

Town of Acton
Town Hall Room 121
Volunteer Coordinating Committee
April 24, 2017 Minutes for Meeting

In attendance:

Charlie Aaronson
Jennifer Querbes
Xuan Kong
Gregory Hutchins
Jean Lane

Absent:

Hart Millett
Dan Brunelle

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

May 8th meeting will be held at 6:30 pm instead of 7:00 pm to accommodate Peter Berry and discussion around volunteer recognition

Interviews:

Rodney Smith interested in Dog Park Committee:

- Raised on a farm with familiarity of various animal breeds and
 - Currently owns large pointer/lab/hound mix (95 lbs)
- Serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Brighton YMCA
 - Organized fundraising events, including a 'Muscle for Money' program that collected funds for the Y
- Some experience with technical writing
- Serves on Animal Use and Care Committee at Harvard University

Motion to forward Rodney Smith's name to the Board of Selectmen for consideration as a Dog Park Committee member. Motion passed unanimously.

William Alstrom interested in Dog Park Committee:

- Owns 60 lbs rescue dog, Sophie; loves dogs
- Currently retired, but able to attend meetings regularly
- Managed large retail store; experience dealing with hundreds of employees
- Businessman with significant budget responsibility, prepared a sales plan, profit plan and expense structure for every sixth month period
- Volunteers for the Great Dog Rescue of New England

- Finds homes for dogs in the South that are in kill shelters as well as abandoned dogs in New England
- Performs "Home Visits" to ensure the adopted dog will have a loving and appropriate home environment, reviews an applicant's info, and performs a phone interview

Motion to forward William Alstrom's name to the Board of Selectmen for consideration as a Dog Park Committee member. Motion passed unanimously.

Interested Candidates from March 27, 2017, interviews: Motion to forward Clare Siska, Betsy Kristl, Mike Perry, and Tom Gillispie's names to the Board of Selectmen for consideration as Dog Park Committee members. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes for April 10, 2017. Minutes unanimously approved by the committee.

Openings and renewals:

Discussion regarding annual survey for reappointment of committee members whose appointments will expire this year

- Test trial of Xuan's survey for contacting committee member's to renew their committee membership was successful
- Charlie will provide Xuan with the information necessary to contact individual's whose term is expiring
- Xuan will send out a link to the survey, compile the data, and report back to the committee

Charlie led discussion of current openings and applications to date

Next meetings: May 8, 2017 in room 126
May 22, 2017 in room 121
June 12, 2017 in room 126
June 26, 2017 in room 121

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:10 pm. Motion passed unanimously.