

## **Acton Dog Park Committee**

MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, February 8, 2023  
7:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
Acton MA

### **Present:**

Tom Gillispie, Chair  
Clare Siska  
Fred Kinch  
Nick Boivin

### **Absent:**

Karen Martin

### **Other Attendees:**

Dennis Dale, Dale Design Inc  
Joe Will  
Jeff Bergart

Tom called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and reviewed the virtual meeting protocols.

### **I. New Business**

1. Dennis requested several survey inputs; those are in work.
2. It has been difficult to get a name at the Natick dog park to find out their opinion about ground covers; Clare reported that the input from the Maynard Dog Park was generally favorable toward wood chips.
3. The committee asked Dennis if he could investigate the cost of wooden pathways.
4. Tom will investigate the alternatives for waste disposal.
5. The committee discussed if the fencing should be a visual barrier, acoustic barrier or both, and where we should use each. We asked Dennis if he could look into this.
6. The committee settled on 14 parking spaces for the park.
7. The results of the survey the committee conducted will be sent to Dennis, with a request that he come to the next meeting with data on each item.
8. No input from the OSRP or the Senior Park

9. At their meeting on Feb 7, 2023, the DRB had the following comments:
  - a. They asked if we could improve the look/view of the parking lot from Main Street. Ideas discussed were 1) moving the parking lot, 2) using gravel material, and 3) pavement at the entrance to the parking lot and then gravel.
  - b. They asked if we would consider other materials for the walkways, such as wood carpet.
  - c. Could we improve the main airlock entrance, with something like a “Sally Port” for example?
  - d. Could we have more benches?
10. The committee discussed the deadlines for finalizing the design and the timing of a presentation to the Select Board.

## **II. Regular Business**

1. No regular business.

## **III. Old Business**

1. Approval of minutes from previous meetings was deferred.

## **IV. Schedule Future Business**

1. The next ADPC meeting: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 via Zoom.

## **V. Citizens' Concerns**

1. No citizens came forward with concerns at this meeting.

At 8:45 PM, it was moved, seconded and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Fred Kinch