



**TOWN OF HUDSON
PARK COMMISSION**
Division of Recreation
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**COMMISSION MEETING – MINUTES
January 20, 2021
Via REMOTE ZOOM at 7:15pm**

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Hudson Park Commission meeting will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found below. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Town of Hudson website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

***The Hudson Park Commission meeting will be held via a Zoom Meeting (Internet)
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Time: Jan 20, 2021 07:15 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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1. Call Meeting to Order

A. Mr. Roan called the meeting to order at 7:16pm.

Mr. Roan requested that Mr. Santos read a statement regarding Zoom virtual meetings and Governor Baker's statement on the Covid-19 virus & Open Meeting Law. Immediately following, Mr. Roan took attendance via role call. Members present were Mr. Roan, Mr. Bowen and Mr. Chaves. Also present: Mr. Santos and Mr. Aponte

2. Minutes to Approve:

A. Public Session – December 30, 2020

Mr. Bowen motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 3 – 0, in favor

3. Citizens Issues / Special Interest Groups:

A. None

4. Personnel:

A. None

Director's Report:

A. None

6. New Business:

A. Park Commission to consider Hudson Youth Dek Hockey request to remove, relocate and replace the scoreboard at Warren Chamberlain Recreation Site

Mr. Porter, Treasurer for Hudson Youth Dek Hockey was present and provided a brief overview of the project which involved removal of existing scoreboard and the relocation/installation of a new scoreboard; all to be paid for by the Hudson Youth Dek Hockey program.

Mr. Roan stated that he had reviewed the proposal and did not have any concerns. Mr. Bowen and Mr. Chaves both stated that they did not have any concerns at the time. Mr. Roan asked Mr. Santos to provide input. Mr. Santos stated the he too supported the project, as it would not conflict with any short-term or long-term facility improvements or upgrades. Stating further that projects such as these which are funded by the local non-profits who utilize town facilities to provide programs to those in Hudson, have been approved in the past and provide the types of improvements that the Recreation Department budget cannot usually support. Mr. Santos went on to say that he would fully support this project subject the following conditions:

- Whoever is digging holes for new posts must call DigSafe prior to doing so

- DPW Director must review project to 1) provide input/verify that no underground utilities are in area of work and 2) approve of this project overall as technically it's a DPW property

- Inspections Department must review the project and can then provide a list of any permits that may be required. At a minimum, an electrical permit will need to be secured

- Certificates of Insurance will need to be provided to Town of Hudson (Hudson Recreation) by all those performing work and COI must name "Town of Hudson as Additionally Insured"

- Scoreboard color is slated to be Maroon, per Mr. Porter's suggestion at the meeting

Mr. Roan motioned to approve the proposed project and improvements subject to the conditions identified by Mr. Santos, seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 3 – 0, in favor

7. Old Business:

A. Park Commission to meet with Pam Helinek, Conservation Agent/Acting Asst Director of Planning and Community Development to discuss the Riverwalk Project improvements within Skate Park and Cellucci Park

Mr. Santos stated that he had invited Ms. Helinek back before the Park Commission, so that the Park Commission could review some design changes that that Recreation Staff had proposed to Ms. Helinek relative the Riverwalk Project. Mr. Santos stated that any design changes would need to be incorporated into the plans immediately as the timing from when the grant may be awarded and when the project needs to be completed is extremely short. Stating further that, that should the Town be awarded the grant, the project would need for go out to bid, have a contractor selected and approved by BOS, and have construction completed by the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Helinek added, correcting Mr. Santos, that the construction would have to be completed by May 31, 2021.

Mr. Santos then presented the following changes to the Park Commission...

- 1) Remove the walkway going from Cellucci Parking lot directly to the footbridge between Cellucci Park and the Skate Park. Reason: It will be a potential area of concerns for parkgoers with young children as those on bikes, skateboard, scooters, etc would most likely use this path as a cut thru. As designed it bisects the center of Cellucci Park lawn, where many smaller children play and families gather, especially during the summer months.
- 2) Remove small walkway leading from existing sidewalk at pumphouse to the playground area. Reason: Currently the playground is not ADA accessible/compliant. When the playground is upgraded in the future to improve ADA accessibility, its location may shift and the walkway may no be required as currently shown on the plans.
- 3) Extend ADA accessible picnic pad to allow for more tables/seating and provide a central location within park for parkgoers to enjoy.
- 4) Adjust fencing shown on plans at the Cellucci Park to more appropriately meet facility needs

Ms. Helinek stated that Mr. Santos had reviewed the changes he and his staff hoped to make with her prior to the meeting and she felt that the changes would not negatively impact the overall Riverwalk project goals and objectives.

Mr. Santos stated that he would also be seeking input from BSC Group who completed the original Riverwalk Project design to ensure the changes he was proposing were appropriate and met all current ADA guidelines.

Discussion followed and all commissioners stated that they supported the changes to the Riverwalk project plans, the Recreation Department Staff had suggested.

B. Centennial Beach Renovation Project Update

Mr. Santos stated that the project was moving along as planned. Foundations for both buildings were now in and that he was currently seeking a plumber to complete the subgrade piping at the buildings, which has been proving somewhat difficult. Mr. Santos encouraged the commissioners to schedule a site visit with him in the near future to see the progress that has been made.

8. Communications and/or Correspondence to be noted by Commissioners:

A. Mr. Roan stated that some residents had reached out to him recently regarding the Beach Renovation Project to find out if there would be any donation programs made available as a means of offsetting project costs. Mr. Roan stated specifically that they had expressed interest in both bricks and benches. Mr. Santos stated that while there were no current programs in place, he would be happy to look into a bench donation program as the site work currently includes spots for three benches at the beach. Mr. Santos went on to say that he and Mr. Aponte, have been working with Ms. Kali Coughlan of the Hudson Board of Health-Mass in Motion Program to add more benches along the Assabet River Rail Trail and he had planned on making a presentation to the Park Commission in the coming months. Mr. Santos stated he would draft a Bench Donation Program for the beach and would bring it before the Park Commission for review in the coming months, as well. Mr. Chaves stated that the donation program should offer varied levels of support or contributions so that there is greater opportunity to get more community members involved.

9. Announcements/Adjournment

Mr. Bowen requested that the next meeting start at 8:15pm.

Mr. Roan motioned to adjourn at 8:13pm, seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 3 - 0, in favor

Motion to Approve: Mr. Bowen
Second: Mr. Chaves
Vote: 2 – 0, in favor
Date: February 10, 2021