



DOG PARK COMMITTEE AGENDA
Thursday, March 18, 2021, 4 PM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Present:

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

Matt Selby
Cathy Fochtman

Absent:

Luisa Callahan

Tom Gillispie opened the meeting at 4:04 PM.

Tom started the meeting by introducing a member of the CPC, Bill Alsbury.

Bill had questions about the Isaac Davis Way neighbors. He had been made aware of their opposition, and the Board of Selectmen's efforts to find a satisfactory solution to their concerns. Clare said they've attended very few of our meetings, and after our formal presentation to them in May 2020, they said that nothing we say will change their minds. After that, the BoS took over the discussions.

The points were made about the AHA position. At first, the AHA was okay with the dog park, but earlier this year the AHA voted to oppose the park in solidarity with the neighbors. Fred Kinch is our liaison to the AHA. He has attended many AHA meetings, and the discussions have been agreeable.

Bill asked if the Stanton Foundation knows that we are planning to move forward. Shelby said that they have known since before the ADPC was formed in 2017.

Bill asked if we could get a design for \$25,000? Still feasible. Minimum of \$50,000 for design, and 10% of construction. The BoS may be offering \$25,000 from the municipal budget to cover

the 10% of the construction costs. He will be deferring to Dean Charter for some of these answers. Dean is on both the BoS and the CPC.

Bill signed off.

Joe Will offered some next steps for CPC Application. The money from next year's budget seems solid. There could be an amendment, but that is not likely.

Karen reported that we have \$7,085.40 in our financial gift account. We will be receiving the dog license account funds annually in June.

Cathy said that there will be press releases on the Iditarod. We received a gift of \$250. We have requested more stickers. There will be presentations to businesses.

Minutes from 2/18/2021 and 3/5/2018 were approved.

Adjournment at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted.

Mike Perry