



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee



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Committee Minutes

Date:01/16/2025- 7:00pm

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

- **Call to Order:** at 7:01 pm by Vice-Chair Judy Brouillette
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Sue Clement
- **Attendance:** Judith Brouillette, Sarah Petkiewicz Kara Roy, Nate Muir, and Sue Clement
- **Unexcused:**
Excused: Gary Williams and Jack Madden Jakob Beauchemin
- **Public Input:**
No
- **Approval of minutes:**
December 19, 2024 – Ms. Clement made a motion to approve, Mr. Muir seconded motion. Three voted in favor, but Ms. Petkiewicz had to abstain as she wasn't present for the December meeting. The minutes will need to be reviewed again at the next meeting when more members are present to obtain a quorum.

Old Business:

- A. Balance and Expenditures – \$783.94 is the ending balance. (\$183.94 in expenses were submitted in December)
- B. Dog Park/Drainage update - Ms. Brouillette shared that the work has not yet been done. Jay from DPW was going to do it on warm days, but they haven't had a chance. At this point it will need to be done in the spring.
- C. Lead Paint/Mold & Moisture Inspection – On hold.

- D. Report from Natalie Newell from the FoB – There are 6 new park benches available for purchase in the park and there are at least 4 people who are interested in purchasing a bench. If anyone is interested in purchasing a bench they can email info@friendsofbenson.org. The cost is \$1100 for the bench assembly, placement and plaque. People will purchase a bench to honor a loved one or even a dog. The picnic tables are made by the same company who makes the recycled material benches. There is one person who wants to do a bench and table. The picnic tables cost \$1895 because they are coming from Iowa. We are going to order one 6-foot table and one smaller table to go near the playground. Ms. Brouillette suggested that perhaps we could ask Alvirne to make the table picnic tables because it might be less expensive, but we would need to have a bigger order for them in order for it be worth it. The Friends of Benson board will need to decide if that is something they want to do. Natalie also mentioned that the FoB has teamed up with Hudson Hannaford and if you buy Bloomin' for Cause bouquet then \$1 will be to FoB during the month of January.
- E. Golf Cart – The DPW has looked at the golf cart and it needs an expensive battery and therefore they will dispose of it because it is not worth the cost to get the battery. It still needs to be removed from the park as it is currently still at the park. DPW will come to remove it and also will hopefully review the state of other tools that the park uses to maintain the premises.
- F. Bridge Signage Request – Request made by Alec Yoksh and Dillon Dumont is tabled at this time pending a response from the requestor.
- G. Memorial Tree – we are waiting until the spring to know what area the tree should be planted. It also needs to be ordered in advance – maybe in March so that it can be planted in April.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Eagle Scout – there a 14 year old Eagle scout in the community who loves animals and is interested in helping fix up the agility items in the dog park. Ms. Brouillette will meet with him to discuss what he wants to do. We will look into if the town will need to approve it. Right now this is just a general conversation to gather information – once we have more information the Eagle Scout will come and present what he wants to do to the committee.
2. Camera in the dog park – recently a dog in the park was attacked by another dog. People at the park said they would love to have a camera there. Ms. Brouillette is working with DPW. It would need to be purchased completely by donated funds – not tax payer dollars. It would be battery operated.
3. Dog Park Damage – The agility ramp is definitely weathered and needs to be repaired. Ms. Brouillette posted it on Facebook and had some interested individuals reach out. An individual in the Hudson community is going to remove it from the park and take it home and repair it.
4. Wooden Fences – Ms. Clement brought up that there are some wooden fences in the park that need to be repaired. Right now people are walking through individuals' Adopt A Spot Spaces. She suggested that we consider Stay on the Trail signs in Adopt a Spot areas. This would be a good project for the spring. There is also a chain link fence in the park that DPW will be notified needs repairing and they will fix.

Calendar

- Next Committee Meeting – Thursday, February 20, 2025
- Volunteer Clean-Up Day – Ended until spring – please contact the committee if you are interested in doing a project in the off-season – we still have projects to complete.

Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members:

- Ms. Clement – The Girls Scouts are interested in doing a project in the spring
 - Ms. Petkiewicz – None
 - Mr. Muir – None
 - Ms. Roy – None
 - Ms. Brouillette - None
- **Motion to Adjourn by:** Ms. Clement **Second by:** Mr. Muir seconded the motion. Passes unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.