



**Dog Park Committee
Final Minutes
Tuesday, April 24, 2018
7:30–9:30 PM
Room 46, Town Hall
472 Main St., Acton, MA**

1) 7:30 PM Call meeting to order

Ms. Siska called the meeting to order at 7:31

2) 7:31 PM Citizens' concerns

Postponed until after the Billerica presentation. None given.

3) 7:35 PM Guest Speaker:
- Mark Reid, Chair, Billerica Dog Park

Key points:

- Detailed survey lasting two years
- Had to change town bylaws to loosen the leash laws
- Selectmen charged them to the Rec. Dept. Became sub committee
- Funding issues with the town manager
- Water from the Concord River. No lawn.
- \$10,000 startup money and used \$8,000. 501 C3. Payments due up front.
- \$180,000 design and construction.
- They found the Stanton Foundation dog friendly with lots of rules, they picked up 90% of the lowest bid.
- They would only deal with a town employee, the Rec department.
- They chose a plot after touring several sites.
- They suggested staying away from wetlands. Mass. Conservation laws make things difficult.
- ADA accessibility concerns.
- Stanton did not allow stumps from any tree removal.
- Public presence included 4 paws, and a monthly newsletter.
- 3R's in fundraising: resources, risks, and rewards.
- They had 10 to 12 fundraisers a year.
- Water for a sprinkler system.
- Operating costs include waste and water,
- Corporate sponsors are helpful
- Fence is 6 foot high.

4) 8:20 PM Review and accept prior meeting minutes occurred at 8:40

The minutes for April 10, 2018 were read, amended, and accepted.

5) 8:25 PM Events:

- Report from Acton Cleanup Week / Poop Patrol

27 piles, weighing 2.5 pounds

- Memorial Day Parade, Banner

Discussion on design. Progress made but more discussion to come.

Article for the Beacon?

- ABFM Community Table

September 16,23,30

- Other?

6) 8:40 PM Fundraising Brainstorm

- Grants: Stanton and others
- CPA funds
- Check box on Dog License form.
- Rise in the Dog License (\$2 per dog?)
- Dog Wash
- Large Corporations, Hartz, Paper Store, Jars in Pet stores, Restaurants., Supermarkets
- Go fund me, Memorials, bricks.
- Friends of the Acton Dog Park

5) 9:00 PM Stanton Foundation Design Grant Application – Update

Postponed until next meeting.

6) 9:10 PM New Business

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 7:30 PM, Room 121, Acton Town Hall

7) 9:15 PM Adjourn

Respectfully submitted

Mike Perry

