



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee



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Committee Minutes

Date: 4/18/2024 - 7:00pm

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

- **Call to Order:** at 7:01 pm by Chairman John Madden
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Mike Catanzaro
- **Attendance:** Chairman John Madden, Sarah Petkiewicz, Erica Carreau, Mike Catanzaro & Nathan Muir
- **Excused:** Vice Chair Judith Brouillette and Scott Anderson (deceased)
- **Unexcused:** Dillon Dumont
- **Public Input:** Sue Clement, the Adopt of Adopt Coordinator, shared with the group that at the Friends of Benson breakfast they received a lot of sign ups for volunteers and also Adopt a Spot. Sue also brought up the question about having a camera on the Old Lady and Shoe as there was recent vandalism at the site. The group stated they would consider it. In terms of the damage done, Jay at DPW said he would repair the glass. Sue also suggested that perhaps when we replace the door that we consider replacing it with something that could open so that we could do photographs there with children occasionally as a benefit.
- **Approval of minutes:** February 15th minutes – Mr. Muir made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Ms. Carreau. Minutes approved with 4 yes, 1 abstain (Ms. Petkiewicz). March 21st minutes – Ms. Petkiewicz made the motion to approve, Mr. Catanzaro seconded the motion. Minutes approved 4 yes and 1 abstain (Ms. Carreau).

Old Business:

- A. Balance and Expenditures – Current balance \$828.44 – there was reimbursement for lamination of the parking signs. Ms. Brouillette will be submitting reimbursement for the paint for the signs.
- B. Reports on Lead Paint and Mold & Moisture Inspection – the inspection took place on March 28th by AETS of New England. They provided us with a lengthy assessment of the lead and moisture in the building. The freight room in the train station did not contain any lead, however lead was present in the paneling of the original wall. The wall will need to be removed by an abatement firm. There are also issues with moisture. Mr. Madden will share reports with the group. It would be a good idea to have the same individual do the moisture and the lead. The cost was \$2,475 and this has been charged to the capital fund.
- C. Golf Cart Use Procedures and New Liability Form – Jay at the DPW confirmed that we have found a key that will start the golf cart. Mr. Catanzaro will work on scheduling the training for the group now that the key has been located.
- D. Painting of the Adopt a Spot Signs – Ms. Brouillette completed the painting of the Adopt a Spot signs and they look amazing. Glenn at the VFW did the signs at Make It Labs and Ms. Brouillette painted them.
- E. Review of GPS-based map of Benson Park trails – The maps still need to be updated and Mr. Madden will follow up. He shared with the group that the software for the maps would update when individuals are on the trails.
- F. Integra Biosciences – The Hudson volunteer (20-40 staff members) will be coming to the park on Tuesday – they have requested a list of items to work on when they volunteer. Sue suggested doing the walkways and stated that she could be there to assist on the volunteer day.
- G. Date of Landscape Committee to conduct a walk-through in Benson Park – Mr. Madden suggested that we schedule the walk through after the first clean up, this Saturday, April 20th. The group agreed that would make the most sense.
- H. Develop a list of clean up tasks and potential capital projects –Mr. Madden shared that Dick and Joe are going to take care of the small dog park with the broken up asphalt. The group suggested that maybe the volunteers could help remove the barrels and empty them into the dumpster. Sue suggested that we post at the dog park to ask people for help with the park. Mr. Madden suggested that the paths are overgrown and we could cut it back to make it easier to pass. It was suggested that a rototiller would be the best tool for this and that perhaps it could be rented. Mr. Muir stated he would be happy to assist as he has used rototillers previously. Sue mentioned that there are paths on the trail where individuals have made walls for fallen trees that are 4-5 feet high and there is a concern about safety if the pile falls over. These are apparently used for geocaching and there is more than one. The group determined that we would need to disassemble the piles.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Department of Historic Resources – Mr. Madden stated that we will contact them after the mold and moisture removal has taken place.
- b) Gary Williams is a retired resident who wants to help with the dog park issues. His old company that has offered to let us borrow equipment and remove the asphalt in the small

dog park. Mr. Madden will reach out to him and find out what he would be willing to assist with.

- c) Issue Benson Park permits to volunteers needing them – passes are still available for volunteers who may need them.

Calendar

- Next meeting – Thursday, May 16th at 7pm.
- First Volunteer Clean-up Day – 9am – 2pm Saturday April 20th
- Day after Earth Day – Integra Biosciences – Hudson volunteer (20-40 staff member) on 2/23

Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members:

Mr. Muir – I will look into the cost of renting a rototiller.

Ms. Petkiewicz – nothing

Mr. Muir – If there are any parents watching – please remember that your honor society students can volunteer to clean up the park and this will count towards their volunteer hours.

Mr. Carreau – We are all sending our condolences to Mr. Anderson’s family.

Mr. Catanzaro – Nothing

Ms. Clement – I will work with the appropriate person to update the website.

- **Motion to Adjourn by:** Ms. Carreau **Second by:** Mr. Muir 2nd the motion.
Passes unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.