

Benson Park Committee Meeting Minutes

July 30, 2009

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- a. The regular meeting of the Benson Committee was called to order at 7:05 pm on July 30, 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, late, J. Barnes, J. Desrosiers, M. Lee, Clerk, P. Nichols, S. Rumbaugh,
- c. Absent: H. Schibanoff, excused.

Selectman, Roger Coutu, and Cindy Provencher 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. Elephant barn update on contract for additional work. Alarms have been reset on buildings. Mark Pearson is working on getting estimates for removing bat feces and carpenter ants, termites, etc. on the Hazelton Barn.
- b. J. Desrosiers was asked about Bat Houses. Jerry stated the work is in progress.
- c. Clearing around the property by volunteers was a huge success.

4. Old Business

- a. **Sub-committee and Organization:** J. Desrosiers spoke about volunteers and committees.
- b. Shawn spoke about volunteers signing sheets because we need managers to these sub-committees not just groups of people doing what they want in the park.
- c. P. Nichols stated that we should work on the group that signed up and go from there.
- d. J. Barnes stated that we should get the volunteers that signed up to come in and interview.
- e. C. Provencher, representative of Arthur Provencher said that the sign up sheet should be changed to be more volunteer friendly and not management only.
P. Nichols made a **Motion** to get in touch with applicants to come in next week for an interview at next meeting.
Seconded by S. Rumbaugh
All in favor...Motion Carries
- f. New clean up date: Selectman Jasper spoke about the new clean up date already set up without the Committee discussing this. Committee should be involved in all future clean ups.
- a. **Train Station relocation:** Discussion about leaving the Train Station where it is, just rotating it but with more discussion it was determined there was a lot of shale to dig out.

- b. Chairman K. Dickenson requested a 5 minute break to set up chart.
- c. Called to Order at 8:00pm
- d. Chart and overlay of locations of Train Station was presented by Chairman K. Dickinson.
- e. J. Barnes stated that the Committee wait for the RFP for the Train Station to determine where would the best spot be to place this building.
- f. Mark Pearson will have the RFP for the Train Station by the next meeting.

5. New Business

- a. **Committee Finances:** Selectman S. Jasper gave a handout of the Monies that the Benson Park has for work. Self explanatory.
- b. S. Rumbaugh asked for clarification on some amounts as did J. Desrosiers.
- c. P. Nichols asked about the shirts and hats that will be for sale at Old Home Days.
- d. **Committee Goals and Objectives:** S. Rumbaugh said she would work on this and would like anyone to help her. Asked the Committee members what their goals are. Most of the Committee stated their goals and concerns.

S. Rumbaugh made a **Motion** to conduct a site walk on Sunday, August 2, at 4:pm.

Seconded by M. Lee

All in favor...Motion Carries

- e. **Future Volunteer Cleanup Effort/Shoe Restoration/Fence Repair**
- f. J. Desrosiers spoke about Clean up at the park. Jerry wants the Committee to host a clean up this month. Discussion followed about setting a date for next clean up. Shoe Restoration and Fence Repair discussed in full.

J.Desrosiers made a motion to conduct a clean up for the weekend of August 15 and 16. Hours of 8am to 2pm

Seconded by Jim Barnes

All in favor...Motion Carries

- g. J. Desrosiers mentioned that the small ticket booth. The Fire Department, Firefighters want to restore this and Selectman Jasper would like to make it an information Kiosk near the parking area.
- h. Trails and Signs**
S. Rumbaugh looking into trails and signs. What level of trails to be opened. Will have more information on this at a later date. Signs had been make a long time ago and Chairman K. Dickinson is looking into this. Also, the Scouts have made signs in the past and that could be an option.
- i. Old Home Days Booth**
J. Desrosiers updated the Committee on the Old Home Days Booth. A large tent will be available for the first 2 days and a smaller tent for the remainder of the weekend.

Selectman S. Jasper spoke about naming the Park. Vice Chairman K. Matthews said that the 's on the signage denotes ownership and that this should be changed. Discussion followed.

Selectman S. Jasper made a motion to name the Park “**Benson Park**” and the Committee “**Benson Park Committee**.”

Vice Chairman K. Matthews seconded the motion

All in Favor...Motion Carries

6. Approval of Minutes

Selectman Jasper made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting.

Vice Chairman K. Matthews seconded the motion

All in Favor...Motion Carries

Adjournment:

P. Nichols made a motion to adjourn.

Vice Chairman, K. Matthews seconded the motion.

All in favor...Motion Carries

Meeting Adjourned at 9:16 pm

Next Meeting: August 13, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Community Development Room