



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Benson Park Committee

Richard Empey, Chairman      David Morin, Selectmen Liaison



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### Committee Minutes

**Date:** 7/15/2021 - 7:00pm

**Location:** Town Hall, Buxton Meeting Room, downstairs use ramp entrance, Hudson, NH

- **Call to Order:** at 7:04 pm by Chairman Dick Empey
- **Pledge of Allegiance by:** John Madden
- **Attendance:** Richard Empey, Nancie Caron, Ralph Alio, Carol Ann Viens, John Madden, and Selectman David S. Morin  
**Excused:** John Leone and Judith Brouillette  
**Absent:** Kevin Cormier

- **New Business:**

**NRPC Presentation:** Chairman Empey suggested starting with this presentation so our guest Elvis Dhima, Town Engineer and Ryan from NRPC can present the committee a proposal. The Conservation Committee is working with NRPC to work on trail mapping for the town. The question is to decide if this would be good to include Benson's Park. Ryan presented what other surrounding towns have done and showed the different types of options. No ongoing cost except if you want new properties added. A benefit would be to have first responders have more specific information and/or have a consistency of what the maps/trails look like for the town. If the committee decided to pursue they would request that two people from Benson's work with the Conservation Committee to work out details. John Madden motioned to move forward with the proposal to find out more information - Nancie 2nd - 5 yes approval/ 0 no

- **Public Input:** There was no public input.
- **Approval of minutes:**

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- **Old Business:**

**Asbestos:** Mr. Madden stated that he worked on the letter to get the required approvals from the town and Mr. Leone. During the work they found out there is a grant for the town that Chief Buxton manages. The Friends of Bensons want to wait on the letter to find out about the grant first. Selectman Morin stated to talk to Mr. Malizia this week as Chief Buxton is off this week. When Mr. Madden researches the grant he was going to request 10 to 12 thousand to include the asbestos, possible lead paint inside, and windows. Chairman Empey stated that in his opinion the windows themselves would be about \$20,000 to increase the amount to include them.

**Picnic Table and Bench Maintenance** - Mr. Empey stated that the wood is ready to be replaced just looking for a dry day to spend some time to get it done.

**Review of Memorial Tree Program** - Mr. Madden contacted two monument places to find out standard sizes. 24x12x4 inches was started size for government monuments. Selectman Morin will send a picture to Mr. Madden as well to include that in the research and then get back to the committee.

**Storybook Walk:** Selectman Morin stated they walked through the park with public works and the director of the library to come up with a plan. A map was provided with locations for review. Chairman Empey stated the new plan now is close to a mile walk long. Selectman Morin stated that was so the stops were not close together. Mr. Alio stated the current policy states that this type of plan is not allowed according to the approved policy.

- **New Business:**

**Park Conditions:** Areas flooded due to the recent rain - Swan Lake, Beaver Dam needs some work, the trails are muddy, and Benson's Boulevard had erosion but we know it needs to be paved by the DPW but not happening at this time.

- **Calendar:**

- a. Park clean-up scheduled for 7/17/2021
- b. Next Meeting scheduled for 8/19/2021
- c. August Volunteer Clean Up Day for 8/21/2021

- **Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members**

Ms. Viens asked what event is going on today at the park. The other members were not aware of a scheduled event and stated events must be placed through the proper channels.

Mr. Madden will follow up on the stones.

- **Motion to Adjourn by:** John Madden **Second by:** Nancie Caron  
Passes unanimously and meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm .