



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Benson Park Committee



John Madden, Chairman      David Morin, Selectmen Liaison

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### Committee Minutes

**Date: 05/18/2023 - 7:00pm**

**Location:** HCTV Meeting Room, 19 Kimball Hill Road, Hudson, NH 03051

- **Call to Order:** at 7:02 pm by Chair John Madden
- **Attendance:** Chairman John Madden, Sarah Petkiewicz, John Leone, and Judith Brouillette & Scott Anderson
- **Excused:** Erica Carreau & David Morin
- **Public Input:** None
- **Approval of minutes:** Postpone review of minutes until next meeting as committee stated they had not reviewed. Will review next meeting

#### Old Business:

- A. Balance and Expenditures were reviewed by Mr. Madden. Committee currently has balance of \$1,004.92. Last expenditure was lunch for \$60.62.
- B. New member Mike Catanzaro will be voted on at the next town meeting on Tuesday to join Benson Park Committee.
- C. Ms. Petkiewicz has accepted the nomination of Secretary from the last meeting. Mr. Leone made a motion to elect, and Scott seconded the motion. Passed 4/0 – Ms. Brouillette was not in attendance at this point of the meeting.
- D. Ms. Brouillette has stated that recently there was minor chalk vandalism of the mural in the gorilla cage. A local Boy Scout troop cleaned it up. She suggested that it might be a good idea to put up a sign to remind people about not using chalk in this area and that it will damage the mural. She has taken the action to draft the sign and will email her proposed wording to the team so that we can get it posted immediately.
- E. Lead inspection is still pending – Mr. Madden found a list of local lead inspectors and will follow up this month to get three quotes to review the lead paint.
- F. There has been no change to the review of the inside of the train station about its historical importance.

- G. The Hazelton Barn visit for the proposed use of storage by FoBP will take place on Saturday.
- H. Unfortunately, Mr. Madden has reported that the proposed placement of the baby changing station will not comply with ADA requirements and therefore we cannot move forward.
- I. Chairman Madden reported that the draft submission of the committee's fundraising ideas were provided to the town manager who gave it to the town attorney. The attorney felt that the deed does not prohibit food trucks; however, the committee would need state approval. The attorney stated that the donation button the town website was fine and would not need a vote. The other options would require the committee to set up an appropriate fund in which to place the revenue so that the park money could be segregated. This would allow the funds to be used by the committee without requiring a vote from the town. Chairman Madden is going to incorporate this information into the proposal and then give it to the Board of Selectman. Since the fundraising button on the website did not require town approval Ms. Brouillette made a motion to approve the fund raising button for the town website. Mr. Leone seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5 yes/0 no.
- J. Mr. Alio and Mr. Anderson met a few weeks ago to go over the responsibilities of the Landscaping Committee. Mr. Anderson reported that is a very active role that requires an individual to do regular walks in the park. Mr. Anderson stated that these physical requirements might be too much for him to handle. Mr. Alio is going to propose that someone who is able to more easily satisfy the physical requirements take on the field role, but that Mr. Anderson continues with a role of oversight for which he is highly qualified, and he will act as a liaison between this committee and the landscape committee.

### **New Business:**

- Mr. Anderson reported that the Planning Board was discussing the possibility of putting a youth center in Benson Park. The next Planning Board meeting is next Wednesday. Mr. Madden will remind the board of the restrictions of the deed.

### **Calendar**

- a. Next meeting – Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 7 pm.
- b. Volunteer Clean Up – 3rd Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 2 pm

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

- a. Mr. Anderson reminded the group that this coming Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a concert in the gazebo.
- b. Mr. Leone reminded the group that there is a Jazz Band and choir concert in June. He also suggested that the committee consider using up the remainder of the budget to purchase supplies since the budget will expire in June. Mr. Madden said that the committee should create a list of supplies that it needs. Mr. Leone inquired if the group knew who had the parking passes that the volunteers use to park at the top of the hill. Mr. Madden said he will follow up on it.
- c. Ms. Brouillette reminded people to be considerate of the Gorilla cage. She also inquired if we still needed someone do the flagstone work. Mr. Madden

responded that he had gotten a name of an individual, but if that did not work out that he would reach out to Ms. Brouillette.

- d. Ms. Petkiewicz stated that someone on the Hudson Facebook page had made negative comments regarding the dog park. Committee members responded that the park was well maintained, and they see no issues. Ms. Petkiewicz also stated that someone on Facebook had inquired if a community garden was a possibility. Mr. Madden said it was not prohibited by the deed, but it may be difficult as there is no source of water.
  - e. Mr. Anderson inquired if there were any plans to replace the footbridge. Mr. Madden responded that this was explored about two years ago, but it was cost prohibitive. We would need to get a volunteer committee to do it and raise the funds for the wood. We can keep this in mind for future projects.
- **Motion to Adjourn by:** John Leone **Second by:** Scott Anderson Passes unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.