

Benson Park Committee Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2009

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- a. The regular meeting of the Benson Committee was called to order at 7:05 pm on August 27, 2009 in the Board of Selectmen Meeting Room at the Town Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman, K. Dickinson, presided
- b. Present: Chairman K. Dickinson, Vice Chairman K. Matthews, Selectman S. Jasper, J. Barnes, J. Desrosiers, M. Lee, Clerk, , H. Schibanoff, J. Barnes Late, S, Rumbaugh Late, P. Nichols, excused.

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

3. Chairman's Report:

- a. Chairman K. Dickinson gave a brief summary of the Benson Park contractor's and building updates.
- b. Selectman S. Jasper gave an update to the appraisal of the Benson Memorabilia. There are 2 that are qualified to give an appraisal but there are no company names that are known at this time. Arthur Provencher will pay for ½ of the appraisal and the Committee will try to raise private money for the other half.

4. Old Business

- a. **Sub-committee and Organization:** Five candidates for volunteering were interview this evening. They are as follows: Niki Dubuque, Paula Wyka, Crista Gagnon, Ralph Alio and Richard Empey. Questions were asked and candidates will be notified about there acceptance.
- b. Selectman S. Jasper stated that the candidates be listed and ratified for each sub-committee at the next meeting.
- c. **Benson Park Opening Checklist:** Discussion of Minimum Requirements. Listed and numbered by priority. **High Priority:** Parking, Handicap Access, Paths and Trails, Caretaker/Park Manager, Rest Rooms
Vice Chairman, K. Matthews made a Motion to put Rest Rooms in Gorilla House
Selectman S. Jasper seconded the motion
J. Desrosiers, S. Rumbaugh opposed ...Motion Carries
High Priority: Security Lighting, Poison Ivy, etc, Rules & Hours of Operation, Removal of Fence around Historic district Utilities: ,electric conduits, water lines, and sewer connections. Investigate contacting the state for permission to do this, Graffiti Removal, Barn Foundation, fence along border for safety. **Medium Priority:** Play Areas. **Low Priority:** Water flow/Water fountain, Old Shoe, Clear and Repair Retaining Walls.
Break at 8:45 pm for 10 minutes
- d. **Access Issues:** Discussion on vehicle access.

5. New Business

- a. Sub Committee Report on Public Out-Reach given by Vice Chairman K. Matthews. Mission Statement for this Sub committee was given to the Benson Park Committee.

- b. Sub Committee report on Clean-up and Volunteerism was given by J. Desrosiers. He gave his Mission Statement for his committee and spoke about the next clean up date. It was decided to hold a clean-up date on September 12th from 8:00am to 2:00pm with a rain date of September 13, 2009 same times.
- c. Selectman S. Jasper reported on the Buildings & Structures. Problems with the Hazelton Barn. This will be placed on hold for the time being. Regarding the RFP for the Train Station, Selectman Jasper would like a review and revision of this to be done by Lisa and Bessie Hann. With their company to become Clerk of the Works.
 - H. Schibernoff made a motion to have Selectman Jasper find out the name of this company and if they would be willing to donate there time to review this RFO and suggest revisions. This would also include what they would charge to become Clerk of the Works.**
 - J. Barnes seconded the Motion**
 - All in favor...Motion Carries**
- d. S. Rumbaugh reported on the Trails/Walkways & Land Conservation Sub Committee. Sandra read the Mission Statement for this Committee and asked for a site-walk on Sunday, August 30, at 4:00pm. Some of her committee agreed and will meet on the Kimball Hill Road entrance. Sandra also asked about the Signage that was reported to be delivered to the old committee. Vice Chairman K. Matthews will check the Hazelton Barn and take pictures of what he finds.

6. Approval of Minutes

Selectman S. Jasper made a motion to defer approval of minutes due to an error.

J. Desrosiers seconded the motion

All in favor...Motion Carries

7. Other Input

- a. Selectman S. Jasper mentioned that the Committee begin to develop a plan for a Budget for Benson Park for the year 2010.
He also mentioned the attacks on Benson Park that are happening.

Adjournment:

Vice Chairman made a motion to adjourn.

M. Lee seconded the motion.

All in favor...Motion Carries

Meeting Adjourned at 10:28pm

Next Meeting: September 10, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Community Development Meeting Room.