



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee



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Committee Minutes

Date:2/15/2024 - 7:00pm

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

- **Call to Order:** at 7:03 pm by Chairman John Madden
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Erica Carreau
- **Attendance:** Chairman John Madden, Vice Chair Judith Brouillette, Mike Catanzaro, Erica Carreau, Dillon Dumont, & Scott Anderson
Excused: Sarah Petkiewicz and John Leone
- **Public Input:**
Nathan Muir was in attendance. His application was reviewed by the BOS but they will have their decision at their next meeting.
- **Approval of minutes:** Reviewed minutes from 1/18/24. A motion was made to accept the minutes from Erica Carreau, 2nd Motion made by Scott Anderson. Passed 5/0.

Old Business:

- A. Balance and Expenditures – \$192.56 has been spent to date – no expenses in January 2024. Capital Reserve Fund will have a \$10,000 request on the ballot as Warrant Article 18 to help replenish those funds.
- B. Train Station update – Three companies have expressed interest. American Services of New England was approved by the BOS to complete the lead testing and they were asked to also complete a mold and moisture assessment as well. They should have this done by March or April.
- C. The BOS 2/27 meeting will review the Proposed Actions to create the “Benson Park Donation Account” at their next meeting. They will determine what would be needed for the next steps and it will come back to the committee after this review.
- D. Update on the golf cart from Scott Anderson. The Town Attorney revised the procedure and liability forms and sent it back to the committee to review. Mr. Anderson

stated in his opinion it keeps all of the committees input. The committee reviewed and voted on the approval. Approved 5/0 Passed

E. Adopt a Spot Signs – The signs have been completed by Glen Della-Monica. They need to be painted. Ms. Brouillette will work on them hopefully over the next month or at least by the time that we have the first volunteer day in order to have them placed in the areas.

F. Nathan Muir was interviewed by the BOS on 2/13/24 – we should know their decision by the next BOS meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Bill Collins from the Hudson Conservation Commission provided the new GPS based map of Benson Park trails. Mr. Madden stated they needed to add in the lakes, ponds, Haselton Barn, and fix the animal blind. The members should look at the downloadable app to view and see if they notice anything else.
- Integra Biosciences of Hudson has 20 to 40 staff members on April 23rd to come and work on various tasks at Benson Park. The committee members will come up with a list and Mr. Madden will get back to the company.
- The committee will be working on creating a list of items to complete for this upcoming clean up season.
- In the Dog Park the storage box lid was broken. Mr. Catanzaro stated he would come over to look at it to see if he could fix it.
- Tree removal near the gazebo/pond will be taking place within the next week or two. An outside company will be working with the DPW and the gates will be locked when this takes place.
- A group needs to set up a date to look at the Park with the landscape committee to do a walk through.

Calendar

- Next meeting – Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 7 pm.
- Town Meeting – Tuesday, March 12, 2024 to discuss the Warrant Acticle#18 for the addition of \$10,000 to Benson Park Capital Reserve Fund
- First 2024 Volunteer Clean Up Day is Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 9am to 2pm.

Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members:

Mr. Dumont – He stated this coming March is an election and wanted to state he appreciates what the committee and the volunteers do,

The rest of the committee did not have anything to share.

- **Motion to Adjourn by:** Ms. Carreau **Second by:** Mr. Anderson Passes unanimously 5/0 and meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.