



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Benson Park Committee

Richard Empey, Chairman      David Morin, Selectmen Liaison



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### Committee Minutes

**Date: 03/17/2022- 7:00pm**

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

- **Call to Order:** at 7:02 pm by Chairman Dick Empey
- **Pledge of Allegiance by:** John Leone
- **Attendance:** Richard Empey, John Leone, Selectman David S. Morin, Nancie Caron, and Judith Brouillette  
**Excused:** Ralph Alio, John Madden  
**Absent:** Carol Ann Viens
- **No Public Input**
- **Approval of minutes:**  
  
None presented at this time.
- **Old Business:**
  - A. Tree is ordered and waiting for it to come in to be planted.
  - B. Aeration system should be reinstalled for the season about the 2nd week of April.
  - C. Restrooms and barrels should be out in the next couple of weeks.
  - D. The boards for the water level will be returned for the water level to go to its normal height.
  - E. The Capital Reserve Fund warrant article passed for the \$10,000 now bringing the total in the account up to about \$120,000.
  - F. Haselton Barn roof we have someone willing to give an estimate and we are waiting for those bids.
- **New Business:**

**A.** Another company has offered to come in and grind the stump of the tree that was taken down previously. These types of donations/support are a tremendous help to our park as the DPW cannot handle all of these types of items.

**B.** Selectman Morin received an email which was forwarded to our committee from a community member. The member asked if we could use the Haselton Barn as a function facility to house events. Mr. Emrey responded and stated as nice as it would be for that we have some major obstacles. Some of these items are no water or sewerage, it would need a driveway/parking, sprinkler system, it would have to meet all safety/building codes, be ADA compliant, need insulation, floors are uneven and are tripping hazards, and it would need liability insurance which most likely not be able to be obtained due to the issues with the old barn. Mr. Emrey feels it would easily be in excess to a million dollars and not be able to be recouped. He did state if others have ideas/suggestions we welcome them.

- **Calendar:**

- a. Next Meeting scheduled for April 16, 2022
- b. Volunteer Clean Up - April 16, 2022 - weather permitting

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

Ms. Caron asked if the weather is bad for volunteer day will it be rescheduled. Mr. Emrey stated no but we would post if it was canceled the day before. The hours are from 9 to 2 for some clean up or repairs around the park.

Mr. Leone stated he submitted a letter and asked where that was left off. Ms. Brouillette stated it was discussed and it was referred the Friends of Benson's (FoB) back to the tenant/town. Mr. Leone stated the intent was looking for the support from the committee. Mr. Morin stated that he spoke to Mr. Malazia and they have some answers but there are some problems with permits. He meant to speak to the Fire Marshall today but was unable too. There are some sticking points.

Mr. Leone also stated that FoB is planning to have some concerts this summer but nothing definitive.

Mr. Emrey stated the Alarm to the Elephant Barn is still pending at this time.

Mr. Emrey asked Mr. Morin how the budget will impact areas - Mr. Morin stated they had not had a meeting since the vote. This will be a topic at their next meeting.

- **Motion to Adjourn by:** John Leone **Second by:** Judy Brouillette  
Passes unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.