



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

September 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.

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Topic: Park Commission Meeting

Time: Sep 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 7:31pm. Members present were Mr. Chaves 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 – June 8, 2022

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. Summer 2022 review

Mr. Santos provided the Commission with a recap of summer 2022 programming noting the following:

- Day Program enrollment up 29%
- 179 enrolled in Swimming Lessons, none offered in 2021
- Tennis Lesson enrollment up 12%
- Centennial Beach Pass sales exceeded expectations
- Park Commission carried 6 additional seasonal staff, totaling 72 compared to 2021

Mr. Chaves asked if staff at summer programs, especially the beach, had adequate access to drinking water, given the hot summer months experienced. Discussion followed.

6. New Business:

A. Park Commission to discuss off season Centennial Beach access

Mr. Santos asked the Commission for input on whether or not they would want to allow off-season access to the beach, by way of opening the parking lot gate.

Mr. Bowen said he be open to this but would first want to get input from the Hudson Police Department prior to making any changes.

Mr. Chaves said that he may only support opening the gate from the end of the beach season through September 15, as starting on September 16 beachgoers can legally park on the road and access the facility. Discussion followed.

Mr. Santos stated that he felt opening the parking lot during off season hours should only be considered once the security cameras are installed, which will not happen until the Spring of 2023. The commission tabled the issue stating they would continue the discussion once security cameras had been installed.

7. Old Business:

A. Park Commission to discuss Guidotti Field Sign

Mr. Santos presented the Commission with a proposed field sign graphic that is similar in scale and design with what was recently installed at Centennial Beach, stating that he and his staff felt strongly that all the parks, fields and facilities should have a sign consistent with what is being presented to create uniformity across all Park Commission properties.

Mr. Chaves stated that he supports the new field sign as proposed but wants the existing Guidotti Field Sign to still be displayed somewhere at the facility. Mr. Bowen agreed.

Mr. Bowen stated that Mr. Santos should work with the Commission to create a sign policy to help guide the park commission moving forward.

Mr. Bowen stated that he would follow up with the Guidotti family to show them the design of this new sign and finalize a location for the existing sign.

B. Park Commission to discuss stone wall removal at Assabet River Nature Trail

Mr. Santos explained that he had recently reached out to a Staff Archeologist at MA DCR, regarding the Riverside Park stone boundary wall, previously approved to be removed, to seek guidance on 1) whether or not the wall could or should be removed given its historical value and 2) to learn how to best identify the names etched in the concrete mortar off the wall. Mr. Santos concluded by stating that he had not yet received a response.

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

A. None

9. Announcements/Adjournment

A. Recreation staff attended the New England Park Association Conference, September 7-9. Mr. Santos currently sits on the NEPA BOD as the Secretary. Park Commission noted the announcement.

Mr. Bowen motioned to adjourn at 8:57pm, seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 2 - 0, in favor

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| Motion to Approve: | Mr. Bowen |
| Second: | Mr. Roan |
| Vote: | 2 – 0, in favor |
| Date: | October 26, 2022 |