



DOG PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday July 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Town Hall Room 126

Present:

Tom Gillispie, Chair

Karen Martin, Vice Chair

Luisa Calahan

Mike Perry

Fred Kinch

Dean Charter, Select Board Liaison

Absent: Clare Siska

Members of the public:

Cathy Fochtman, Friends of the ACDP

Joe Will

Tom Gillispie opened the meeting at 7:04 PM.

I. New Business

1. Tom welcomed Dean Charter to the meeting; we are looking forward to working with him as our Select Board liaison.
2. The result of the Town Meeting was a big milestone; the dog park site selection and the funding were confirmed. Kudos to the Friends of the ACDP for all their efforts in advance of the Town Meeting. Karen noted that there were individuals at the Town Meeting that did not understand the relationship between the Town funding and the Stanton Grant; the Committee needs to continue its outreach and education.
3. As we move to the next steps, we need to continue to reach out to the IDW neighbors, the AHA, and the Design Review Board among others, as well as the general public.
4. Tom has reached out to several design firms who had previously expressed interest, Place Associates, Dale Design, Lemon Brooke, Radnor and WDA-DG, to solicit their help in preparing the application for the Stanton design grant. Qin Pang, the Town Engineer, may be able to help in bringing the preliminary drawings up to an acceptable level to apply for the Stanton design grant.

5. Fred provided an update on the June 29th AHA meeting. Most of that meeting was devoted to reviewing the architect's design for the housing project. Kelly Cronin will provide our Committee with a site plan of their Main Street project, with copies to Selby and Tom Tidman; this site plan shows the latest information about septic system on the 348 Main St. parcel.
6. Karen gave an update on the communications.
7. The Friends of the ACDP have raised \$8990 for the dog park from individual contributions. They are planning to solicit businesses over the summer.
8. Jeff Bergart of the COA is interested in establishing "playgrounds for seniors." Tom will reach out to him to see how we can work together in the design of the dog park.

II. **Regular Business**

1. The agenda for the Dog Park Committee meeting of June 17, 2021 did not get published. No votes were taken and no decisions were made at that meeting. The minutes of that meeting are being published as usual.
2. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Committee approved the minutes from the meeting of June 17, 2021.

III. **Old Business**

1. None

IV. **Schedule Future Business**

1. Next meeting will be August 5, 2021; there will be no meeting on July 15th.

V. **Citizens' Concerns**

1. There were no citizens' concerns.

Adjournment

At 8:05 PM, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Kinch