

Acton Dog Park Committee
Minutes
October 30, 2018

Attending:

Cathy Fochtman
Joan Gardner
Tom Gillispie
Fred Kinch
Karen Martin
Mike Perry
Clare Siska

Citizens:

Joe Will

Clare called the meeting to order at. 7:30

Citizen's Concerns: Joe suggested we have someone at the November 29th CPC meeting. He also asked what happens at the April Town Meeting? Would we need an article for funding?

Minutes from October 23, 2018 were read, amended, and accepted.

Action Items:

Fred tried to meet with Eva Szkaradek, and will meet contact her after the election. Karen reached out to the media outlets; the Beacon, Action Unlimited, and Town Cable. Tom is working on a preliminary design.

Clare is working on the RFI design and the survey. The survey show that the Walker property being most popular, followed by Morrison Farm and School Street. This was based on 51 replies. We still have the Special Town Meeting and more ways of getting the survey out.

Walker Property Proposal: The Upper part of the property, where the Kennedy buildings and products are held, could be for the all dogs section, and a section of the lower, flat parts may be for the small dog area. Bark and drive share the upper part of the lot. Then there might be a usage of the flat part of the lower property for all dogs and the piece closer to route 2 for small dogs. We have options. Which goes where? There are walkways in the Kennedy area, and the building may not be needed. Karen suggested that lighting would be needed as became obvious with the time change. Lights could be set on a timer, and LED lighting might draw less energy. So electricity will be needed, as would a water line. We need to move on the RFI for this property. Fred suggested that the 20/20 and OSC should be brought on as soon as possible.

CPC Application: Tom will finish and will send it to John Mangiaratti , Town Manager. Cathy has contributed greatly to the application. We will include pictures from Agawam. Motion to finalize draft was made and passed.

Parcel Updates: Great Hill location was discussed as to where the fence might go. Parking concerns about whether T riders might try to take places during work hours. How many would we need. Conservation land? How would that affect the use of a fence. Pond and meadow questions. Could we put the fence closer to the meadow? Brookside location questions about the service road being an access to this parcel. Do we try to enter by Esterbrook? Then there is the lack of awareness.

Community Outreach: Getting out the survey on Halloween and Special Town Meeting in December.

New Business: We could draft proposals for the Stanton Grant. Maybe a letter of intent to Stanton would be appropriate and we should explore the steps in the process and forms to fill out.

We should get Chen to work of conceptual drawings for the RPI.

Joe suggested we have a plot in mind for the CPC.

Cathy will get Steve Trimble up to speed on properties.

Next meeting Tuesday November 13, 7:30pm Room 121 Town Hall.

Adjourned at 9:20

Respectfully submitted,

Mike