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Benson Park Committee

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Committee Minutes

Date: 1/19/2023- 7:00pm

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

- **Call to Order:** at 7:01 pm by Jack Madden
- **Pledge of Allegiance by:** Selectman David Morin
- **Attendance:** John Madden, Judith Brouillette, Ralph Alio, John Leone, Selectman David S. Morin, and Scott Anderson
Excused: Nancie Caron (resigned)
Unexcused: Sarah Petkiewicz and Erica Carreau
- **Public Input:** None
- **Approval of minutes:** Reviewed 12/15/2022 minutes. Judy Brouillette made a motion to approve the minutes. Scott Anderson seconded the motion. 3 yes/0 no/2 abstained
- **Old Business:**
 - A. Placement of the approved Benson Park usage sign at the kiosk was placed by Judy Brouillette.
 - B. Balance and Expenditures - \$1065.54 balance and the capital reserve fund is \$62,504.00 reported by Jack Madden
 - C. Update on alternative materials for picnic table planks - John provided a drawing and stated the estimated cost is around \$1500 but he will contact the company to confirm the amount and life expectancy of the tables.
 - D. Nancie Caron resigned from the committee and we now have one Member Position open and two Alternate positions open. We will create a sign to post at the dog park hoping to recruit some people besides the Town Crier and other means that the town advertises the positions.
 - E. The Warrant Article for \$10,000 will be article #14 - 2/4/2023 will be the Deliberative Session to review and discuss all the articles.

F. Report on the lead paint inspection at the Train Station - Jack stated none was mentioned in the asbestos report but for \$600 they would have an inspection. Jack will research more to find out about having an inspection.

- **New Business**

a. Mr. Madden stated that the DPW has a shelving/display case that was donated to the Friends of Benson Park. It is currently being stored at the Pickleball Shed Building and they would like to have it removed. Mr. Madden provided pictures of the items to Mr. Leone to review and if he is interested the DPW could move them for us. Mr. Madden suggested that hopefully the train station may have room in it to store if they are able to get a wall out prior to that.

b. The family restroom does not have a baby changing station. Erica was going to look into it but she was not in attendance this evening. We will follow up with her at the next meeting. Selectman Morin suggested that if we stay with the brand we currently have it will be easier for ordering parts if something goes wrong with them as the parts will be interchangeable since they would be the same brand.

- **Calendar:**

- a. Next Meeting scheduled for February 16, 2023
- b. No more clean up until the spring.
- c. Town Deliberative Session - Saturday, February 4th, Hudson Community Center, 12 Lions Ave, 9am to 12 noon

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

Scott, John, and Ralph - they had nothing at this time.

Judy - Thanked Nancie for her service on the committee and wished her well. She stated a reminder to all people that the ice is NOT safe to go onto. A reminder about being kind at the Dog Park to one another and if issues arise to a serious notion that they should contact the Hudson Police Department and not address it in an aggressive manner with one another. Next, we are still looking for someone who can do flagstone mason work to help us repair some areas if anyone is willing to donate their time. Lastly, we have had some people reach out on the Facebook resident page about wanting to maybe have music regularly at the gazebo over the summer. If people are interested to please come with a plan for public input so the committee can review it - we love new ideas and suggestions.

Jack informed us that he submitted the annual report as it was due on 1/4/2023 and he emailed it to the committee as he had to turn it in right away. Also, for the group to keep it in mind that the Train Station will need to have approximately 8 replacement windows done on it.

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Selectman Dave Morin - He stated the BOS is asking about the fees. Jack stated per the meeting minutes and reviewing the videos our last conversation mentioned renting out the A frame and Gazebo areas (to guarantee the spot) for a cost of \$50 for a group over 15 or more but under 50. We also stated we would suggest having a place on the website that people can donate directly to the park via online. He will report back our suggestions.

- **Motion to Adjourn by:** John Leone **Seconded by:** Ralph Alio
Passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.