



## **Acton Dog Park Committee**

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

Virtual via Zoom

#### **Present:**

Clare Siska

Tom Gillispie, Chair

Karen Martin

Dean Charter-Selectboard Chair and Liason

Stephen Tremble

Nick Boivin

#### **Absent:**

Fred Kinch

#### **Other Attendees:**

Joe Will

Cathy Fochtman-Friends of the Acton Community Dog Park

Jeff Bergart

Dennis Dale

### **1. Opening**

Chair Tom Gillispie opened the meeting at 7:04 PM.

### **2. New Business**

### **A. Continue Design Work—ground cover**

Probable estimate costs were sent by Dennis Dale and the same as the budget submitted to Stanton. Claire noted that the costs were based on the septic and the committee will adjust the budget as needed. Reports were provided on the Natick, Arlington and Maynard Dog Park. Wood chips were preferred due to durability, digging, and drainage. Concerns about rice stone that is smaller the pea stone because it disperses easily and is like walking on sand. Most wood chip parks were 6-12 inches in depth and replenished at least once a year. Pea stone was not favored due to migrating issues, some dogs do not like to walk on and some ingest. The natural but expensive wood carpet used at Ice House Pond was suggested for some of the walkways. The committee needs to research cost for high quality wood chips that is engineered and determine the quality, and maintenance needs. Dog's parks with wood chips will be contacted for further information.

### **B. Survey Results were reviewed with Dennis and additional items for consideration**

1. Fight points will be softened and air lock areas adjusted in design.
2. Bottle Top will be reviewed and boulders will be considered. Additional surveying information is needed and Dean will work with Dennis and the Town Manager to provide information needed to finalize the design. Dennis will submit his surveying needs by February 3<sup>rd</sup> to the town manager.
3. A visual barrier will be considered for looks and costs to reduce the dog's line of sight between the small and big dog area.
4. Fencing needs to be determined- stockade, acoustic etc...
5. Shade elements should consider existing trees.
6. Paving- which areas are needed?
7. Pathways were discussed. Goal is to connect and have a continuous look with all three parcels. Consider a combination of materials.
8. Pet disposal system- not considering at this point.
9. Concrete blocks available from River Street.

C. Updates- Open Space Recreation Plan and Senior Park Design-the OSRB process has just begun. Agreements from the Senior Park meeting- Isaac Davis Way to be left alone and isolated. Parking areas TBD.

Conservation Commission Plans; Design Review Board plans and SB-information for February 7<sup>th</sup>. Main Street Campus to present first and then the ADPC. Tom hasn't heard back from Cons Com.

### **3. Old Business**

A. Agility Group- Cathy will contact and update the group on the design process and ask for any feedback. The group will be invited to attend a meeting.

B. Approve Previous Minutes

1. Minutes for January 11<sup>th</sup> submitted by Nick unanimously approved.

The following minutes were approved 1/20, 3/23,10/12, and 11/9 meetings with edits and typo changes. No meetings on June 8<sup>th</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Citizen's Concerns-none**

**5. Adjournment**

At 8:30P.M., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Martin

Vice-Chair