



**Dog Park Committee
Minutes
Thursday June 7th, 2018
7:30–9:30 PM
Room 121, Town Hall
472 Main St., Acton, MA**

Committee Members Roll Call:

Clare Siska- Co-Chair
Cathy Fochtman- Town Liaison
Tom Gillispie- Co-Chair
Betsy Kristl- Member
Karen Martin - Member
Joan Gardner-BOS Liaison

Members of the Public:

Joe Will
Ben Blumenthal and son Aaron

Call meeting to order:

Ms. Siska called the meeting to order at 7:35.

Citizens' concerns:

Ben Blumenthal and son Aaron - Acton resident 51 Concord Road - attended Concord dog park meeting and heard concerns and wanted to visit Acton meeting to hear what was going on in Acton. Issues in Concord include the possibility/discussion of more restrictive leash laws. 45 residents attended recent meeting in Concord. Clare mentioned that the ADPC has looked at leash law concerns and believe they are separate. Clare also summarized work done so far.

Review and accept prior meeting minutes:

The minutes for the May 22 meeting was read, amended, and accepted.

Committee Membership:

No activity.

Events:

- June 23rd - NARA Park Beach Party Noon to 4
 - Tom early, Karen later, Betsy possibly, Clare & Mike no
- ABFM Community Table - Clare getting them info

Stanton Foundation Design Grant – Update:

- No new information.

Review land parcels – GIS system

- The committee continued to review land parcels and reviewed:
 - o Morrison Farm
 - o Two on Arlington
 - o Great road behind Plaza

New Business:

- Tom updated the committee on input from Bettina
- Joe introduced an idea about hearing what Concord dog park group is doing - Ben recommended going to a meeting to hear where they are.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Gillispie

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 19, 7:30 PM, Room 121, Acton Town Hall

Some upcoming agenda items:

- Reviewing potential land parcels (GIS + in person)
- Land selection: invitations to other boards & committees
- Upcoming Visibilities and Special Events
- 501c3 + Fundraising Activities
- Reviewing features/photos from other dog parks
- Visits from more dog park representatives
- BoS presentation planning