



DOG PARK COMMITTEE AGENDA

Thursday Aug 5th 2021 7:00 PM

Virtually via Zoom

Minutes: Luisa

Present:

- Tom Gillispie, Chair
- Karen Martin, Vice-Chair
- Fred Kinch
- Clare Siska
- Luisa Calahan
- MikePerry
- Dean Charter

Members of the Public:

- Cathy Fochtman
- Joe Will
- Jeff Bergart

Chair Tom Gillispie called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and reviewed the virtual meeting protocols.

I. New Business

1. Select Board liaison updates - Dean Charter - town staff will also be available to work with the committee on the comprehensive design for the dog park.
Jeff Bergart - Council on Aging was trying to come up with ways to engage senior citizens. In an attempt to include our senior citizens, who will be neighbors next door, the dog park design is encouraged to have elements that can welcome the senior citizens to the park for “active resting” where there is a place to sit such as bench swings. All were in favor of moving this idea forward by Jeff Bergart and Dean Charter.
2. AHA Septic Updates - Tom Gillispie - coordination of the project will be with Kelly. Next steps: Committee still needs to know where they stand in getting state grants for funds? Timing needs to be discussed before proceeding with the design.
3. Next steps on outreach to neighbors - Dean C. - no other contact with neighbors at this time. AHA Septic Updates – Tom had previously circulated a plot plan, but it was hard to read because of its size; he will set up a meeting with Kelley Cronin, and

Fred volunteered to attend. We need to get more details as to the septic system design and the timing for the AHA to get their grants from the State.

4. Banner - Committee will need to go through selectmen approval of the size and type of banner. The banner will provide the town with information by including the website, as well as promote enthusiasm for the upcoming dog park. Details of the banner to be sent to Dean Charter for approval.
5. Stanton Design Grant next steps - official needs to be appointed.
6. Update from AHA meeting (Fred) - Are there any questions needed to be addressed by CPC? As of now, no. Committee will redress this in the next meeting.
 - a. Setup AHA meeting? Fred mentioned that the AHA was going to discuss their next CPC application at their next meeting, and asked the question if the ADPC would want to submit an CPC application this fall. The committee will address a CPA at our next meeting.
7. Communications Update (Clare) - Idea to send an eblast to supporters to outline what will happen next for the dog park and what kind of help we need. Ex. grant writing experience.
8. Friends of ACDP and Financial Report (Cathy) - Since June 1 donations - over \$9000 dollars to date. Fundraiser - Dog days of summer where businesses can promote their business at Nara park. Other ideas to explore: idea of an online auction and sale of dog portraits, by a local artist.

II. **Regular Business**

1. Review of previous meetings' minutes – send via e-mail and in Drive
2. Attend to 4/15 (Karen) and 2/18 (Luisa) missing minutes – both previously approved (see minutes for 4/29 and 3/5)

III. **Old Business**

1. None

IV. **Schedule Future Business**

1. Updates on in-person meetings
2. Next meeting – 8/19 – 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.
- Restrooms should be a consideration.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Luisa Callahan