



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Benson Park Committee

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### Committee Minutes

**Date: 8/19/2021 - 7:00pm**

**Location:** HCTV Meeting Room, 19 Kimball Hill Road, Hudson, NH

- **Call to Order:** at 7:03 pm by Chairman Dick Empey
- **Pledge of Allegiance by:** John Madden
- **Attendance:** Richard Empey, John Leone, Ralph Alio, Judith Brouillette, John Madden, and Selectman David S. Morin  
**Excused:** Carol Ann Viens and Nancie Caron  
**Absent:** Kevin Cormier
- **Public Input:** Natalie Newell from Friends of Benson's came to discuss on 9/18/2021 they will be having a Family Fun Day which will include Wildlife Encounter and a singer. They understand it is not a great day to have the event as it conflicts with our Park Volunteer day. They will offer free coffee/snacks to help regarding the conflict to provide to the volunteers. During their day they will be selling coffee, pastry, ice cream, and tshirt to help support the fundraising for the Friends of Benson's. HCTV is filming the event.
- **Approval of minutes:**  
  
7/15/2021 Minutes - Mr. Empey had a couple of additions of the time that started/ended. He motions to accept the minutes with the changes discussed. Second by Ralph Alio. 3 yes and 2 abstain as they were absent
- **Old Business:**  
  
**Picnic Table and Bench Maintenance** - Mr. Empey stated that the tables/benches are done but they do need 1 more board and then they will be all caught up with replacements.

**Review of Memorial Tree Program** - It was discussed as a group what we felt would be acceptable for all future memorial stones. We reviewed the policy to have it changed as:

- If the donor wishes to have a stone marker to accompany the tree, the marker must be mounted flush with the ground. No other markers are allowed. As viewed from the face of the marker, the marker will be not be greater than twelve inches wide, eight inches high, and four inches thick. Lettering will run left to right on the width of the marker.
- The design and installation of the marker must be approved by the Benson Park Committee prior to installation.

Mr. Madden motioned to edit the memorial as stated above. Seconded by Mr. Leone.  
5 yes / 0 no - it passes

**Office Building Vandalism:** There was damage to a break in at the office building with minimum vandalism. The police were notified and they did find the young individuals who were responsible. They decided not to press charges.

- **New Business:**

**Signage:** It was discussed about the signage that is viewed in different parts of the park. There are signs for the Friends of Benson's Virtual Tour and also for the museum itself items that are for sale. Mr. Alio mentioned that it was a violation of the policy. Mr. Leone mentioned the only items he sees that the policy refers to is the memorial signage. It was suggested that when the committee members work with the Conservation Committee to work on the new signage for the park to add items like these areas to help people that come to the park. There was a motion by Mr. Leone to remove the tour signs but leave the butterfly signs until October 15th to discuss at that time to find out if they are beneficial for the virtual tour. The tour sign can be left at the kiosk at the entries. Second by Ms. Brouillette. 3 yes / 2 no Motion passes

- **Calendar:**

- a. Park clean-up scheduled for 8/21/2021
- b. Next Meeting scheduled for 9/16/2021
- c. September Volunteer Clean Up Day for 9/18/2021

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

Ms. Brouillette mentioned that she saw a local diner in town used recycled bag collections to provide free benches. She mentioned that maybe it would be an option for the future for the committee to consider.

- **Motion to Adjourn by:** Judy Brouillette **Second by:** John Leone  
Passes unanimously and meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm .