



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee



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Committee Minutes

Date:10/19/2023 - 7:00pm

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

- **Call to Order:** at 7:00 pm by Vice Chair Judy Brouillette
- **Attendance:** Erica Carreau, John Leone, Mike Catanzaro, Dillon Dumont, Judith Brouillette & Scott Anderson

Excused: Chairman John Madden

Unexcused: Sarah Petkiewicz

- **Public Input:** Steve Przystac asked the committee for an update on the Adopt a Spot signs. He was informed that Chairman Madden was out sick this evening and he was the individual looking into the pricing. We do not have an answer for this meeting.

Phyllis Appler from the GFWC Hudson Women's Club asked if the committee would grandfather their new toolbox to be allowed on their site. She provided some history that their group was asked by the previous committee to create the Butterfly Garden and they need these tools to keep the garden maintained. The previous box was falling apart due to age. The committee stated they did not need to vote on anything as nothing different was being done. The toolbox is the same approximate dimensions; therefore, no vote is needed.

Sue Clement provided some updates. The piping for the water storage tanks is working for people to use for their Adopt a Spots. She also mentioned the volunteers who wanted to paint the Old Lady Shoe have started painting it. She also thanked Mike for having the additional bark mulch delivered. Sue found out that there is no electricity at the sites. Lastly, they are discussing to have maybe rocks around the Shoe to help protect it from the rain splashes from deteriorating it.

- **Approval of minutes:** Reviewed minutes from 9/21/23. A motion was made to accept the minutes from John Leone and 2nd Motion made by Scott Anderson. Passed 5/0.

Old Business:

- A. Balance and Expenditures – pended until the next meeting.
- B. Train Station update – pended until the next meeting.
- C. Report on the meeting with the town IT Director/Finance Director. Selectman Dumont stated he believed the meeting took place but not sure of the outcome. We will wait for an update from Chair Madden next month.
- D. Update on the golf cart from Scott Anderson. He provided the updated procedures. John Leone made a suggestion to add an effective date to help manage dates that it was last updated. He made a motion to accept the procedure with the added change. Judy Brouillette 2nd the motion. Passed 5/0
- E. Identification of new spots for additional benches. It was discussed that a small group would meet together in order to identify the new locations. The meeting was scheduled for October 21st and we can provide an update at the next meeting.
- F. Erosion washouts in the Dog Park update was provided by Judy Brouillette. The pile of millwork was delivered but not in a convenient area. Judy asked for volunteers to help on social media. Nathan Muir came with some equipment and was able to fill the worst trenches and some individuals have worked on it individually. The goal is to have people try to finish it at the next volunteer day to get the pile completed before the winter.
- G. Standardization of Adopt-a-Spot signs – pended until the next meeting.
- H. Removal of asphalt in small dog park – pended until the next meeting.
- I. Potential member – Mike Drago – nothing has been brought to the BOS meeting on this candidate.
- J. Alternative Dog Park entrance – Dillon stated he spoke to the DPW/Jay and they will be coordinating with the Gate City Fence Company.
- K. Dog Park Sponsorship – Judy stated she would like to suspend this item until we find out more if the donation button has been resolved.

New Business:

- It was discussed to postpone the Volunteer Clean Up Day as 10/21 is predicted to be a rain day. John Leone made a motion change the Volunteer Clean Up Day to be 10/28/23 and have a rain date of 11/4. Erica Carreau 2nd the motion. Passed 5/0.

Calendar

- a. Next meeting – Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7 pm.
- b. Volunteer Clean Up – October 28th, 9 am to 2 pm - rain date
November 4, 2023

Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members: None

- **Motion to Adjourn by:** Scott Anderson **Second by:** Erica Carreau Passes unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.