



Acton Dog Park Committee

MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 26, 2023
7:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Acton MA

Present:

Tom Gillispie, Chair
Karen Martin, Vice Chair
Clare Siska
Fred Kinch

Other Attendees:

Dennis Dale, Dale Design Inc
Jeff Bergart, Senior Park
Cathy Fochtman, Friends of ACDP
Joe Will

Everyone attended virtually via Zoom. Tom called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

I. New Business

1. We haven't received any information from the Stanton Foundation. Tom will ask for an update next week.
2. Dennis has provided all the information needed to Stamski and McNary. He had a productive meeting with George of that organization. Hopefully we can shorten the timeframe for doing the work to less than the 8 weeks quoted.
3. We have had no feedback from MassDOT; Tom will check.
4. Dennis will send plan updates to the Planning Board based on their comments.
5. The Committee spent considerable time discussing how to approach the CPC for additional funding. We would fall under the Rec. Commission; they are planning to discuss their CPC projects at their meeting next Monday 7/31. We should coordinate our request with theirs.
6. We really don't have the construction cost figures to determine a specific approach. We talked about an initial construction phase that would fit within the Stanton construction grant and existing funds. We would augment this initial construction phase with alternatives that could be added depending on CPC funding and future fund raising.
7. The goal would be to break ground on the initial construction phase approximately April 2024.



8. Since our approach could change as more definitive construction costs become available, we should have a standing item on our meeting agenda to discuss our CPC project.
9. Tentatively, we should plan to make a presentation to the CPC in the September timeframe.
10. Tom talked with Acton Water about getting water to the Dog Park.

II. Regular Business

1. No updates on the NOI or Sewer Extension
2. Both Tom and Dennis reported that the recent Senior Park meeting made good progress.
3. AHA: They have not yet gone out for bid on the McManus project.
4. Friends: Cathy asked that the Committee provide a list of items that the Friends could raise money for. They also need a poster for the Farmers Market on Aug 13; Dennis will provide a file that they can use to make a poster.

III. Old Business

1. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Committee approved the Minutes of July 12, 2023.

IV. Schedule Future Business

1. The next ADPC meeting: Wednesday August 9, 2023 via Zoom

V. Citizens' Concerns

1. No citizens came forward with concerns at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Fred Kinch