

# Benson Committee Meeting Minutes

## June 11, 2009

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- a. The regular meeting of the Benson Committee was called to order at 7:08 pm on June 11, 2009 in the Board of Directors Room at the Town Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman, K. Dickinson, presided
- b. Present: Chairman K. Dickinson, Vice Chair K. Matthews, Selectman S. Jasper, J. Barnes (late), J. Desrosiers, M. Lee, Clerk, P. Nichols, S. Rumbaugh (left early), H. Schibanoff

Absent: none

Town Staff/Selectmen: Assistant Town Administrator M. Pearson (left early),  
Selectmen's Chairman R. Coutu

### 2. Approval of minutes of last meeting was waived.

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

### 4. Open Issues

- a. Guest Mark Pearson Assistant Town Administrator gave an update of the RFP (request for proposal) for Benson Properties (Historical and Other). The RFP was posted on HudsonCTV, newspapers, etc. Twenty Five contractors picked up applications. On June 12, from 2 pm to 4 pm potential bidders will be on the Benson Property for a site walk around. Mark asked for volunteers from the Committee for the site walk. J. Desrosier, K. Matthews, and K. Dickinson agreed to assist. Bids are due June 19. BOS will debate the scope of this item at the regular BOS mtg. on June 23. The Benson Committee will provide input on June 25. A special BOS meeting on June 29 will be held to determine final scope of work. Bids to be awarded prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b. Guest Former Committee Member, Curt Laffin, conducted a presentation of the Master Plan and Benson Park Management. The Plan included 12 Management Units and 16 Sub Management Categories. The main purpose of the presentation was to brief the current Committee on efforts since May 2001, provide the public with an overview of the Master Plan, and provide a basis for discussion on the Goals/ Objectives of the Committee moving forward. Mr. Laffin suggested that the Town consider forming a Hudson Land and Parks Commission (Parks Dept.) to provide better services. **Note:** This same presentation was conducted by Mr. Laffin to the Benson Committee on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Refer to March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting minutes for further detail of this presentation.

Chairman K. Dickinson requested that a recess be taken at 8:15 pm.

K. Matthews motioned to break, seconded by J. Desrosiers. All in favor for a 10 minute break.

Reconvened at 8:27 pm

## 5. New Business

### a) Selectmen's update/Subcommittee Signup

Selectman Jasper stated that the Board of Selectmen will be presented with quotes on the buildings on the meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Packets will be available on Mon. June 22<sup>nd</sup> or Tues. June 23<sup>rd</sup> for Committee's review. There will also be a special meeting of the BOS on June 29<sup>th</sup> to decide which buildings if any will be approved for repairs. Selectman Jasper will coordinate w/ Town IT to add Subcommittee Forms for volunteers to download and mail in for consideration on the Town's website. Selectman Jasper will coordinate a similar signup sheet for each subcommittee category @ Arthur Provencher's Memorabilia Display (June 28 - July 12). H. Schibanoff asked about setting a web address for the Benson Committee. Selectman Jasper replied that Town's website should be adequate.

### b) Arthur Provencher's Memorabilia Display:

Cindy Provencher was present to coordinate volunteerism. The Benson Committee is invited to attend the pre-opening (w/ media/town staff) on Fri., June 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm.

### c) Items Deferred:

Old Home Day's Booth

Discussion of Timeline 2009/Goals and Objectives

Master Plan Amendments and CIP

Public Visitation/ Tour Day

DOT Presentation (Nancy Mayville)

## 6. Other Business

Status of Old Business (items from Winter 2009)

### a) Signage/ Town Storage:

Not all signs and trail markers are accounted for. K. Dickinson will check Benson Committee Memorabilia List and coordinate with Town Administrator to locate signage and other items.

### b) Train Station TEA Grant:

Selectman Jasper clarified that the TEA grant was extended last December for a year.

## 7. Adjournment/Next Meeting

Adjournment: 9:26 pm

Next Meeting: June 25, 2009 @ 7:00 pm in the Board of Directors Room

Submitted by:

Patricia A. Nichols, Clerk