



DOG PARK COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES FINAL
Thursday, March 26, 2019
9:30 AM
Acton Town Hall, Room 9

Present:

- Clare Siska, Chair
- Fred Kinch
- Mike Perry
- Tom Gillispie

Absent:

- Karen Martin
- Joan Gardner

I. Opening

1. Minutes: 3/12 were corrected and accepted. 3/14 were corrected and accepted.

II. New/Special Business

2. Discussion: Follow up from meeting with Land use officials (see minutes)
 - a. Interest high in Robbins Mill property
 - b. Ideas to do a temporary area at Great Hill
 - c. Main Street project will require AHA to develop septic plan early in the process - allowing planning for dog park to start sooner than full project timeline.
 - d. Reviewed other properties and reasons to not pursue them at this time.
3. Detail next steps:
 - a. Contact Land Stewardship - John W - via Joe Will - about Great Hill. Mike will reach out to Joe Will first.
 - b. Clare will contact SANA about best way to connect ASAP
 - c. Tom will reach out to Selby about best way of contacting neighbors on Isaac Davis Way
 - d. Clare will setup meeting with Selby and Kelly C.
 - e. Clare will draft e-mail to Bob and Lola
 - f. Fred will research list of registered dog owners to do some reaching out.
4. Design Brainstorms:
 - a. Table until next meeting
5. Charter update



- a. Table until next meeting
6. Next events
 - a. Farmer's Market - request to get a slot - in June - 16, 23 or 30
 - b. Tom will contact Joan about getting time on July BoS agenda
 - c. Clare will ask town about meeting space for forum - before school vacation starts

III. Citizens' Concerns

5. Stephanie Yao 56 Canterbury Hill Road in Robbins Hill community
Got e-mail about turning playground into dog park. Neighbors chatting.
56 is right across from playground - feeling strongly. Children have allergies and her youngest is hesitant about dogs.
Lots of neighbors have dogs.
Dog parks in other communities are in less residential areas. No buffer to houses around.
Current usage - Saturday AM kiddie soccer - run by rec department.
Basketball pickup games and playground used, along with street hockey. Neighborhood volleyball games organized on Sunday.
Seems well used already, not sure how to fit in a dog park.
Lack of buffering is a prime concern.

Adjournment

9:01 it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was approved unanimously.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- 3/14 Minutes
- 3/12 Minutes
- Charge and Updated Charge