



Acton Dog Park Committee

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 10th, 2019
7:30 PM
Room 121, Town Hall
472 Main Street, Acton, MA

Present:

Clare Siska, Chair
Tom Gillispie
Mike Perry
Karen Martin
Fred Kinch
Joan Gardner

1. Opening

Chair Clare Siska opened the meeting at 7:31 PM.

2. Regular Business

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – not available - will cover at next meeting.

3. New/Special Business

- A. Debrief from BoS Presentation on 9/9/19 - Selby joined the committee for this debrief

Went around the table sharing reactions, concerns.

Selby: Stanton will want a “Friends Of”. Town must make commitment to cover support/maintenance if “Friends Of” falls down.

Sense was BoS needed some more information/clarification about DPW use/requirements/needs.

- B. Other follow up from BoS meeting:

- a. E-mail and FB update about presenting at BoS.



- b. Tree clearing for alternate site - Clare will reach out to the committees we've been in contact with and citizens about the impact on forest associated with the alternate site.
 - c. Get more concrete info on maintenance - primary source is surrounding dog parks. Tom will reach out and Karen will reach out to Ayer since Selby was mentioning it as a (new?) neighboring dog park.
 - d. Tom will write a letter to BoS with a CPA "estimate" - discussed and settled on content.
 - e. Joan will follow up with the Town Manager about his comments made at end of BoS meeting about possible timing/reports
 - f. Joe W will check NARA master plan to see if there are references to "future recreation" or something like that.
 - g. Follow up speech for 9/23 BoS meeting as the requests are discussed:
 - i. Clare sent a starting set of talking points to committee prior to meeting
 - ii. Committee will individually review and send comments to Clare only
- C. Public Outreach
1. Octoberfest 28th - rain date 10/5 - Clare has lots of the logistical stuff including flyers. Firm up plans on our 9/24 meeting.
 - a. Each member will bring one item to add to a drawing basket.
 - b. 9:15 to 12ish: Karen, Clare 12 to 3: Fred, Tom

4. Citizen's Concerns- None

5. Adjournment

Scheduled a special meeting for Thur 9/19 at 7:30 - Clare will book room and agenda.

At 8:50 PM it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Gillispie