



Acton Dog Park Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Acton MA

Present:

Tom Gillispie, Chair
Karen Martin, Vice Chair
Clare Siska
Fred Kinch

Other Attendees:

Dennis Dale
Cathy Fochtman, Friends of ACDP

Everyone attended virtually via Zoom. Tom called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

I. New Business

1. Stamski and McNary has indicated several times that they should be able to finish up the Storm Water Management Plan within a couple of weeks. Dennis is scheduled to meet with Nathaniel of that firm and he will ask about when they will be done with the plan.
2. The MassDOT application is on hold until we know if the Storm Water Management Plan will require any major changes to our current design.
3. We reviewed the cost estimates for the current design in detail. It appears we have a shortfall of between \$30K and \$50K that is not covered by the grant from the Stanton Foundation, the \$25K from the Town, funds that the Friends group currently has on hand and their anticipated fund raising, and the amount we had previously planned to request from the CPC. Dennis emphasized that the costs discussed are estimates and we won't have the "real" figures until we have received bids for the project.
4. Tom gave a presentation to the CPC at their meeting of September 26. We were concerned that the CPC may not have appreciated the amount of leverage the Dog Park is getting from the use of the funds from the Stanton Foundation and the Friends; for \$25K the Town is getting a \$400K dog park. Tom will meet with Melissa Settipani-Rufo to discuss the Recreation Department's CPC projects and their priority; perhaps we can adjust our CPC request.
5. Cathy is shepherding the "Future Home" sign; there shouldn't be any issues.
6. There is no change to our planned timeline.



II. Regular Business

1. No updates on the NOI, Sewer Extension or from AHA

III. Old Business

1. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Committee approved the Minutes of Sept 20, 2023.

IV. Schedule Future Business

1. The next ADPC meeting: Wednesday October 18, 2023 via Zoom.

V. Citizens' Concerns

1. No citizens came forward with concerns at this meeting.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Fred Kinch