

# Benson Park Committee Meeting Minutes

## August 13, 2009

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- a. The regular meeting of the Benson Committee was called to order at 7:12 pm on August 13, 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, P. Nichols, S. Rumbaugh, H. Schibanoff

Volunteers, Mark Bukala and Amy Osburg were in attendance. Builders Richard Shaden and Ed Thompson were in attendance.

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

### 3. Chairman's Report:

- a. Chairman K. Dickinson gave a brief summary of the Benson Park repairs. A-Frame and Gorilla House finished. Elephant barn work has begun.

### 4. Old Business

- a. **Sub-committee and Organization:** The two candidates were called forward for their interview. Questions were asked of the candidates and their eligibility for the sub committees and availability.
- b. Shawn spoke about consolidating sub-committees. Try to make it easier for people to volunteer.
- c. P. Nichols stated that Committee Members should head up Sub Committees until they are established.
- d. Discussion of sub committees to be formed first. H. Schibanoff mentioned Building/Structures/Utilities, Trails/Walkways/Land Conservation, Park Restoration (clean-up/Volunteerism, and Out-Reach /Publicity.

**Motion made by J. Desrosiers** to choose four sub Committees.

**P. Nichols seconded the motion**

**All in favor...Motion Carries**

- e. Committee members volunteered to head sub committees: Jerry Desrosiers for Cleanup and Volunteerism, Pat Nichols will help. K. Matthews for Out Reach, Harry Schibanoff and Pat Nichols will work on this sub committee. Sandra Rumbaugh for Trails/Land Conservation, Jim Barnes, Martha Lee and Ken Dickinson will help.
- f. K. Matthews mentioned a Friends of Bensons to raise funds for future work. Selectman Jasper stated that this was something to be looked into soon, but a site walk might be in order to plan the opening of the park by identifying tasks to be done to complete project.

**Harry Schibanoff made a Motion to cancel clean up for this weekend**

**Jim Barnes seconded the motion**

**K. Matthews Abstained ...Motion Carries**

## 5. New Business

- a. Discussion on Bat feces in Hazelton Barn and Bat Houses. Lengthily discussion followed.
- b. Discussion on site walk to see what is needed to open park  
**P. Nichols made a motion to do a site walk on August 22**  
**K. Matthews seconded the motion**  
**All in favor...Motion Carries**
- c. Discussion on what each member of the Committee would like to have in order to open the park to the public.

## 6. Approval of Minutes

**Selectman Jasper made a motion to accept the minutes July 30th.**  
**Vice Chairman K. Matthews seconded the motion**  
**H. Schibanoff Abstained...Motion Carries**

## 7. Other Input

- a. Selectman S. Jasper mentioned getting an area cleared for parking.
- b. Ask Arthur Provencher if he could help in finding water and sewerage.
- c. RFP on Train Station is not completed as of this date.
- d. Benson Memorabilia was discussed. Looking into having an appraisal of this to see if it is feasible for the town to purchase.
- e. Vice Chairman K. Matthews gave a passionate speech about working to keep this Memorabilia in the Town of Hudson.  
**K. Matthews made a motion to have the Town of Hudson Purchase the Benson Memorabilia**  
**M. Lee seconded the motion**  
**All in favor...Motion Carries**
- f. S. Rumbaugh asked about sale of Hats and Shirts at Old Home Days and if people wanted to make donations for the memorabilia where would the moneys be sent.
- g. M. Lee mentioned an escorted tour of the Benson property in the fall for people to walk through.

## Adjournment:

**Selectman Jasper made a motion to adjourn.**  
**Vice Chairman, K. Matthews seconded the motion.**  
**All in favor...Motion Carries**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:27pm

**Next Meeting: August 27, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Board of Selectmen meeting room.**