



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Benson Park Committee

Richard Empey, Chairman      David Morin, Selectmen Liaison



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### Committee Minutes

**Date:** 5/20/2021 - 7:00pm

**Location:** 19 Kimball Hill Rd, Hudson, NH

- **Call to Order:** at 7:01 pm by Chairman Dick Empey
- **Pledge of Allegiance by:** John Leone
- **Attendance:** Richard Empey, Ralph Alio, John Leone, Nancie Caron, Judith Brouillette, and John Madden
- **Excused:**
- **Absent:** Kevin Cormier and Carol Ann Viens

- **Public Input:** There was no public input.
- **Approval of minutes:** There were no minutes for approval.
- **New Business:**

**Story Walk** - Presentation provided by Linda Pilla, Director of Rogers Memorial Library. The Story Walk presentation discussed an educational collaborative project for families to increase literacy and getting active. The proposal would be for signs to provide them a guided story while looking for the next page to continue with the story. The story signs would be about 50 to 60 feet apart 16 to 20 pages.

Discussion - It would be off mowing grass areas and it would be year round. Concerns - the location and the amount of signs.

A motion by John Leone in favor of the concept for the program but for Ms. Pilla to come back with a more detailed proposal/plan, Nancie second it. Aye 5 Nay1

- **Old Business:**

**Natural Gas Line:** Fully functional

**Asbestos** - The proposed budget was not passed therefore it goes to the default budget. We are wondering if there are groups out there willing to help donate money to address the asbestos.

**Aeration** - Swan Lake aeration is up and running. It will take some time before we start to see results.

- **New Business:**

**Picnic Tables and Benches** - The highway department/DPW is willing to buy the wood before of June to replace some boards. The question came up what happens when the benches become in disrepair as they were memorials was there a plan. John stated there was no plan discussed. We will continue to discuss at the next meeting.

**Butterfly Garden Trees** - Ralph working on 2 trees that were removed to have two trees replaced.

**Elephant Barn Roof Repair** - There are spots on the roof that need to be repaired. Per John Leone the lease states that the town is responsible for the roof.

**Shed for the Friends of Benson's** - They are requesting a storage shed 12x16. It was questioned if it could be placed by the porta potty, ? DOT approval, Maybe in another area. It was suggested to come back with a more specific plan. The temporary storage will be gone in 30 days after the shed is completed.

**Schedule Events** - There are no restrictions on outdoor events but it is recommend to wear mask but not enforced.

**Election of the Officers:**

Chairman - John motioned for Dick, Nancie 2nd Vote: All Aye

Vice Chair - John motioned for Ralph, Nancie 2nd Vote: All Aye

Secretary - Ralph motioned for Judy, John 2nd Vote: All Aye

- **Calendar:**

- a. Park clean-up scheduled for 5/22/2021 - Pot Luck

- b. Next Meeting scheduled for 6/17/2021 - HGTV location

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

Mr. Alio wanted to remind everyone of the upcoming clean up.

Chairman Empey stated the pavement would be done before the end of June and we would be getting more mulch.

- **Motion to Adjourn by:** John Leone **Second by:** Ralph Alio  
Passes unanimously and meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.