

## **Acton Dog Park Committee**

MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 22, 2023  
7:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
Acton MA

### **Present:**

Tom Gillispie, Chair  
Karin Martin, Vice Chair  
Clare Siska  
Fred Kinch  
Dean Charter, Select Board Liaison

### **Absent:**

Nick Boivin

### **Other Attendees:**

Dennis Dale, Dale Design Inc  
Jeff Bergart  
Cathy Fochtman  
John Norton, Candidate for Select Board

Tom called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

## **I. New Business**

On motion made, seconded and passed, the Committee made the following decisions:

1. Approved engineered wood fiber carpet for the ground cover for the all-dog and small-dog areas. Possible source is Zeager.
2. Approved including the woodland trail in the design, but not in the construction cost estimate.
3. Approved to include in the design 5-foot chain link fence around the perimeter of the all-dog area, 4-foot chain link fence around the small-dog area, with the adjoining area between the small-dog area and all-dog area to be 5-foot chain link fence, all chain link fencing to be covered with PVC.
4. Approved to include in the design as the visual barrier between the all-dog and small-dog area privacy screen netting, to be installed by volunteers.
5. Approved for fencing across the front of the dog park “farm style fencing” per the picture shown by Dennis Dale.

6. Approved ¼”fusion coated PVC base screen to hold in the wood chips.
7. Approved the placement of the gated entries as shown on the Dennis Dale design.
8. Approved the placement and character of the service gates as shown on the Dennis Dale design.
9. Approved the deferral of possible lighting
10. Approved asphalt as the surface for the parking lot.
11. Approved asking the DPW if they could do the stripping on the asphalt and signage for the handicapped parking.
12. Approved replacing most of the sidewalk at the front of the dog park with green space, exact details to be determined by Dennis Dale.
13. Approved for the curbing of the parking lot granite if granite curbing is available at the DPW for free; if not, the curbing will be concrete.

## **II. Regular Business**

1. Dennis mentioned that we might be able to get the Timber Framers Guild to do a “community build” to provide the structure in the dog park.
2. Tom reported that the presentation to the Select Board had been well received and that the Select Board voted unanimously to approve the Committee applying for the Stanton Foundation construction grant.
3. Tom reported that the NOI was in the works.
4. Karen reported that there was no update from the Rec. Commission.
5. Jeff reported that there was no update from the AHA.
6. Clare and Cathy indicated there was nothing new from both the Friends and communications.

## **III. Old Business**

1. None

## **IV. Schedule Future Business**

1. The next ADPC meeting: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 via Zoom.

## **V. Citizens’ Concerns**

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

At 8:28 PM, it was moved, seconded and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Fred Kinch