



**TOWN OF HUDSON
PARK COMMISSION**
Division of Recreation
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PARK COMMISSION MEETING – MINUTES

December 21, 2022

Via REMOTE ZOOM at 7:30pm

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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Topic: Park Commission Meeting

Time: Dec 21, 2022 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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1. Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Chaves called the meeting to order at 7:38pm. Members present were Mr. Chaves, Mr. Roan and Mr. Bowen. Also present: Mr. Santos.

Mr. Chaves 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 – November 30, 2022

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

Vote: 3 – 0, in favor

3. Citizens Issues / Special Interest Groups:

A. None

4. Personnel:

A. None

5. Director's Report:

A. Update on Dog Park Planning Progress

Mr. Santos informed the Park Commission that he felt strongly there was no need to have an outside firm assist the Town in identifying possible locations for a dog park. Mr. Santos referred to the Community Innovation Sessions held many years back, that clearly identified the desire to have a dog park in Hudson. This subsequently led into the completion of the Recreation Master Plan where one of the primary goals and objectives of the study was to identify up to three locations for a dog park. Continuing on Mr. Santos stated that while the Recreation Master Plan only resulted in identifying one location for a dog park, he felt that Farina field should also be explored as it was an underutilized property and many residents had expressed interest in having a dog park built at this location. In closing Mr. Santos stated that he did not envision a dog park being built at any other locations, given the current and near future programming needs. Discussion followed. All commissioners expressed their support to move forward with exploring both Sauta Fields and Farina field as possible locations for a dog park.

Mr. Chaves motioned to move forward with securing an outside firm to evaluate both Sauta and Farina fields for a dog park to be built upon. Seconded by Mr. Bowen and carried...

Vote: 3 – 0, in favor

6. New Business:

A. Re-appointment of a Park Commissioner to the Community Preservation Committee for another 3-year term, set to expire on 12/31/2025.

Mr. Chaves nominated Mr. Roan to serve as the Park Commission representative on the Community Preservation Committee through 12/31/2025. Seconded by Mr. Bowen and carried...

Vote: 2 – 0 – 1, in favor (Mr. Roan abstained)

B. Request from Hudson Historical Commission to place a sign at Cellucci Park as part of the Hudson's History Sign Program

Mr. Al Morel presented the Hudson History Sign Program created by the Hudson Historical Commission and requested that one of the signs be strategically placed at Cellucci Park.

Mr. Santos informed the Commission that he had met with Mr. Morel ahead of the meeting and a location had been identified for the sign, although DPW had not yet provided input on this matter.

Mr. Chaves asked if all other sign locations had already been approved. Mr. Morel stated that some were still pending. Mr. Chaves asked if the Historical Commission might consider adding QR codes to the signs. Mr. Morel stated that there was a plan to incorporate QR codes as well as additional design features to improve accessibility.

Mr. Bowen motioned to approve the sign placement as requested at Cellucci Park subject to the final location being mutually agreed upon by the Recreation Director, DPW Director and the Historical Commission; and further that the Historical Commission or others be responsible for the future upkeep and maintenance of the sign. Seconded by Mr. Roan and carried...

Vote: 3 – 0, in favor

C. Review of new sign for Albertini Property (funded via CPC, TBD) and family's recent request specific to sign wording

Mr. Santos presented the Commission with a sign designed to identify the parcel of land, as agreed upon with the Albertini family when the property was sold to the town in 2016. Mr. Santos referenced a memo dated July 26, 2016, from Town counsel to the family's legal counsel, stating that the property would be named after both Arthur and Santa Albertini.

Mr. Chaves motioned to approve the sign as designed to include the names of both Arthur and Santa Albertini, as requested as part of the property sale. Seconded by Mr. Bowen and carried...

Vote: 3 – 0, in favor

7. Old Business:

A. None

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

A. None

9. Announcements/Adjournment

Next meeting January 11, 2023 at 7:30pm

Mr. Bowen motioned to adjourn at 8:21pm, 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 1, 2023