. Dickinson, Martha Lee, Clerk, P. Nichols, S. Rumbaugh, H. Schibanoff
- c. Chairman K. Dickinson, Stepped Down from his position as Chairman due to increased work and personal issues but will retain a seat on the Committee. Vice Chairman K. Matthews handed in his resignation from the Committee due to health issues.
- d. **Selectman S. Jasper moved to accept K. Dickinson resignation.
J. Barnes seconded the motion
All in favor...Motion Carries**
- e. **S. Rumbaugh made a motion to elect H. Schibanoff as Chairman
P. Nichols seconded the motion
All in favor...Motion Carries**
- f. **J. Barnes made a motion to accept K. Matthews resignation
J. Desrosiers seconded the motion
All in favor...Motion Carries**
- g. **P. Nichols made a motion to elect S. Rumbaugh to Vice Chairman
Selectman S. Jasper seconded the motion
All in favor...Motion Carries**

2. Public Input (Non-Agenda Items): none

3. Interviews:

- a. **David Briand**, resident of Hudson, is interested in working on a dog park to be placed on the property. He would also be interested in Trails and clean-up. He explained to the Committee what a dog park is.
- b. **J. Desrosiers made a motion to elect D. Briand to form a Sub Committee on plans to build a dog Park on the property.
J. Barnes seconded the motion
All in favor...Motion Carries**
- c. **Scott Richard** lives in Merrimack and found out about our needing volunteering at the Park and he wants to volunteer on Clean up Committee to help make Benson Park a success.

P. Nichols made a motion to accept S. Richards as a volunteer

J. Desrosiers seconded the motion

All in favor...Motion Carries

4. Updates: Office Building Roof

- a. Selectman S. Jasper stated that Shadan Construction was awarded the contract to roof the Office Building. The contract was signed and work will be started.
- b. Selectman S. Jasper spoke about the Clerk of the Works and many things were missing so this Company will not be approved by the town because of the missing Deliverables. Questions were asked by Committee Members on this.
- c. There is nothing new on the Hazelton Barn at this time.
- d. Selectman S. Jasper stated that Kevin Burns, Road Agent did a lot of work on the grounds so that from the A-Frame you can see the lake.

5. Approval of Minutes

J. Barnes made a motion to accept minutes of September 24, 2009

Selectman S. Jasper seconded the motion

All in favor-Motion Carries

6. Old Business

- a. Chairman H. Schibanoff reported on the Soft Opening Plan. Chairman H. Schibanoff gave the presentation to the Board of Selectman and they gave the Committee permission to have soft openings and open the park in the spring.
- b. Selectman S. Jasper spoke about the possibility of a Senior Center being located in the Park. The Governor will be coming to Hudson and will tour the Park to view the location of a potential Senior Center. Board of Selectmen Chairman R. Coutu invited 3 members of the Committee to tour with the Governor. Other issues were discussed (i.e. caretaker, summer crew for park, some equipment needed, paving, etc.).
- c. Discussion on Opening the Park was a topic that the Committee discussed at length and will spend more time on these issues through the winter.
- d. J. Desrosiers mentioned a clean up on the 17th and 18th. Rain or Shine.
- e. P. Nichols spoke about the Open House and the need for Cones for traffic and bright vest or flags for parking. Badges were made for Committee Members, Board of Selectmen, and Volunteers. Signage was placed around town to advertise the Open House and notices were also on HCTV and Area Newsgroup publications. The issue of signage for Poison Ivy was brought up and it was decided that one big sign would be sufficient if placed at Parking Area.
- f. J. Desrosiers thanked his volunteers for the work done the past weekend. He mentioned a class interested in making Bat Houses.
- g. Selectman S. Jasper mentioned an incident over the weekend about the buildings. As the Selectman Liaison, S. Jasper needs to be told about people working on the buildings and work can go forward. It is to the Committee's benefit that all members work together and inform the Selectman Liaison what is needed and he can present this need to the Board of Selectmen.
- h. Selectman S. Jasper mentioned that K. Matthews position would not be filled until the end of the year.
- i. J. Barnes asked to schedule regular Committee Meetings a year in advance. The Committee will continue on the two (2) week schedule until the Park opens. First (1st) and third (3rd) Thursday of the month).

- j.** Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Roger Coutu sent word that all Committee Members would be welcome to visit the Park with the Governor.
- k.** P. Nichols made a closing comment about all Committee Members working together for the benefit of the Town of Hudson and Benson Park. Personality's aside, the goal is to have a Park that the whole State can be proud of and want to spend some quality time in.
- l.** J. Barnes stated the he understood this and like all new Committee's our goal at first is to know each other and learn from each other. There may be bumps in the road but we will surpass them and learn from them. Then we can make constructive decisions about our goals. This is what will make our Committee work.

8. Adjournment:

J. Barnes made a motion to adjourn.

K. Dickinson seconded the motion

All in favor...motion carried

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 pm

Next Meeting: November 5, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Board of Selectmen Meeting Room.