



DOG PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday February 18, 2021 4:00 PM

Virtually via Zoom

Minutes: Luisa

Present:

- Tom Gillispie, Chair
- Karen Martin, Vice-Chair
- Fred Kinch
- Clare Siska
- Luisa Callahan
- Selby
- Cathy Fotchman
- Joe Will
- Mike Perry

Members of the Public:

- Alissa Nicols

Chair Tom Gillispie called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM and reviewed the virtual meeting protocols.

I. New Business

- Alissa Nicols Defrief - Walters inquiry of the money needing to come from the town - This is unlikely at the moment .
- Question - can the project go forward without the stanton money? Project is not in jeopardy of going forward without the Stanton Grant.
- Matt Post brought up the question of if we are We will be shovel ready. Plans need to be approved for it to be shovel ready.
- Alissa will bring back the information to provide clarification of the letter. Is the town paying the water hook up? - Town does not have a water department, and therefore would not be able to pay.
- Letter to the CPC would be a next step.
- Question came up: How many people would use the dog park? The numbers of dogs that are registered in the town, as well as a questionnaire of how many people said they would use it would be a good gage in determining numbers. People from surrounding towns may also be using the dog park.

- a. Responses:
 - i. Usage - To establish usage data we can speak to another park about usage. Possible parks that are the same size to contact - Maynard and Ayer.
 - ii. Stanton Grants -
 - iii. Town and Neighbors - At this time nothing else needs to be provided. Any concerns should be directed to the board of selectmen.
 - iv. Any changes to application - Board will establish the list of the priorities for the design in order to achieve the \$25,000 budget.
2. Update from AHA meeting (Fred/Karen) - Meeting will take place Tuesday February 23, 2021
3. Communications Update (Clare) - Updates on where we stand with CPC and the fund drive will be added to communications once they are finalized.
4. Financial Report (Karen) - no updates
5. Friends of ACDP (Cathy) - Updates have been made. Acton Recreation Department will also be updated with the Fund Drive information.

II. **Regular Business**

1. Review of previous meetings' minutes
 - a. 02/04 – Karen – likely approve at 3/4 meeting
 - b. 01/21 - Clare

III. **Old Business**

1. None

IV. **Schedule Future Business**

1. 3/4 - Mike

V. **Citizens' Concerns**

1. Time permitting, members of the public are welcome to provide input or raise questions or concerns about the committee's work.

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Luisa Callahan