



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee

Richard Empey, Chairman David Morin, Selectmen Liaison



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Committee Minutes

Date: 04/21/2022- 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:** Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima
- **Attendance:** Richard Empey, John Leone, Selectman David S. Morin, Nancie Caron, Carol Ann Viens, Town Engineer Elvis Dhima, and Judith Brouillette
Excused: Ralph Alio, John Madden
Absent:
- **Public Input**
Jon Maltz from the Hudson Kiwanis Club stated they would like to host a Fishing Derby on 6/11/2022. There are no guarantees of the day but they are hoping they can work something out. They wanted to present to the committee to see if they would be in support. The committee asked some questions but all felt it would be a positive event for the community. Mr. Maltz has another meeting with his club and they will find out more information and present at our next meeting.

- **Approval of minutes:**

Reviewed February 17, 2022 minutes. Nancie Caron made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Carol Ann Viens. 4 yes and 0 no.

Reviewed March 17, 2022 minutes. Mr. Empey corrected a spelling error. Judy Brouillette made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction. Seconded by Nancie Caron. 3 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain.

- **Old Business:**

A. The tree that was ordered should be planted by next Friday or soon afterwards.

B. The town engineer, Elvis Dhima, presented to provide an update and he stated they are accepting bids for the Haselton Barn roof for various options by 5/26/2022. The hope is to have the roof worked on by September of this year. Afterward this project is done he stated the next step is to look at the siding on the barn.

- **New Business:**

A. Fishing Derby - this was discussed during public input

B. After the month of April we will have 3 vacancies for members and 2 alternates. We need to find volunteers. Judy Brouillette asked Selectman Morin if it can be posted in areas like HCTV and such to have a bigger audience. He stated they can do this immediately. He also mentioned the town will be having an online newsletter that will be available the 1st business day of every month. They will post it there as well.

C. Mr. Empey mentioned that we need more boards for the picnic tables. He will work on a total in order to repair the picnic tables. A concern of paying for the wood was brought up and Ms. Brouillette asked if the boards could be donated from businesses. Mr. Empey stated they could be but not sure if they would. We would need a number and sizes and Ms. Brouillette would be happy to contact some local places.

D. A letter was provided to the committee from the Town to review over the possibility of having park fee's to help offset some of the money needed for repairs or upkeep within the park. Many discussions but it is important to know that we can not have vendors come in and profit in any way. This would be against the Deed. We can host events but all proceeds must go directly to the park. Ms Brouillette suggested that we all go home and come back to our next meeting with some suggestions to present at our next meeting in May.

- **Calendar:**

a. Next Meeting scheduled for May 19, 2022

b. Volunteer Clean Up - May21, 2022

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

Ms. Caron asked Mr. Morin a confirmation of when the newsletter would start and he stated the 1st business day of the month.

Ms. Viens stated she did not have anything but wanted to state this was her last meeting as well and wanted to thank everyone. The committee thanked her for her service and time as well.

Ms. Brouillette stated this was Mr. Empey's last meeting and wanted to thank him for his years of service to the park and this committee.

Mr. Leone stated the Friends of Benson's will be having concerts again this year but

nothing confirmed at this time. He stated he was approached by the Granite State Arts and they asked if there was any work that they could do around the park. Mr. Empey asked if they could provide some suggestions to the committee. Mr. Leone and Ms. Brouillette talked about maybe having them do an exhibit and an event at the park. We could charge people to come to the event and they could provide their volunteers could work to assist the individuals to make some art pieces. Mr. Leone would speak to them more about both of these ideas.

Selectman Morin stated he wanted to thank Dick and the work he has done. He stated how he is always at the park and works hard with many hats/roles. He shows how he has been a great leader and thanked him again from all of the Town.

Mr. Empey wanted to thank all of the volunteers who worked hard and he said there are many that go unnoticed to the public but he knows who they are and he said the park would not be as wonderful as it is without them.

- **Motion to Adjourn by:** John Leone **Second by:** Nancie Caron
Passes unanimously and meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.