

Benson Committee Meeting Minutes

July 9, 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 9, 2009 in the Community Development 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

Absent: none

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

3. Business

- a. Chairman K. Dickinson spoke on packets of Sub-Committee sign up that were handed out to the Committee members. He also spoke at length about the prep before roofing some of the buildings. There is a lot of vegetation up against buildings and some tree or branch removal should be done.
- b. Chairman Dickinson stated that Assistant Town Administrator, Mark Pearson will present a proposal to the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on July 14th for brush, tree or branch removal. After this KSL will start the roofing of the Gorilla House and the A-Frame. The Office Building will be third. The Elephant Barn will be started in August and September will see the Hazelton Barn project started. Assistant Town Administrator will speak with the Town Consultant regarding pest control dealing with a problem at the Hazelton Barn.
- c. Meeting Rooms will not be available on the 23rd of July so the next meeting will be held on the 30th of July. Room to be announced.
- d. Chairman Dickinson also stated that a limited amount of funds are available, less than what we thought. Selectman S. Jasper stated he would look into this and let the Committee know at the next meeting.
- e. J. Desrosiers questioned the hiring of a company to trim around the buildings or using volunteers instead to save money. This was discussed in detail.
- f. Vice Chairman K. Matthews mentioned the office building being roofed first because of a hole in this roof. This was discussed at length but the roofing of the Gorilla House and A-Frame still stands.

4. New Business

- a. Selectman S. Jasper had samples of roofing shingles to show to the Committee. These are 30 year Architectural Shingles. Discussion followed on pros and cons for colors and what would hold up better and look the best on these buildings.
 - J. Desrosiers made a motion to shingle the Elephant Barn and Gorilla House in Charcoal.
 - J. Barnes seconded the motion.
 - All in Favor...Motion Carried.

P. Nichols made a motion to shingle the Hazelton Barn in Charcoal,
J. Desrosiers seconded the motion.
All in Favor...Motion Carried.

Selectman S. Jasper made a motion to shingle the A-Frame in green.
P. Nichols Seconded the motion.
All in Favor...Motion Carried

- b) S. Rumbaugh started a discussion of the colors on the buildings and if the roofing colors would complement this. All seemed satisfied with the roofing colors.
- c) Selectman S. Jasper mentioned the new location of the Train Station. The Assistant Town Administrator told Selectman Jasper that an RFP is just about ready for this except for a little tweaking. It would be wise to contract this building out to one contractor rather than have a number of people working on this. Selectman Jasper would like this building put on the old Benson Home Site. This would be handicapped accessible, near handicap parking. Discussion followed and Committee agreed that this would be the perfect place. Full foundation or frost wall was discussed..

J. Desrosiers made a motion to locate the Train Station to the old Benson house site.
M. Lee seconded the motion.
All in Favor...Motion Carried

Selectman S. Jasper spoke about extending the Benson Memorabilia Display for the Old Home Days. This will be taken up at the next Board of Selectmen Meeting and the Library Board of Trustees. Chronicle was at the Display and will have an episode on channel 9 before Old Home Days.

Selectman S. Jasper mentioned the fencing around the property for security measures. This was discussed at length with the fencing to stay for now but possibly removed in the future.

5. Other Business

- a. J. Desrosiers asked to defer the study of the sign up sheets until the next meeting. All agreed.
- b. Chairman K. Dickinson asked for approval for the minutes from last 3 meeting.

Selectman S. Jasper made a motion to accept the minutes for the last 3 meetings.
Vice Chairman K. Matthews seconded the motion
All in Favor...Motion Carries

Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 pm

Next Meeting: July 30, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Board of Selectmen Meeting Room