



Acton Dog Park Committee

Design Review Public Forum / Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 26th 7:00 PM
Acton Town Hall, Room 204 & Virtual via Zoom

Present:

Clare Siska
Tom Gillispie, Chair
Fred Kinch

Absent:

Mike Perry
Karen Martin

Other Attendees:

Steve Trimble, Acton Recreation Commission
Joe Will, Acton Recreation Commission
Cathy Fochtman-Friends of the Acton Community Dog Park
Dennis Dale, Dale Design & Landscape Architecture

Chair Tom Gillispie opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and read the remote meeting guidelines.

1. New Business: Presentation of the Acton Dog Park preliminary design

- Chair Tom Gillispie led the presentation and subsequent Q & A.
- Steve Trimble introduced plans for the Main Street Campus and Senior Park.
- Dennis Dale detailed the two different design proposals: with sewer and with septic.
- Comments from the public focused on:
 - Reducing or eliminating right angles and long sight lines or stretches which might encourage “fight points.” “Break up the space.”
 - Providing spaces where shyer dogs can feel safe.
 - Avoiding areas where dogs might tend to congregate in large numbers
 - Preventing transmission of disease through water sources
 - Configuration of the double-gated entryways
 - Separation of dogs by weight

2. New/Special Business

- None.

3. Old Business

- None.

4. Adjournment

At 7:58 p.m., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Clare Siska