



DOG PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 7 PM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Present:

Tom Gillispie, Chair
Luisa Callahan
Fred Kinch
Karen Martin
Mike Perry
Clare Siska

Cathy Fochtman, Friends of the Acton Community Dog Park

Absent:

Dean Charter

Tom Gillispie opened the meeting at 7:02 PM.

STANTON DESIGN GRANT CELEBRATION

We had Stephen Trimble, Chair of the Recreation Commission and Jeff Bergart who has a Senior Park interest join us for the meeting.

Tom called the meeting the Stanton Design Grant Celebration. Word of it came down from Tom Mangiaratti and he told us to get a quote. We should have a final pass on the design firm criteria, WDA or Dennis Dale?

FINAL PASS ON DESIGN FIRM CRITERIA

Karen raised the idea of doing due diligence.

Fred asked where we might get more information. Should we open it up for others? We should perhaps ask Dennis to give us an estimate on the design.

Karen asked if WDA gave us an estimate, and it seems that they did.

Fred suggested we offer Dennis to give us a quote and if it is way out of line we can look at WDA.

Conversation regarding the Campus ensued, especially regarding Dennis's experience. Lots of opportunities for volunteering projects, Eagle scouts for example. Dennis went through the AHA plan and had insights regarding upkeep and has had experience with Municipal projects.

DESIGN NEXT STEP, POSSIBLE VOTE

Fred made the motion. We will ask Dennis Dale to prepare a quote for the design of the Acton Community Dog Park, including all of the elements to be construction ready. Second was made by Clare. Discussion ensued, and the motion passed unanimously. The criteria will be sent.

AHA PROJECT MEETING STATUS

Tom met with Dennis, Kelly, and representative from Hancock, and all looked fine. No red flags for the septic question. They look forward to working together with us in the future. If they need to build septic, it would be completed. We should attach a rider for the 2 projects to come together for completion on construction, Kelly will give us an idea on the timing for mutual construction. Monday the AHA will hear about funding and sewer potential.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Clare posted on FaceBook information regarding the Grant. Cathy posted on Constant Contact and Instagram to raise awareness. Clare announced the pet First Aid class on Saturday, May 14 from 9 to 3 with a hands on class from the Public Safety Facility.

FINANCIAL/FRIENDS UPDATE

We will be able to have a table at the concerts again this year and we are considering a Drawing and prizes. We heard the audiences last year ask for this, so why not give it a fundraiser possibility. We need to check up on payments for the things that we sell to be paid for via Credit Cards.

Discussion regarding the progress, now that the Beacon will be going to electronic only. We may need to use Action Unlimited as well as the Municipal quarterly. Pictures for the Town Meeting might be useful. Jeff and Steve will be driving the charge for the campus. Lastly, Tom suggested that it may be time for a "Future home of..." sign regarding the Dog Park and the Campus when the AHA files a notice of intent.

Minutes from the March 9, 2022 meeting were read and approved unanimously.

Next Meeting will be on April 13, 2022 at 7:00 via Zoom.

Adjournment at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted.

Mike Perry