



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

**March 22, 2023**

**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.*

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Topic: Park Commission Meeting

Time: Mar 22, 2023 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 7:34pm. Members present were Mr. Chaves, Mr. Roan and Mr. Bowen. Also present: Mr. Santos and Mr. Hannon.

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 – March 1, 2023

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

Vote: 3 – 0, in favor

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

A. Discuss potential collaboration with CHAPS for improvements to the Kelly Playground  
Steven Freitas, of CHAPS, was present and stated that CHAPS being the primary users of the Kelly Playground were looking to arrange a fundraiser among the families of the students who attend the CHAPS & Hudson Public School Programs at Hubert, to make improvements to the Kelly Playground. Said improvements would be dependent on the funds they raise, and the goal is to make the space more accessible and better meet some of the needs of the students who attend the programs at Hubert. Mr. Freitas stated further that CHAPS may additional funds to the playground improvement from CHAPS.

Mr. Santos stated that he had no concerns and that he was looking forward to collaborating with CHAPS to make improvements to this playground.

Mr. Bowen and Mr. Roan commented stating they had not concerned.

Mr. Chaves stayed that he had no concerns and was pleased to see CHAPS willing to contribute to the improvements.

### **4. Personnel:**

A. None

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

A. Progress Update on Dog Park Project and Designer Firm Selection Process

Mr. Santos provided an update on the RFP process, the proposals they had received and associated pricing. Mr. Santos requested that the Park Commission consider recommending Kyle Zick Landscape Architecture Inc (KZLA) to the Select Board, as the Designer Firm/Consultant to execute this project.

Mr. Bowen stated that everything looked to be in order and that he supported this recommendation.

Mr. Roan stated that he had no issues.

Mr. Chaves stated the proposal from KZLA looked good and that he supported the recommendation.

Mr. Bowen motioned to recommend recommending Kyle Zick Landscape Architecture Inc (KZLA) to the Select Board, as the Designer Firm/Consultant for the Hudson Dog Park project.

**6. New Business:**

A. None

**7. Old Business:**

A. None

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

A. Directors response to HYF&C related to Cornhole Fundraiser Event

Mr. Santos briefly explained that he had reviewed the request from HYF&C and responded to the applicant stating that while they could use the property for the event, he did not support alcohol being served or consumed on the property.

Mr. Roan stated that he was the current President of HYF&C and that when the response from Mr. Santos made its way back to the HYF&C Board, discussions were had and some board members disagreed with Mr. Santos' position and spoke of bring the issue before the Park Commission. Mr. Roan stated further that he wanted to provide the Commissioners with this information and that moving forward he would abstain from any discussion on the matter.

Mr. Bowen asked if there were any events, other than Rec Fest (formerly Pumpkin Fest), where alcohol was served or consumed on town property. Mr. Santos replied stating that none came to mind. Mr. Santos continued on stating that there had been no alcohol served at Rec Fest since 2021 and he was uncertain if the department would consider having it at future events given all the changes made to the event in recent years.

Mr. Chaves stated that currently as the park rules and regulations are written, their request would most likely not be approved should the come forward to continue the discussion and that having alcohol at previous recreation events perhaps should not have been allowed given the current park rules.

**9. Announcements/Adjournment**

A. Mr. Santos stated that the deadline for seasonal summer employment was March 31, 2023

B. Mr. Chaves stated that he had submitted his paperwork for re-election.

Next meeting April 12, 2023 at 7:30pm

Mr. Bowen motioned to adjourn at 8:02pm, seconded by Mr. Roan and carried...

Vote: 3 - 0, in favor

Motion to Approve:	Mr. Bowen
Second:	Mr. Roan
Vote:	3 – 0, in favor
Date:	April 12, 2023