



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee

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Committee Minutes

Date: 10/22/2022- 7:00pm

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

- **Call to Order:** at 7:18pm by Jack Madden
- **Pledge of Allegiance by:** Sarah Petkiewicz
- **Attendance:** John Madden, Sarah Petkiewicz, Ralph Alio, John Leone and Judith Brouillette
Excused: Selectman David S. Morin, Erica Carreau, and Nancie Caron
- **Public Input:**
Diana and Scott Anderson were observing the meeting
- **Approval of minutes:** Reviewed 9/15/2022 minutes. John Leone made a motion to approve the minutes. Sarah Petkiewicz seconded the motion. 4 yes/1 abstain
- **Old Business:**
 - A. The Benson's Park Committee presented Denise Thompson from Express It Art a Certificate of Recognition for her hard work in volunteering to completing the mural in the Gorilla House for the Town of Hudson. The entire committee thanked her for the incredible job that she and her helpers completed. We did talk about the hope to get something on the mural to protect it from future damage.
 - B. Sealant for the mural and reopening of the Gorilla Cage will be deferred until the next meeting to provide more time for Selectman Dave Morin to find out about getting something on it.
 - C. Approval of the FY24 Warrant Article to add \$10,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund was presented by Chairman Jack Madden. Ralph Alio motioned to submit the warrant article and Sarah Petkiewicz 2nd the motion. 5 yes/0 no
 - D. Ralph reported that the Memorial Tree that was requested by Dawn Summers has been planted.

- E. Jack reported the removal of asbestos from the Train Station has been completed on September 23, 2022 by the contractor, A-Best Abatement, Inc. The asbestos-containing material was removed from the locations identified by the asbestos inspection which had been performed in August 2018. These locations were the chimney flue, the flooring in bathroom and the bathroom hall (former station office), the flooring in the kitchen (former ladies waiting room), and the flooring in the hall outside the two bedrooms (former freight room). The asbestos-containing flooring was removed down to the under floor. The inspection was performed by a 3rd party Certified Inspector, Northeast Environmental Lab, who provided a letter to A-Best reporting the results of the inspection and the testing methodology used. A-Best Abatement provided the Town with Certificate of Completion of the asbestos removal and documentation that the asbestos-containing material was properly disposed of at a designated facility. The building is now safe from asbestos.
 - F. Sign for the kiosk was approved but we just need to have it placed on card stock and then placed in the kiosk. Jack stated he has some paper at home that it can be added to.
 - G. Ralph reported that the Volunteer Clean-up went very well on October 15th. This was our last clean up until the Spring.
 - H. Jack provided an update on the status of the Town's Trail Mapping Project. He spoke with the Town Engineer Elvis Dihma. The contract was awarded in November 2021. The project includes trails in Benson Park, Musquash Conservation Area, Robinson Pond Recreation Area, and Kimball Hill Town Forest. We should see some results late this year or early next year.
 - I. Jack provided an update on the Balance and Expenditures for the current FY23 Budget Year. He picked up the September Expenditure report from the Town Hall. As you recall from previous discussions, the major maintenance items and expense for the park fall under the DPW budget. Our direct budge of \$1000 annually has three items: Meals for Clean up Volunteers (\$500), Printing and Signs (\$500), and Office Supplies (\$100). Thus far in FY2023 budget year (2022-2023) we have not expended any funds from our budget. We will watch next month to make sure it decreases with the recent receipt that was submitted.
 - J. The Benson Park Usage sign is complete - we just need to have it put on a bright paper which Jack mentioned he has some and will show to the members to make a decision so it can be placed in the kiosk.
 - K. The Benson's Park Committee still has one position open and two alternative positions.
- **New Business**
 - a. Master Maintenance & Repair Task List - some of the members of the committee and reported back to the Chair about various items that need to be worked on in the park. Jack will set up a meeting with Jesse at the DPW to discuss the list.
 - b. Lead Paint Inspection in the Train Station - Jack will ask the company who did the asbestos to provide an inspection and a price.
 - **Calendar:**
 - a. Next Meeting scheduled for November 17, 2022
 - b. Volunteer Clean Up - canceled until the spring

c.

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

Judy wanted to remind the public that if you want to volunteer at the Park there are many opportunities and they don't have to wait until the "clean up day". The members understand that the days/time don't always link up to the individual needs. Just contact a member and we can direct you in an area that needs to be worked on.

John mentioned that the place that provided the recycled benches also sell recycled lumber. He will look into the cost and get back to the committee. He also stated the Friends of Benson's are having a Board meeting on Monday to discuss if they are having Santa this year for pictures. They do take pictures of both pets and people. They accept a donation for the pictures and you can get the pictures online. They are thinking maybe December 3rd or 10th.

Sarah wants to think about next year and some activities to help raise money.

- **Motion to Adjourn by: John Leone_Seconded by: Judy Brouillette**
Passes unanimously and meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.