



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Benson Park Committee



John Madden, Chairman      Dillon Dumont, Selectmen Liaison

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### Committee Minutes

**Date:** 9/21/2023 - 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, Erica Carreau, John Leone, Mike Catanzaro, Scott, Anderson, Dillon Dumont, and Judith Brouillette & Scott Anderson
- **Excused:** Sarah Petkiewicz
- **Public Input:** Sue Clement - she wanted to present to the committee a request for an allowance of a panda statue at the Amanda adopt a site location. The committee reviewed the current policy and it does violate the rules. The committee all agrees the site was done beautifully and the panda is a beautiful addition but it does violate the rules. A motion was made by John Leone and second by Scott Anderson to keep the statue until the end of October of this year and then allow it for future years for 30 days in a calendar year if the family chose to celebrate for their family member. Passed 6/0 Mr. Madden will contact the family.
- **Approval of minutes:** Reviewed minutes from 8/17/23. A motion was made to accept the minutes with the following changes: page 2 – approval of minutes needs a space between Scott and 2<sup>nd</sup>, under old business remove the 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Motion made by Judy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erica. Passed 5/0. John abstained due to being absent on this day.

#### Old Business:

- A. John Madden stated he did not have a new report on the balance and expenditures.
- B. John Madden reported that he has two contractors working on estimates. The requirements for non-residences will be easier than if it was a residence.
- C. John Madden will be meeting with the town IT director and the Finance department to discuss the Benson Park fundraising donation “button” on the payment webpage.

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- D. Scott Anderson provided an update regarding the golf cart. It was approved by the BOS. He provided some drafts of the Procedures and Liability waiver. Judy Brouillette suggested a change on the procedure to take away a number for speed limit and just write reasonable speed limits to prevent accidents. She also questioned if the town attorney reviewed the liability form and the committee was informed it was their standard form they use. Scott will make necessary changes.
- E. John Leone stated the identification of new spots in the Park for the benches is still being worked on.
- F. Jack Madden stated he would speak to the DPW regarding dropping a pile of rocks to help fill the erosion washouts in the park. It was asked for the pile to be dumped in the location so that the volunteers do not have to worry about wheel barrels and such. The Dog Park has double gates so that a truck can just back up to the location in the middle of the park. Mike Catanzaro will ask the DPW.
- G. The hand water pump that many would like back to assist with the adopt a spots can not return. Per the DPW when the water has access to people certain testing needs to be done regularly to be sure they do not get sick from it. They will not allow it to return. There was discussion to have the rain barrels moved to a different location so that they are more centrally located. Sue Clement and Scott Anderson will discuss this over the next month.
- H. Sue Clement provided some examples of the current Adopt a Spot signs. Jack Madden will follow up with the people who make them which option will be cost effective and long lasting then report back. There was some discussion on who would pay for it but we will talk more about it when we find out the final cost.
- I. Jack Madden mentioned the concern for the broken asphalt in the small Dog Park area to start having volunteers work on it. Ms. Brouillette brought up what we would do with the broken pieces. Mr. Madden will check with the DPW to see if it is left right outside the fence if they could pick it up.
- J. Potential Members – Susan Piper was only interested in volunteering to do an adopt a spot – not to apply for the committee. Mike Drago is interested in becoming part of the committee. He will be brought in front of the Board of Selectman to start the process.

### **New Business:**

- Selectman Dumont, Judy Brouillette, DPW, and the fence company all met to determine the best location for an additional exit of the Dog Park. It would be needed to assist if there is an emergency to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> exit and also to have an spot to go directly to the trails. The company is willing to donate a large portion of the gate to the Town and the balance of \$1000 would come out of the DPW budget who oversees Benson Park. It will be voted on 10/10/23 BOS meeting. The double gate will be located on the rear – left side of the dog park on the inside portion of the park.
- Judy Brouillette provided an update on sponsorship. She reviewed the cost for the various signs and it would be best to have like three levels: gold/silver/bronze, which would be linked to a certain dollar value and then each of those banners, would have all the sponsors' names on it. Then have a fourth banner that would have lesser amount of donations. Many logistics would need to be figured out before this could start.
- Volunteer clean-up day on September 16 had about 8 people show up but the weather had an impact on that day.

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### **Calendar**

- a. Next meeting – Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 7 pm.
- b. Volunteer Clean Up – 3rd Saturday, October 21st, 9 am to 2 pm

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

- a. Mr. Madden stated there was a request if we thought about starting the water around the Old Lady in the Shoe area. The committee discussed it would be too difficult between having electricity and water to be brought there and kept at a certain level.
  - b. Mr. Leone stated that Family Fun Day was moved due to the weather but overall it went very good.
  - c. Ms. Carreau stated a tree is down on the Hazelton Trail – Mike will look into it.
  - d. Ms. Brouillette mentioned that currently there is a camera facing the Dog Park and it would be great if we could get it to stream directly on the town site. It would allow people to see the number of people at the park.
- **Motion to Adjourn by:** John Leone **Second by:** Scott Anderson Passes unanimously and meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.