

Acton Dog Park Committee

Meeting minutes - draft
Tuesday, December 26, 2017
Room 9, Town Hall
472 Main Street, Acton, MA

Committee Members Present:

- Mike Perry, Chair
- Cathy Fochtman
- Joan Gardner
- Karen Martin
- Tom Gillespie

Absent:

- Rodney Smith
- Clare Siska
- Betsy Kristl

Mr. Perry called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Comments from the Public

- None

Review and accept prior meeting minutes

- The December 12, 2017 meetings will be delayed until the January 9, 2018 meeting.

Review Committee visits and media events

- Karen Martin updated the committee on her meeting with the Land Stewardship Committee. The committee was provided with the key talking points being shared at with all relevant town committees and an update on the outreach at Town Meeting and the survey link. Karen shared that the committee members asked if the Meadow off of Wood Lane was being considered a possible location, indicated that land deemed conservation land could have a fence but not a permanent structure, and shared that the Vernal pools at Morrison Pond should be noted in the decision-making of a location for the dog park.

Survey Updates

- Cathy Fochtman shared the survey results at the time of the meeting. The response has been strong. 63% said yes to a dog park, 78% support it, 80% live in Acton. At the January 9th meeting Cathy will provide a summary of the survey results and the survey results from Octoberfest.

December 30th at the Transfer Station

- Karen Martin is unable to do the 8:30-10:30 shift. Rodney Smith is able to do the 10:30-12:30 shift. No other members are available.
- Tom Gillespie is coordinating with George Cox to plan the taping of Talk of the Town.
- Karen Martin is meeting with the Acton Recreation Committee on January 9th to provide an overview to the committee on the work of the Acton Dog Committee.
- The committee will continue to explore other ways to reach out to the community.

Update on January BOS meeting

Joan Gardiner indicated the committee is meeting on Monday, January 22nd at 7:00 PM. The Acton Dog Park presentation would probably not start until 7:20 or later. Mike Perry will present the survey results, the national and local research the committee has done, and ask for an approval to move forward. Tom Gillespie will send Mike Perry a summary of the information. Cathy Fochtman will provide technical support for the PowerPoint presentation results and updated survey information. The Acton Dog Park meeting on January 9th will be focused on finalizing the presentation for the BOS meeting.

Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Martin