



**Dog Park Committee
Minutes
Tuesday, October 9, 2018
Room 121 Town Hall
472 Main St., Acton, MA**

Committee Members Roll Call:

Clare Siska, Chair

Mike Perry

Karen Martin

Fred Kinch

Joan Gardner

Cathy Fochtman

Tom Gillispie – Absent

Members of the Public

Joe Will

Barbara Morse

Clare called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Citizens' Concerns

- Barbara Morse discussed a proposed condo development close to the Great Hill site. She is a member of the South Acton Neighborhood Association, and talked about the positives and negatives of the project and the concerns the neighbors and the Association have about the proposed development. They are looking for community support. For more information, visit <https://savegreathill.weebly.com/>.

The review of the minutes for the September 25, 2018 was deferred until the next committee meeting.

Events

- Karen reported on the WAVMA Oktoberfest. There was a concern that if the dog park was located at the Arlington site that it might contribute to the existing basement flooding problem for homes on Lincoln Drive. Generally there was a favorable response to the idea of a dog park in Acton, and we added 62 names to our mailing list.
- The ADPC should be present at the Special Town meeting on December 3; Clare will contact the town clerk to reserve a place.

Committee and Community Outreach

- Clare will brief the Town Manager
- None of the proposed sites are within a Historical District, so interfacing with the HDC is a lower priority.
- Clare will interface with the Conservation Commission

- Karen reviewed the goals of the Acton 20/20 Community Plan, and showed how the plans of the ADPC align with them; see attached.
- Clare will draft the content of an E-Blast, and send it to the committee members for a quick review.
- Clare will put material on the Next Door site; Next Door is a community informational site.
- Clare will contact Mark Duci, Director of Acton TV, about the ADPC getting one or more spots.

Walker Property

- Several ADPC members will try to attend one of the RFI pre-submission meetings either October 15th or October 19th.
- The Committee discussed how we might reply to the RFI. Clare asked everyone to read the RFI before the next meeting. Karen will review the RFI and draft a response for consideration at the next meeting.

Land Options and Next Steps

- We discussed the pro's and con's of the six proposed sites and took a straw vote; several sites seem equally attractive.
- We need to determine how the Great Hill site was acquired. Fred will spend a couple of hours at the library doing research.
- We discussed getting feedback on the sites from the community.
- Clare will reach out to her Lincoln Drive contacts to try to get a pulse on their feeling about a dog park at the Arlington Street site.
- Clare will reach out to Mary Ann Ashton, chair of the Morrison Farm Committee

Document Storage

- Clare will see how we can restructure our Google Drive.
- Clare will request a folder on the town Docushare for sharing public documents

Membership Updates

- Lola Farra has indicated she would like to become a member: she has started the application process.

New Business – none

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 23, 7:30 PM, Room 46, Acton Town Hall

Respectfully submitted

Fred Kinch