



**TOWN OF HUDSON  
PARK COMMISSION**  
Division of Recreation  
Town Hall  
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**PARK COMMISSION MEETING – MINUTES  
September 22, 2021  
Via REMOTE ZOOM at 7:00pm**

*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.*

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*Topic: Park Commission Meeting  
Time: Sep 22, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)*

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### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

Mr. Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Members present were Mr. Bowen and Mr. Chaves. Also present: Mr. Santos.

Mr. Bowen dispensed with the reading of the statement regarding Zoom virtual meetings and Governor Baker's statement on the Covid-19 virus & Open Meeting Law, as all those present were familiar with the statement, the meeting procedures and no one other than those listed above were present.

### **2. Minutes to Approve:**

A. Public Session – August 19, 2021

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

Vote: 2 – 0, in favor

### **3. Citizens Issues / Special Interest Groups:**

A. None

### **4. Personnel:**

A. None

### **5. Director's Report:**

A. None

### **6. New Business:**

A. Preliminary FY23 Budget Discussions

Mr. Santos informed the Commission that the FY23 budget directive/guidance from the EA's office had not yet been issued but would be forthcoming by no later than October 12, 2021. Stating further that he had already begun preliminary budget planning. Mr. Santos then reviewed a list of existing and potential future projects that the Recreation Admin staff had recently organized. In conclusion, Mr. Santos stated that he was evaluating all currently unfunded projects to determine which projects if any, could be funded with the town's ARPA funds.

B. RECTober Fest (formerly Pumpkin Fest) Discussion

Mr. Santos stated that the event was moved from October 2<sup>nd</sup> to October 16<sup>th</sup> and that the event hours would remain the same, 12noon to 5pm. He also informed the Park Commission that there would be no fireworks display as the timing of the event would not allow for it and more importantly that cost had increased from \$3750.000 to \$6700.00.

Mr. Chaves asked if private business were allowed to participate in the event or if it was restricted as in years past to non-profits only. Mr. Santos replied that at this time, he had hoped to keep with the longstanding practice of non-profits only but would consider private business if there was not enough interest from non-profits.

Mr. Chaves asked that the staff continue to consider integrating a farmers market or other typical fall themed events and/or programs into the fest.

### **7. Old Business:**

A. Playground Improvement Project Status Update

Mr. Santos stated that he and his staff were working to close out this project with some improvements to both Riverside and Wood Park playgrounds.

B. Centennial Beach Renovation Project Status Update

Mr. Santos informed the Commissioners that Cataldo, the project contractor, would be onsite in October to complete all punch list items and perform some additional work to remediate the erosion issues currently present.

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

A. None

**9. Announcements/Adjournment**

A. Mr. Santos confirmed that the commissioners had received the email communications and Memo sent to the Select Board requesting the acceptance of the \$10,000.00 donation from the Estate of Victor John Billings to be used to “subsidize or waive fees for families of children struggling economically”. The Commissioners confirmed receipt and requested that Mr. Santos send a letter to the Billings family thanking them for their contribution.

Mr. Bowen motioned to adjourn at 7:47pm, seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 2 - 0, in favor

Motion to Approve:	Mr. Bowen
Second:	Mr. Chaves
Vote:	3 – 0, in favor
Date:	October 13, 2021