

Acton Dog Park Committee
Minutes
September 11, 2018

Attending:

Cathy Fochtman
Tom Gillispie
Karen Martin
Mike Perry
Clare Siska

Citizens:

Joe Holmes – Land Steward Committee
Fred Kinch
Maureen McLaughlin
Steve Trimble - Recreation Committee
Joe Will

Clare called the meeting to order at 7:32

Citizen's Concerns: Joe announced a meeting of the Community Preservation Committee(CPC) on Thursday, September 13 in the library.

Due to time, minutes from July 24, and September 11 will be voted on at the September 25th meeting. We then reviewed the parcels.

Quarry Road:

Parking on the site and the overspill to the parking at NARA. The Open Space Committee(OSC) was concerned about the lack of water. Steve thinks there are better locations. Plus there

seems to be a cohesive neighborhood group near the intersection of Main and Quarry who will oppose the location.

Morrison Farm:

OSC had concerns because of the community gardens and the wetlands close by. The walking trail will be expanded further along the Ice House Pond. Parking may well be limited by use of the rail Trail. There is more parking to the west of the property by the community gardens.

Stanton Grants require an area with no trees within the park and no sloping areas. Morrison farm parcels are fairly flat and meadows.

Arlington Street:

Lincoln Street residents did not want a building there, but a fence? Two properties there, one clearly a good place for parking and the other is rather large. On town water, but a lot of tree removal.

School Street:

Turf is set and area near a pond. There may be a wetland near. Parking is an issue, but there may be an area on the east side of the entry road to add a parking area. There should be room to walk around the fence for hikers. Loss of the less used soccer fields.

In future meetings, a rank order will be discussed more fully.

A concern of the Land Steward Committee (LSC) was how buggy the sites would be and the displacement of wildlife.

Cathy has not heard from the Conservation Committee, who oversee the LSC. She will attend the LSC meeting.

We also need to meet with Acton 2020.

Clare will meet with the new town manager, John Mangiaratti, and the Town Council regarding when to meet with the Board of Selectmen, and Town Meetings.

Karen and Mike will cover the Farmer's Market on September 23, Karen for the first part and Mike for the second.

We like Fred, and Maureen, and hope the VCC moves quickly so we can move ahead with a fuller committee.

As for new business, Tom will be contacting design firms that we know about. We should have some of the results next meeting, which will be September 25, in room 46 at 7:30.