



DOG PARK COMMITTEE MNUTES
Thursday Nov 19th 4:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

Present:

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

Absent

Mike Perry

Chair: Introduction to virtual meeting logistics at 4:01.

New Business

1. Debrief from 11/16 BoS

The committee celebrated the BoS decision to provide the ADPC with the lower parcel on Main Street to build a dog park. The BoS will continue to work with the neighbors to develop a Memorandum of Agreement. Claire has sent thank you notes and a dog park sticker to the BoS and town employees involved in the project.

2. Debrief from Rec Comm

There was a very good discussion at the meeting. The commission is very supportive of the dog park and the development of a park on the upper site. They indicated their involvement could only be minimal given the other projects they are pursuing.

3. Communications Update

Clare has updated all the social media sites and the ADPC is receiving positive feedback. Cathy has sent an update via Constant Contact. In addition, the Acton Patch has an article.

4. Debrief from AHA. Fred attended the meeting and will serve as a liaison for ADPC. He shared that we are working with the neighbors to make accommodations and address their concerns.

AHA is having a technical review meeting with the town of Acton's engineers to understand the septic and drainage.

4. Financial Report

An additional \$40. in revenue from the sale of Acton Community Dog Park stickers.

5. Luisa membership status

Luisa is meeting with the Volunteer Coordinating Committee this evening. The committee is sure she will be a great asset and be approved.

6. Friends of ACDP

Cathy Fochtman reported that she is looking into the process for the non-profit status and will report back to the committee. She will let the committee the cost of the application fee.

7. 2021 CPA application

a. Connection with Rec Dept – The Rec Department has numerous proposals so the ADPC will apply separately.

b. Attending next CPC meeting – Tom will attend.

c. Review next draft- The committee reviewed the overall structure and agreed the proposal should be holistic and connect all three projects- AHA housing, passive park, and dog park. Joe Will reviewed the CPC process and provided feedback. Clare and Tom will work over the weekend to finalize a draft. Joan will contact the Town Manager and Jon B. on the idea of a big master plan. Tom has engaged several firms that will do some preliminary work and provide summary and project costs.

Regular Business

1. Review of previous meetings' minutes Review of previous meetings' minutes for 11/5. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Regular Business

1. None

Regular Future Business

1. Next meeting – 12/3 – Mike Karen will check with Mike to see if the meeting time works with his schedule.

V. Citizens' Concerns

Joe Will shared an idea for the passive park at 352 Main. There is a committee in town working to develop a plan for honoring Carroll Spinney, an Acton native who was the puppeteer for Big Bird and Oscar the Grouch on Sesame Street. He suggested the idea of a Best Friends Forever Park for consideration.

Adjournment

At 5:30, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Martin