



DOG PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Wednesday September 11, 2024 7:00 PM  
Virtually via Zoom

**Present:**

Tom Gillispie, Chair

Karen Martin, Vice Chair

Fred Kinch

Nadia Byrnes

**Absent:**

Dean Charter

Clare Siska

**Guests:**

Jeff Be

Thom Begin

Cathy Fochtman

Joe Will

Opening

Chair Tom Gillispie called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

New Business/Old Business Update

Thom Begin provided three updates:

- A. A contract has been issued for WDA and should be signed by 9/18. The contract will be put out to bid before the end of the calendar year.
- B. Joe Connelly from Stanton has been updated and Stanton is ready to finalize the grant.
- C. MASS DOT will be receiving information from Stamski and McNary. Change orders can be ordered if needed moving forward.

Regular Business

- A. Focus of meeting on Dog Park rules.
- B. The committee agreed three dogs max per adult and that the park is open and inclusive for all adults aged 16 or older. Motion-Limit set for three dogs per adults. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. MGL wording will be reviewed and included.
- D. The committee will ask for wording from the recreation department in regard to liability and dogs being a nuisance.
- E. Octoberfest- Friends meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> to finalize plans. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer for the dog balloon booth. Discussion ensued about payment methods and other fundraising ideas.

Approval of minutes postponed to next meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday September 25, 2024.

Citizens' Concerns- None

Adjournment

At 7:55 it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Martin