



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Benson Park Committee



Judy Brouillette, Vice Chair Kara Roy, Selectmen Liaison

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### Committee Minutes

**Date:**12/19/2024- 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 Nathan Muir
- **Attendance:** Jack Madden, Judith Brouillette, Kara Roy, Nate Muir, Jakob Beauchemin, and Sue Clement
- **Unexcused:**  
**Excused:** Gary Williams and Sarah Petkiewicz
- **Public Input:**  
We introduced Jakob Beauchemin during public input as a possible new member as he introduced himself and how he met with the BOS at their last meeting. Kara Roy mentioned that he was voted in. We welcomed him official to the committee.
- **Approval of minutes:**  
November 21, 2024 -Mr. Muir makes motion to approve with changes (“Quinno” in public input section), Ms. Clement seconds motion, 4/0 passes - 1 sustains as he was not there for the meeting

#### Old Business:

- A. Balance and Expenditures – was unable to obtain new sheet prior to the meeting - will provide an update at the next meeting.
- B. Dog Park/Drainage update - Ms. Brouillette spoke to Jay from the DPW and the hope was to address this issue prior to the ground freezing. She will follow up with him on the status of that work.

- C. Lead Paint/Mold & Moisture Inspection - Mr. Madden stated this is still on hold but he will reread the information to start working on it.
- D. Report from Natalie Newell from the FoB - they did not have a December meeting to provide an update from their committee. However, they did complete ordering items for Benson Park to be able to be used on clean up days and such. All items have been purchased. She also was able to get a price on a recycled picnic tables and update on the park benches. New price for the benches is \$1100 for new park benches in the dog park. They will need help assembling them and placing them in the spring. The picnic tables would cost approximately \$1895 for a 6 food table or a Little Betsy table 4 feet for \$650. Mr. Williams reached out to Ms. Brouillette to let us know he spoke to Alvirne High School Construction and Welding departments and they would be willing to do the work if we purchased the material. This is something to consider if we start having a need. Natalie will send me the spec's to send to the committee. Lastly, Judy V. who wanted to purchase a bench within the park and have it placed next to a deceased family member was informed that it would not be possible but of two other options - a new plate added to the existing one or a possible picnic table. She is still thinking about it.
- E. Update from DPW: The lions that were located at a home in Hudson have been moved from their home to the Park in our storage. They have returned "home" and will be looked at about being restored as there has been much deterioration over the years of being outside. The Golf Cart has been returned so Ms. Brouillette will follow up with him - as we are assuming it is working now. The DPW has removed the items that needed to be trashed per Mr. Muir who was there previously. Lastly, a memorial tree request. Jay would like it to be determined where they want it and they would need the money sent in. Ms. Brouillette asked Ms. Clement to work with the family who is interested.
- F. Donation of \$3000 from the FoB. The majority of the items have been approved by the town. We have two additional items a tiller and painting supplies that the Board of Selectman will still need to approve at their January 14th meeting.
- G. Carolyn from Liberty is going to come to the park to do some work. She was hoping to do it this year - she will be reaching out to me when she has the date. Not sure if it will happen this year. She was provided a job in the dog park to take the rocks off the grass by using metal rakes.
- H. Update on the signage for the Bridge from Mr. Dumont. He spoke to the family and he is waiting to hear back from them.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Donation of \$5000 - Mr. Madden is donating this amount that he received from an inheritance of a family member for the rehabilitation for in the train building.
2. Annual Report – Ms. Brouillette provided a typed draft of the annual report. The group discussed certain items and made some edits and additions. Ms. Brouillette will provide it to the town for submission to the Board of Selectman.

## **Calendar**

- Next Committee Meeting – Thursday, January 16, 2005
- Volunteer Clean-Up Day – Ended until spring

### **Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members:**

- Mr. Madden - thanked everyone for helping when he has been out due to illnesses.
  - Mr. Beauchemin - thanked everyone for this opportunity to work on this committee.
  - Ms. Roy - she is happy to see all the work to this park and how beautiful. She also wishes everyone to have a happy new year.
  - Ms. Clement - she wanted to thank all the volunteers and new people and new things moving forward in the park. Hoping we will have even more new people.
  - Ms. Newell - The Friends of Benson thanked everyone and stated they couldn't do it without the help of all the volunteers. She also mentioned that the Museum and Discovery Center always could use help if anyone is interested.
  - Ms. Brouillette - The garbage barrels for the dog park will continue during the winter. I wanted to thank everyone and all the volunteers for all their hard work. She also stated she wished them a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.
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- **Motion to Adjourn by:** Mr. Muir **Second by:** Mr. Beauchemin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passes unanimously and meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.