



Acton Dog Park Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 5th 7:00 PM

Virtual via Zoom

Present:

Clare Siska

Tom Gillispie, Chair

Karen Martin

Fred Kinch

Absent:

Nick Boivin

Other Attendees:

Cathy Fochtman-Friends of the Acton Community Dog Park

Dennis Dale

1. Opening

Chair Tom Gillispie opened the meeting at 7:02 PM.

2. New Business

A. Continue Design Work and Decisions

Update from Dennis Dale: Property survey should be done this week. Billerica's Dog Park ground cover was donated so no estimate on cost. Update on Storm Drain regulations which will need someone to make the calculations. Need to work with the Town on the cost and whether the cost is included in the pump station. Approximate cost is between \$7K and \$10K.

Walkways - Tom will check on any surplus granite the town may have for walkways. The committee prefers permeable block pavers but they are 30% higher than concrete pavers, which are higher than poured concrete. The committee will check with the Green Advisory group on possible supplementary funding options. The ADPC would prefer the permeable if not cost prohibitive. It was decided that the entrance logo or design to the dog park and senior center should coordinate. Meeting on Monday, April 10th with Main campus committee.

Benches - Dennis has prices. Discussion ensued about the price point. The committee concluded that high quality benches would be preferable and could be donation items; the number of benches could be reduced as needed. Current design includes ten benches. Boulders can also be used for dogs playing and people sitting. Each bench would be from \$2,000 to 3,000 Including an engraved plaque, assembly, and securing it to the ground.

Shade Element - The committee would prefer a wooden structure; probable cost is \$100,000. The Timber Build Guild is a possible construction option. We will include some of the cost in the Stanton Grant and pursue CPC funds, donations, and investigate Stanton Capital Improvement grants. A roof raising and community build are other options for reducing costs.

Water Stations - The higher quality water stations cost from 3,000 to 6,000 dollars and can't be used in the winter. The committee agreed to use frost-free Yard Hydrants (used in Billerica), which are around \$200. More research will be done to make sure ADA guidelines are addressed. The addition of more expensive stations could be a fundraising or wish-list item.

A motion was made to approve the line items 15-30 decisions, seconded, and unanimously approved.

3. Old Business

A. AHA - no news related to the dog park.

B. Fred's Minutes from 3/22/23 and Nick's Minutes from 3/8/23. were unanimously approved.

4. Citizen's Concerns-none

5. Adjournment

At 8:31 P.M., it was moved, seconded and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Martin

Vice-Chair

The documents referenced at this meeting were:

- "Design Decisions 2023" (available in Google Drive)
- <https://www.dumor.com/products/bench-57-0> (website)
- "Water Station Options 3-9-2023.pdf" (available in Google Drive)