

TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee

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Committee Minutes

Date: 2/16/2023- 7:00pm

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

- **Call to Order:** at 7:00 pm by Jack Madden
- **Pledge of Allegiance by:** John Leone
- **Attendance:** John Madden, Judith Brouillette, John Leone, Scott Anderson, Sarah Petkiewicz, and Erica Carreau
Excused: Ralph Alio
Unexcused: Selectman David S. Morin
- **Public Input:** None
- **Approval of minutes:** Reviewed 1/19/2022 minutes. Jack Madden stated that Erica Carreau needs to be changed to excused as she had sent an email to him prior to the meeting but he did not see it until afterwards. John Leone made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction stated regarding the attendance. Judy Brouillette seconded the motion. 4 yes/0 no/2 abstained Passed
- **Old Business:**
 - A. Jack Madden provided an update on the balance and expenditures - no change from last month.
 - B. John Leone provided an update on the picnic tables from Plastic Recycling of Iowa Falls. They are warrantied for 5 years from purchase but warrantied 50 years from rot or insect damage. The Friends of Benson's are willing to use these as their sponsorship items like they did for the benches. It would cost \$1495 and it would include a plaque that we could place in the middle of the table. Donations would be considered a tax deduction. To make it cost effective they would do 5 tables at a time. John Leone made a motion to accept replacing the picnic tables via a sponsorship of \$1495/table and plaque and ordering them in lots of 5 at a time. Judy Brouillette 2nd the motion. 6 yes/0 no Passed
 - C. Membership - 2 alternates and 1 member remain open. It was posted in the February Town Crier on page 11.
 - D. Judy Brouillette created a vacancy sign for the bulletin board at the Dog Park. The group

reviewed it and made a correction. Judy Brouillette made a motion to accept the sign to have it posted at the Dog Park. John Leone seconded the motion. 6 yes/0 no Passed

E. The Warrant Article #14 for \$10,000 was approved from the town to go on the ballot from the 2/4/2023 Deliberative Session.

F. Report on the lead paint inspection at the Train Station - Jack called various places and is currently in process waiting to hear back from a recommended vendor. More updates to come as he hears back from the companies.

G. Report on the window replacement Train Station - he spoke to the vendor Anderson Windows who handles the milled windows and we are waiting to hear back from that vendor.

H. John Leone stated they are interested in the shelving units and to have them stored at the Train Station or the Haselton Barn until they have completed their project. John will contact the DPW to coordinate.

I. Jack Madden provided Erica Carreau the flash drive to review different manufactures of the Baby Station to provide prices and report back for our next meeting.

- **New Business**

a. Mr. Madden wanted to discuss the potential fundraising needs for Benson Park to present to the Board. Some suggestions are: GoFundMe type of option, a fee for use of certain areas at the park to reserve it, Add on button to donate in the area on the Town website where you pay bills, Food Vendor event at the park (need to check the deed), and/or Calendar/Cards with pictures of the park (logistics would have to be figured out).

- **Calendar:**

a. Next Meeting scheduled for March 16, 2023 (and we will determine Clean Up dates if the weather is cooperating)

b. March 14, 2023 Town Election - Polls open at 7am and close at 8pm.

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

Scott, Judy, and Erica - they had nothing at this time.

Sarah - Asked about the trash barrels - stating many people at the park with the warmer weather. We questioned if there could be a barrel left at the entrance (easier access to reach when the weather gets worse) Also, if there are activities that could be considered for the older kids besides that playground. John mentioned that there is a walking tour that they could do on their phones for a small fee. It was suggested that all new members review the deed as there are many limitations within the deed. Jack will send it as an attachment for all to review.

John - Asked the group if they would be willing to have a storage shed to be placed on the existing pad by the elephant barn. They don't have specifics yet but they would like to get rid of the storage container in the back area and they will need something for the future. He also received a picture of Tony the gorilla and mentioned if there was a way we could incorporate the picture at the gorilla cage.

Jack - presented some pictures that he came across from Boston/Maine Historical Society. They stated we can use the pictures with proper acknowledgement. The pictures showed some crates near our Train Station with a giraffe on it.

- **Motion to Adjourn by:** John Leone **Seconded by:** Scott Anderson
Passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.