



Acton Dog Park Committee

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 27th 7:00 PM
Virtual via Zoom

Present:

Clare Siska
Tom Gillispie, Chair
Mike Perry
Karen Martin
Luisa Callahan
Dean Charter-Selectboard Chair and Liason

Absent:

Fred Kinch

Other Attendees:

Nick Boivin (potential ADPC member)
Joe Will
Cathy Fochtman-Friends of the Acton Community Dog Park
Jeff Bergart

1. Opening

Chair Tom Gillispie opened the meeting at 7:06 PM.

2. New Business

- Welcome Nick Boivin- Nick is a potential ADPC member. He moved to the community a year ago and would like to be involved. He was introduced to all the members of the committee.
- Update on Sewer Extension and Pump House- meeting last week to discuss the pump house location if the sewer project is approved. The committee reviewed revised drawings and specifications- underground with beacon on top, 20' by 20' fencing with a service area. A redesign will not delay project. Waiting until the end of October or early November on the decision for sewer or septic. All necessary committees have reviewed the plans.
- Planning Public Forum-should we have a forum and when. Discussion ensued. Plan for mid-October to receive public feedback and revise design as needed. Jeff B. suggested a walk-through of the property for the public before the forum. Idea suggested for water color pictures of the park. Forum should focus on details vs. technical, develop a feel for what it will be like to go to the park, and gather public feedback and ideas.



- Moving Forward on Parking- agreed current plan is a great starting point and senior parking can be considered later in the process.
- Main Street Campus status/Master Plan review/update- ARPA funds require a bid for design of the master plan. Steve Trimble is putting together the information for potential vendors. Dean has provided the Selectboard an update on the dog park and Main Street campus.
- AHA Meeting Status- everyone is in agreement that the AHA bathrooms will not be used for the dog or senior park. Next meeting August 15th.
- Financial/Friends (Cathy)- Fundraising total to date- \$15,499. with 4,500. added in May to July through fundraising appeal. In addition to donations, an additional \$4,000 from dog licenses for dog park maintenance. Beach party was successful in spreading the word about the dog park and an opportunity for the public to see the design.
- Communication Update (Clare/Cathy)- E-blast sent out. Plans for another asking for public's questions about the dog park to prepare for the forum.
- Review and approval of the minutes for 4/27, 5/11, and 5/25.

3. New/Special Business

- Dean- Kennedy Landscaping is almost moved off the AHA parcel. On 8/22 the Selectboard will be reviewing suggestions for allocations of the ARPA funding.

4. Citizen's Concerns

- Nick asked about the number of parking spots, monies for maintenance and unexpected expenditures. Tom updated Nick on the committees plans and process.

5. Adjournment

At 8:26 p.m., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Martin
Vice-Chair