



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee

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Benson Park Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2014

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Benson Park Committee was called to order by Chair H. Schibanoff at 7:05 pm, March 6, 2014, Board of Selectmen Meeting Room, Town Hall. J. Leone led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

2. Attendance:

R. Alio, Vice Chair, J. Barnes, late, A. Desrosiers, D. Empey, John Leone, P. Nichols
Alternates: D. Briand, (Alternate will vote for absent member this evening)
Excused: K. Bowen, Selectman Liaison B. Nadeau, S. Jasper,

3. Public Input

None

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of February 6, 2014
(At a later date)

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

A. Report of Planning Sub-Committee

Chair H. Schibanoff sent the report to all members. There were a few large expenditures:

- **Shoe Repair** \$ 4,000 Est.
 - Prepare RFP for replacement of cedar shingle roof
 - Replace & repair as necessary front shingles
 - Reframe and construct new door with locking knob & dead bolt
 - Repair rotted wood under shingles
- **Mulch**
 - 2 Truckloads for mulch beds throughout the park
- **Process Gravel** \$ 400
 - 2 Truckloads for trail maintenance
- **Kitchen Door** \$ 150
 - Materials to build wider door to replace existing door to allow tractor with mower deck installed to pass through
- **Gate** \$ 400
 - Install Gate to access sewer easement by Nakura Lake

- **Soil Enhancements** \$ 1,450
 - For trees, shrubs and lawns
- **Red Barn Hill** \$ 6,000
 - Remove fence at bottom of hill
 - Remove brush and old cement
 - Re-grade
 - Loam & seed
 - (Highway Department Project)
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Discussion on all projects and funds listed above were discussed in detail.

Decision on Shoe Repair Project was to check with the Building Committee to prepare an RFP.

D. Empey made a motion to look into RFP for Shoe repair.

J. Leone second the motion

All in favor – Motion Carried

Decision on Mulch

P. Nichols made a motion to purchase 2 truckloads of Mulch for Park

J. Leone second the motion

All in favor – Motion Carried

Decision on Process Gravel

D. Empey made a motion to purchase 2 truckloads of Gravel for Park

P. Nichols second the motion

All in favor – Motion Carried

Decision on Kitchen Door

P. Nichols made a motion to purchase materials to replace door

Vice Chair J. Barnes second the motion

All in favor – Motion Carried

Decision on Gate

J. Leone made a motion to install gate to access sewer easement

P. Nichols second the motion

All in favor – Motion Carried

Decision on Soil Enhancements

D. Empey made a motion to purchase soil enhancements for trees, shrubs and lawns

D. Briand second the motion

All in favor – Motion Carried

Decision on Red Barn Hill

D. Empey made a motion to remove fence at bottom of hill, remove brush, etc., re-grade, loam and seed

Vice Chair J. Barnes second the motion

All in favor – Motion Carried (Highway Dept. Project)

J. Leone mentioned new door at Gorilla House but D. Empey said it was something that could be put off until next year do to accessibility and no electricity at this time.

B. Donation of Gazebo

A donation of a Gazebo was offered to the committee and a discussion followed as to an area in the park where this could be placed. It is in really good condition and D. Empey would like to see this. If it is acceptable then the consensus is to accept.

C. Alliance for Community Trees – TD Bank

Chair H. Schibanoff received information that a Grant with \$12,100 to plant 20 trees in our park. This could be approved by October in a low to moderate income community.

P. Nichols made a motion to pursue this Grant

A. Desrosiers second the motion

All in favor – Motion Carried

7. Other Business

A. Liability Waiver

Chair H. Schibanoff stated that the Liability Waiver would have to be updated for the coming season. K. Bowen is in charge of this.

B. Subcommittee Documentation

Chair H. Schibanoff said that all subcommittees should be documented due to all the changes that have been made with membership.

C. Volunteer and Clean-up Days

First Clean-up day for volunteers at park will be April 5, 2014, 9am – 2pm, Weather permitting.

8. Remarks by Committee Members

A. Desrosiers said that Mal's Pal's held their annual Cardboard Sled Race at the park and with money raised hope to start the Amphitheater this year. She thanked all who came to watch and the creative sleds that raced were amazing.

D. Empey said that at the last meeting the Development behind the park was in violation of our agreement of untouched buffer zone. This will be addressed and updated to solve the problem. The animal control officer want to put a trash barrel near post one due to dog waste. The animal control officer said they would take care of this.

J. Leone said that The Friends of Benson Park was hosting a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at the Community Center from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm, Tickets can be purchased at the door or at a table on Voting Day.

D. Briand had bad news to report. At the last meeting of the Dog Park Committee they voted to disband. They will close the 501-c3 due to lack of interest and volunteerism. The dog committee will put their park in the hands of the Benson Park Committee. Questions from the Benson Park Committee followed. Vice Chair J. Barnes suggested that this should be discussed with our Liaison and put on our next agenda.

Adjournment 8:16 pm

P. Nichols made a Motion to Adjourn

Vice Chair J. Barnes Second the Motion

All in favor-Motion Carries