



**Dog Park Committee  
Final Minutes  
Wednesday, December 19, 2018  
7:45–9:30 PM  
Room 9, Town Hall  
472 Main St., Acton, MA**

**Committee Members Roll Call:**

Clare Siska, Chair  
Mike Perry  
Tom Gillispie  
Fred Kinch  
Cathy Fochtman - Town Liason  
Karen Martin

**Members of the Public:**

Cynthia Heiland  
Joe Will

Clare called meeting to order at 7:45

12/11 minutes were reviewed, small changes made; Clare moved to accept, Fred 2nd, approved unanimously.

**348-364 Main St property discussion**

Guests: Kelly Cronin, Chair, Acton Housing Authority

Kelly gave the committee some background on the AHA including current properties/buildings, previous projects, etc.

Main St project proposal:

31 units of Senior Housing

If awarded, committee formed with neighbors to collect design elements, select architect, etc.

More than willing to partner with other community needs.

AHA allows dogs under 40 pounds.

Clare outlined thoughts on shared use - Kathy mentioned the design may change in terms of how the property is used.

Kelly: other than septic, there is no defined need for the "lower" space.

Kelly: May be a desire to do nothing with the "lower" space

Main Street Committee will be holding forums, etc. and then making award decision and bringing to BoS and then likely to Town Meeting.

**Reflections on 12/17 Board of Selectmen's Presentation**

- encouraging
- feedback very constructive and helpful in figuring out next step, process insights
- nice to have the work recognized

**Where to from here? 2019 Planning & Goals**

- Both properties: dig deeper into where parks would go, wetland realities, etc.of two remaining properties. Main street aspects would be done in conjunction with committee and then AHA
- Clare shared some measurements she had taken on Great Hill. She'll draw these and send them around.
- Assign some tasks and meet 1/22 (skip 1/15 meeting)
  - Main street committee forum 1/10, committee 1/15 - Clare, others, to attend and probably speak. Will publish forum/committee dates to our e-mail list - Clare
  - Talk to Tom T about Great Hill aspects - Karen & Fred & Mike - pay heed to OML rules - its fact finding - no deliberation
  - Hart Field by Conant - Joan G mentioned - talk to Tom T first - include in meeting with Tom T above - committee members should walk this when they have time
  - Plan and hold public forums - definitely depends on the details found on each - March to May timeframe?
  - Refine town eng drawings - Fred - arrange for Qin to come to a meeting
  - Fundraising after selection - springtime?
  - Recruit 2 members
  - Follow up on "use of Great Hill" - Clare to forward to Selby (including material from Selby) - mentioning taking it to Town Council

## **New Business**

### Open Meeting Law training

- 3 committee members (including chair and vice-chair) attended
- Clare hit the highlights

## **Citizens Concerns**

None.

Documents handed out:

Last meeting minutes

OML Do's and Dont's - from training

Schedule of 2019 meetings

Adjourned at 9:37

Respectfully submitted by Tom Gillispie