



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Advisory Committee

12 School Street.

Hudson, New Hampshire 03051

Benson Park Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 19, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: HGTV Studio

1. Call to Order:

2. Pledge of allegiance:

3. Attendance:

Present - Susan Clement, Jake Beauchemin, Nathan Muir, Matthew Pelletier, Harry Schibanoff, Evan Maloney, Ellen Griffin and Heidi Jakoby (BOS Liaison)

Absent - Jack Madden excused absence

4. Public Input:

- a. Mark Samsel Windam Rail Trail, Alliance Wagon Donation was not able to attend.
- b. Michael Seckla presented a request to allow the Hudson Memorial School Band to perform an end of year concert in recognition of the 100th Anniversary on Tuesday, June 9. Tentative time is 1:00 pm.
- c. Michael Seckla also spoke on behalf of Yankee Brass which is a non-profit dedicated to preserving the musical heritage of the US requesting permission to perform a concert on July 23 or July 24. After discussions Michael will be working with Natalie and the Friends of Benson Park on this.
- d. Roger Pellerin of Gate City Monument shared information about the 3 posts for the plaques with historical information to be placed in front of or adjacent to some of the buildings. A motion was made by Matt and seconded by Jake to move this forward to the BOS for approval. Six members in favor, zero opposed.

5. Approval of Minutes: Meeting Minutes for February 19, 2026

A motion was made by Susan and seconded by Nate to accept the minutes as written. Six members in favor, zero opposed.

6. Old Business:

- a. Balance and Expenditures- March 2026, 1,100.00 Balance. The Benson Park Capital Reserve Fund Ballance is \$120,660.66 as of 2/3/2026
- b. Update on warrant article # 14 “Revise the Benson Land Capital Reserve Fund” Passed!
- c. Update on our response to DHR review of Lead Paint and Mold Moisture removal
- d. Review of proposed Charter of the Benson Park Advisory Committee. Heidi suggested that the Charter of the Sustainability Advisory Committee be reviewed for alignment. Jake with do this and then send to the Committee for review. A new section will be added for Budget and one for Activities and Programs.
- e. Update on Historical Building Post Markers for Hazelton Barn, Office/Kitchen and Train Station. Donation from Roger Pellerin Gate City Monument Co.; forwarded to BOS and DPW for approval to install.
- f. Update on Lions Pride restoration Project – Hudson Lions Club donation and possible donation of repair by Erickson Foundation and Solutions Clement Road, Hudson.
- g. Reopening of Friends of Hudson Dog Park. The dog park reopened on March 11th. The Friends of Hudson Dog Park will lease and maintain the park. It was suggested that clean up days be coordinated.

7. New Business:

- a. Donation of B&M Freight Wagon to possibly be placed in the Train station museum from Windham rail trail alliance. Pictures were shared of the freight wagon and discussion around storage of the wagon occurred. The wagon is a Luggage Cart from the 1800’s. It was restored as an Eagle Scout project.
- b. Approval for expenditure to purchase 2 vinal signs to be placed at the two park entrance gates. The signs will have Volunteer Pick up dates listed and a QR code to scan to sign up.

A motion was made by Jan and seconded by Matt to agree to move forward with a request to the BOS to spend \$173.40 for the signs. Six members in favor, zero opposed.

c.

8. Calendar:

- a. Benson Park Advisory Meeting Thursday, April 16, 2026
- b. Volunteer Clean up Saturday, April 18, 2026, 9am-2pm lunch provided at 12:00 pm
Friends of Benson Park Volunteer Meet & Greet 9:00 at the Elephant Barn.
- c. Pelham High School Band Cage Concert 32 students Tuesday April 14, 2026, start time 6:30 pm at the lion cage Red Barn/Store. Bring a chair. Rain dates the following Tuesday, April 21, 2026, same start time.

9. Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members

Natalie from Friends of Benson Park shared the following:

- a. Volunteer Meet & Greet 9:00 at Elephant Barn on Saturday, April 18 at 9:00 am.
- b. The gift shop in the Elephant Barn will be open on Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 – 4:00. The store is staffed by volunteers. Volunteers work two-hour shifts. More information at friendsofbensonpark.org
- c. HCTV is coordinating a documentary for 100 years at Benson. The documentary will be a combination of interviews. Potentially there will be a Gala for the premiere of the documentary.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Nate and seconded by Ellen to adjourn at 8:54 pm.