



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Benson Park Committee

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### Committee Minutes

**Date: 11/17/2022- 7:00pm**

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

- **Call to Order:** at 7:00pm by Jack Madden
- **Pledge of Allegiance by:** Ralph Alio
- **Attendance:** John Madden, Sarah Petkiewicz, Ralph Alio, John Leone, Judith Brouillette, and Selectman David S. Morin  
**Excused:** Nancie Caron  
**Unexcused:** Erica Carreau
- **Public Input:**  
Scott Anderson was observing the meeting - he has applied to the Board of Selectman to be nominated for a position
- **Approval of minutes:** Reviewed 10/22/2022 minutes. Ralph Alio made a motion to approve the minutes. Sarah Petkiewicz seconded the motion. 4 yes/0 no
- **Old Business:**
  - A. Reopening of the Gorilla Cage was discussed. Selectman Morin stated he still hasn't heard about the sealant. It was discussed whether or not to open the cage. The group decided they would open it so that the public could enjoy going back into it. Ms. Brouillette would unlock it by the weekend.
  - B. Placement of the approved Benson Park usage sign at the kiosk. It was suggested that Ms. Brouillette could connect with the Friends of Benson's so that we can have the new sign placed in the locked kiosk.
  - C. Discussed the balance and expenditures. The current FY23 budget year - \$1065.54. Mr. Madden stated we will be having a warrant article presented to the Board of Selectman to add \$10,000 to the capital reserve which will be presented as an agenda item on this coming Tuesday. Current balance of the Capital Reserve fund is

\$62,578. This money is to be used for various projects needed to be completed at Benson's Park. For example they last used some money for the new roof at the Hazelton Barn. We also discussed cost of making a more permanent solution for the picnic tables. Mr. Leone will find out the cost for 1 picnic table and the cost of the individual boards.

D. We still have a member vacancy and two alternate positions open - as stated at the beginning of the meeting Scott Anderson is applying for a position but even if approved we still have two alternate positions open.

- **New Business**

a. Mr. Madden met with Jess from the DPW on 10/27/22. He has worked on many of the items but money in the budget is an issue and depending how the vote goes will impact some of the items we suggested needed to get done in the park. Also, we are looking for someone who has some skill related to masonry work that can reinstall some flagstone in missing areas. If anyone would like to volunteer their time in the spring the committee would love to use their services.

b. Lead Paint Inspection in the Train Station - Mr. Madden has the report but it has not been reviewed at this time. It will be reviewed at the next meeting.

c. We received a pristine flyer from an individual from Somerville, MA. It was donated to the Friends of Benson's Park for the museum and they will send the thank you note.

d. The committee received a couple of notes from Hudson Memorial School students asking if someone would take some pictures of their Lat and Longa mascots by the lake and shoe. The students are working on Geography around the world. Mr. Madden stated he will work on that for them.

- **Calendar:**

- a. Next Meeting scheduled for December 15, 2022
- b. No more clean up until the spring.

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

Mr. Leone - mentioned that they are having their annual Lucky Moose fundraiser running from 11/21 - 30/22. If you are able to come support them that would be helpful for the park. He also stated they are skipping Santa in the Park this year due to the photographer was unable to do it and there were other conflicts.

Mr. Madden encouraged everyone to vote to pass the town's budget next March.

Ms. Petkiewicz mentioned that there is a great clip on YouTube called Going Wild for Benson's. Check it out!

- **Motion to Adjourn by:** John Leone **Seconded by:** Sarah Petkiewicz  
Passes unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.